



**SOUTHEAST ALASKA
FISH HABITAT
PARTNERSHIP**



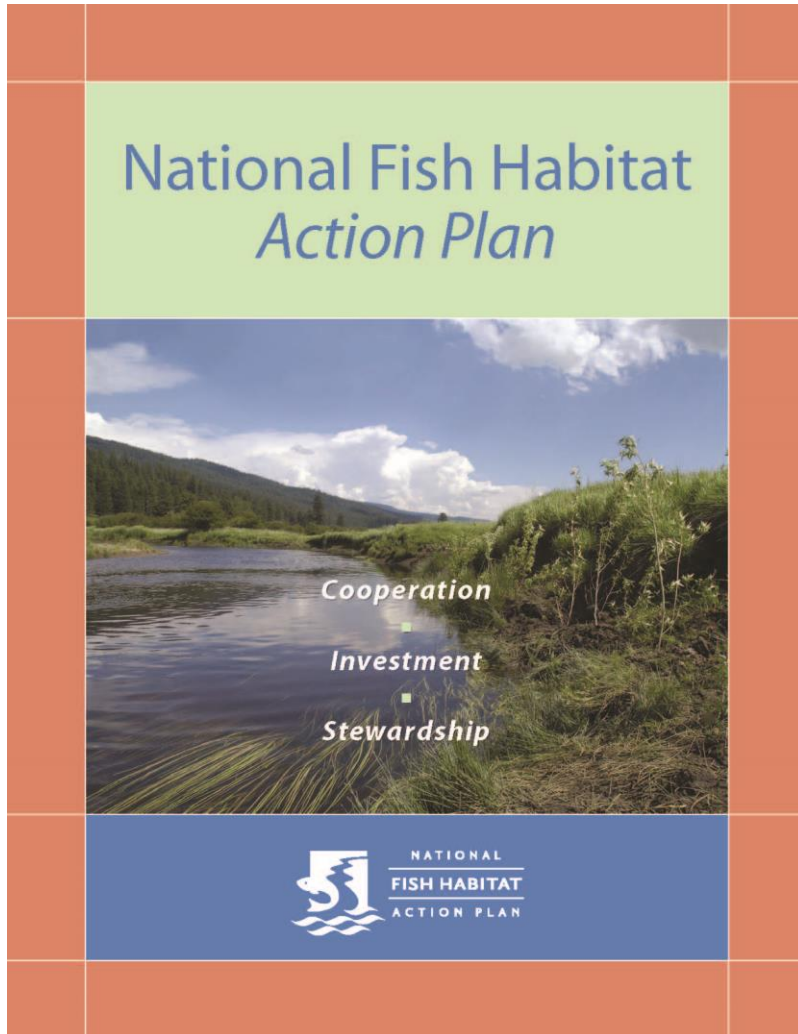
A new partnership
working in Southeast Alaska

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National Fish Habitat Action Plan



- A national call to action in 2006
- Based upon collective experience across US
- Partnership driven
- Science-based on a landscape scale
- Non-regulatory

Our Mission and Goals¹

The mission of the National Fish Habitat Partnership 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.

OUR GOALS ARE TO:

- 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.



¹ The mission and goals of the Partnership remain the same as those published in the first edition of the Action Plan in 2006.

