



National Fish Habitat Action Plan (NFHAP)

Prairie-Mountain Fish Habitat Partnerships (FHPs)



NFHAP MISSION: Protect, restore and enhance the Nation's fish and aquatic communities through FHPs that foster fish habitat conservation and improve the quality of life for the American people.

NFHAP, modeled after the North America Waterfowl Management Plan, intends to have FHPs assess and evaluate fish populations and their habitats to assist developing Strategic Plans that identify restoration priorities. Monitoring will determine success of improved habitats and fish populations across the Nation

FHP's are self-identified, self-organized, and self-directed communities of interest formed around geographic areas, keystone species, or system types.

Fisheries provides coordination support to FHPS and implements habitat restoration projects in partnership with other Federal, State, Tribal and private entities.



Region 6 cutthroat trout that WNTI restoration and recovery projects focus on are Bonneville cutthroat, Colorado River cutthroat, greenback cutthroat, Westslope cutthroat, Yellowstone cutthroat and Rio Grand Cutthroat trout. Shown above are Westslope, Green back, and Bonneville. (From Top and clockwise)



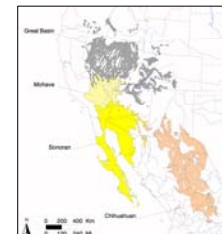
GPP FHP primary species may include; Sauger, Sicklefin and Sturgeon chubs, Topeka Shiner, Pearl Dace, and Arkansas Darter with indirect benefits to the big river species such as pallid and shovelnose sturgeon, paddlefish, and burbot. The list of primary species could change due to new information during the Assessment and Strategic Planning processes.

In Region 6, there is one nationally recognized FHP: Western Native Trout Initiative (WNTI). There are two candidate FHPs: Great Plains Prairie Partnership (GPP) and Desert Fishes (DFHP). who plan to apply for recognition in 2008/2009. Their geographic scopes are represented below.



Map and goal of the WNTI isto speed the pace of conservation actions and projects.

Map and GPP FHP Draft Mission: Working Together to Protect, Conserve, and Restore Aquatic Resources of Rivers and Streams Throughout the Northern Prairies of the Central U.S.."



Map and D FHP Vision: Improve the quality of life for the American people by conserving native desert fish through preservation of precious aquatic ecosystems. The DFHP will support state and tribal fish and wildlife agencies, federal agencies, research institutions, and private organizations in protecting, restoring, and enhancing aquatic habitats.

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