

A Comprehensive Summary of State Wildlife Action Plans

Opportunities to Advance Freshwater Aquatic Conservation

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Why a Freshwater Aquatic Summary?

- Advance Director's priority to integrate Service activities and State WAPs
- Raise visibility of WAPs to Service staff
- Target aquatic species for National Fish Habitat Initiative
- Develop a simple one page template — confine summary to freshwater fish and mollusks for ease of presentation

Benefits of the Aquatic Summaries

- Quick factual reference to state WAPs
- Easily accessible summary of SGCN and conservation areas
- Facilitates awareness of opportunities for cooperative conservation
- Encourages Service staff to further familiarize themselves with state WAPs

Template for Summary

- Numerical Summaries

 - SGCN; Federally listed species; Type and Quantity of Aquatic Habitat Units

- Listing of Species of Greatest Conservation Need (prioritized when possible)

- Listing of Aquatic Conservation Areas and Associated SGCN (prioritized when possible)

- Listing of Aquatic Conservation Issues and Actions (keyed to aquatic conservation areas when possible)

Challenges

Consistency in SGCN presentation and listing

Prioritization Challenge

Invertebrate Challenge

Consistency in Conservation Areas

Prioritization Challenge

Classification Challenge

Consistency in Conservation Issues and Actions

Prioritization Challenge

Specificity Challenge

An Example Summary

- Prioritization of SGCN– divided into 3 priority rankings
- For ease of presentation, only river basins with >8 Priority 1 mussels, snails, and fish are listed
- Conservation issues and actions listed to the level of river basin