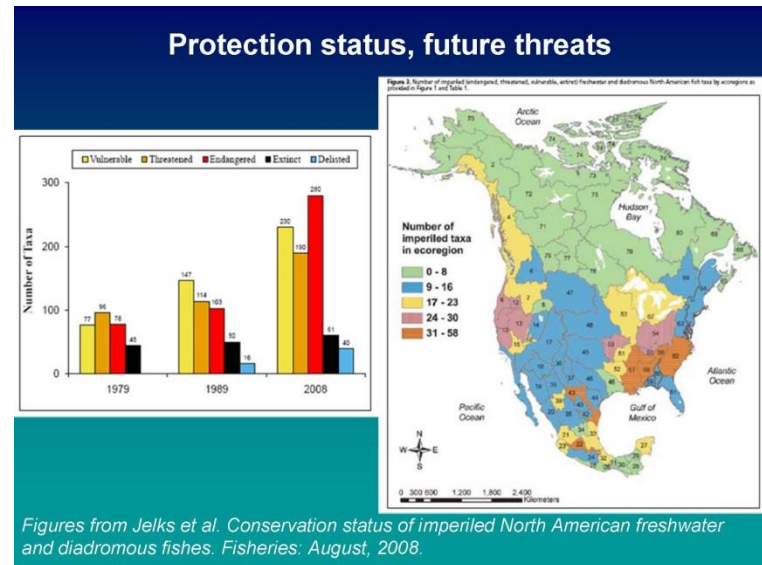
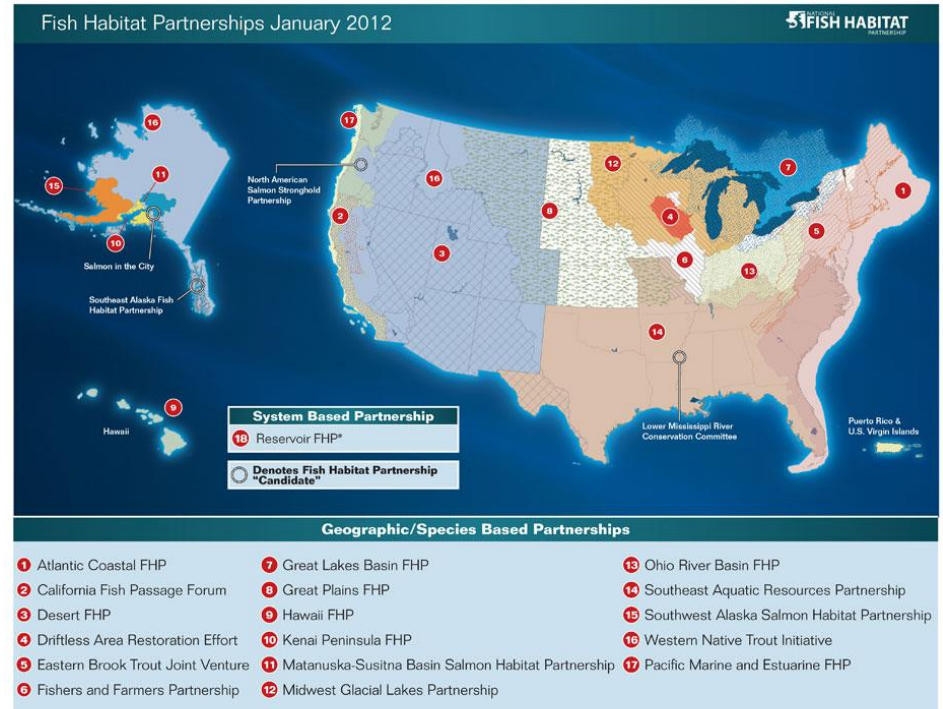


National Network

- By 2012 18 recognized Fish Habitat Partnerships (FHPs)
- 4 candidate partnerships

