



Fish Habitat Action Plan Southwest Region



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Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership
<http://www.reservoirpartnership.org/>

Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership
<http://southeastaquatics.net/>

Western Native Trout Initiative
<http://www.westernnativetrout.org/>

Who We Are:

The mission of the National Fish Habitat Action Plan is to protect, restore, and enhance the nation's fish and aquatic communities through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation and improve the quality of life for the American people

This mission will be achieved by:

- Supporting existing fish habitat partnerships and fostering new efforts
- Mobilizing and focusing national and local support for achieving fish habitat conservation goals
- Setting national and regional fish habitat conservation goals
- Measuring and communicating the status and needs of fish habitats
- Providing national leadership and coordination to conserve fish habitats

Goals:

- Protect and maintain intact and healthy aquatic systems

- Prevent further degradation of fish habitats that have been adversely affected
- Reverse declines in the quality and quantity of aquatic habitats to improve the overall health of fish and other aquatic organisms
- Increase the quality and quantity of fish habitats that support a broad natural diversity of fish and other aquatic species

The 4 partnerships operating within the Southwest Region are the Desert Fish Habitat Partnership (AZ, NM, TX), the Reservoir Fish Habitat Partnership (AZ, NM, OK, TX), the Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership (OK, TX), and the Western Native Trout Initiative (AZ, NM). These partnerships work with federal, state, Tribal, and private partners to accomplish the habitat restoration goals of their partnerships. Examples of projects are post-fire assessments, spring restorations, improving fish cover and structures in reservoirs, and stream bank stabilization projects.

Pecos Pupfish and Western Mosquito Fish in the Rillito Spring Habitat



Summary Table of USFWS Southwest Region Fish Habitat Program Accomplishments 2012-2014

Year	# of Habitat Assessments Completed	# of Miles of In-Stream and Shoreline Habitat Assessed	# of Miles Restored	Program Funding
2012	25	63	0.7	\$121,000
2013	3	3.5	24	\$104,660
2014	23	98.9	4	\$413,016

*This table does not reflect the work done by the RFHP in Region 2