National Assessment Framework and Database

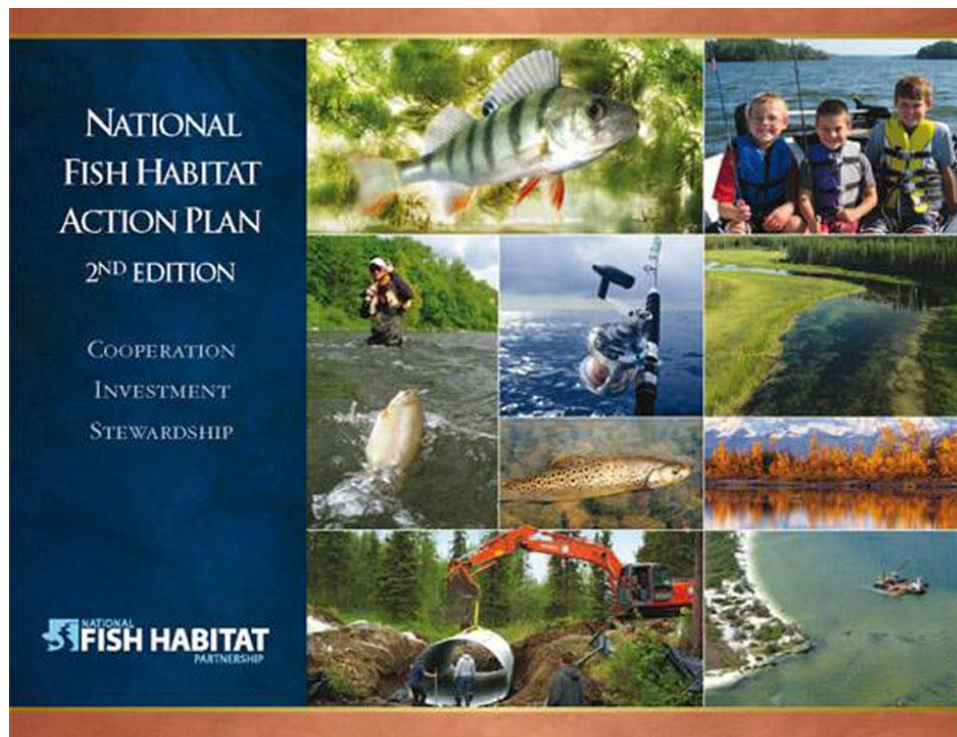
- 2010 Waters to Watch





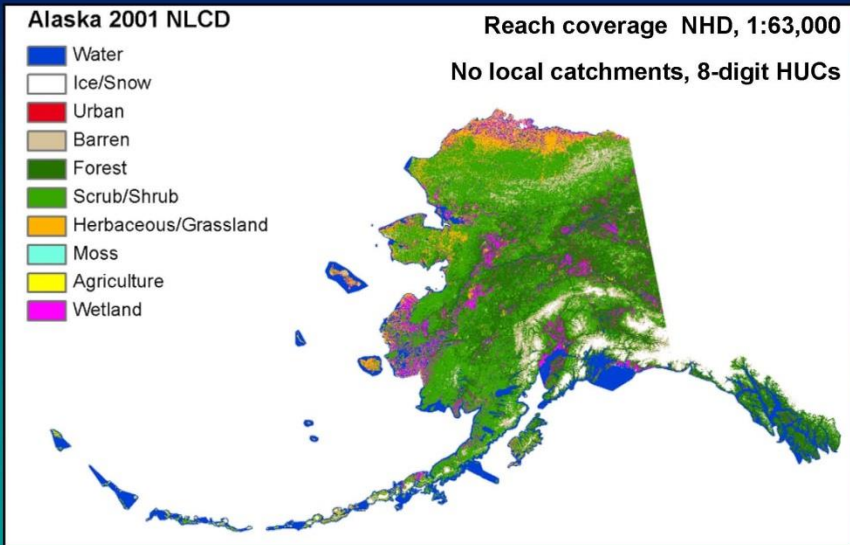
2nd Edition of the Action Plan

- Action plan was updated in 2012
- Built to advance individual FHPs – working units of the program
- Original goals but with greater detail
- Highlights actions of Partnerships



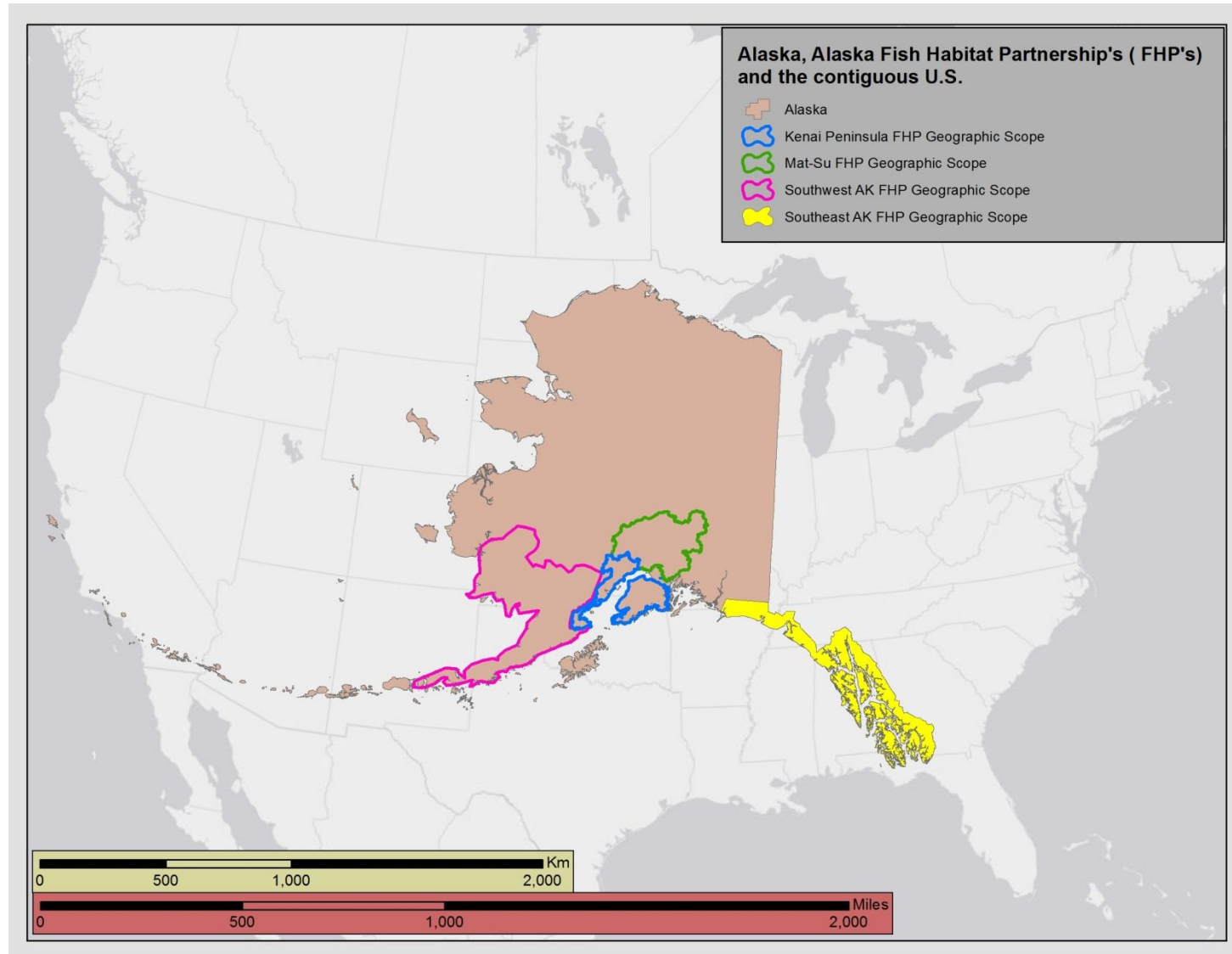
2015 National Fish Habitat Assessment Strategy

Next steps: Alaska and Hawaii



Various databases have been assembled for both states

- Will update 2010 Assessment
- Designed to support local partnership efforts and needs
- Begin to incorporate Alaska's anadromous waters catalog data





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Vision

Our partners share a common vision to ensure healthy, thriving habitats that support robust fish populations across Southeast Alaska





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Who We Are

- Federal, state and local governments
- Tribal entities
- Non-profit organizations
- Industry representatives
- Private individuals



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Mission

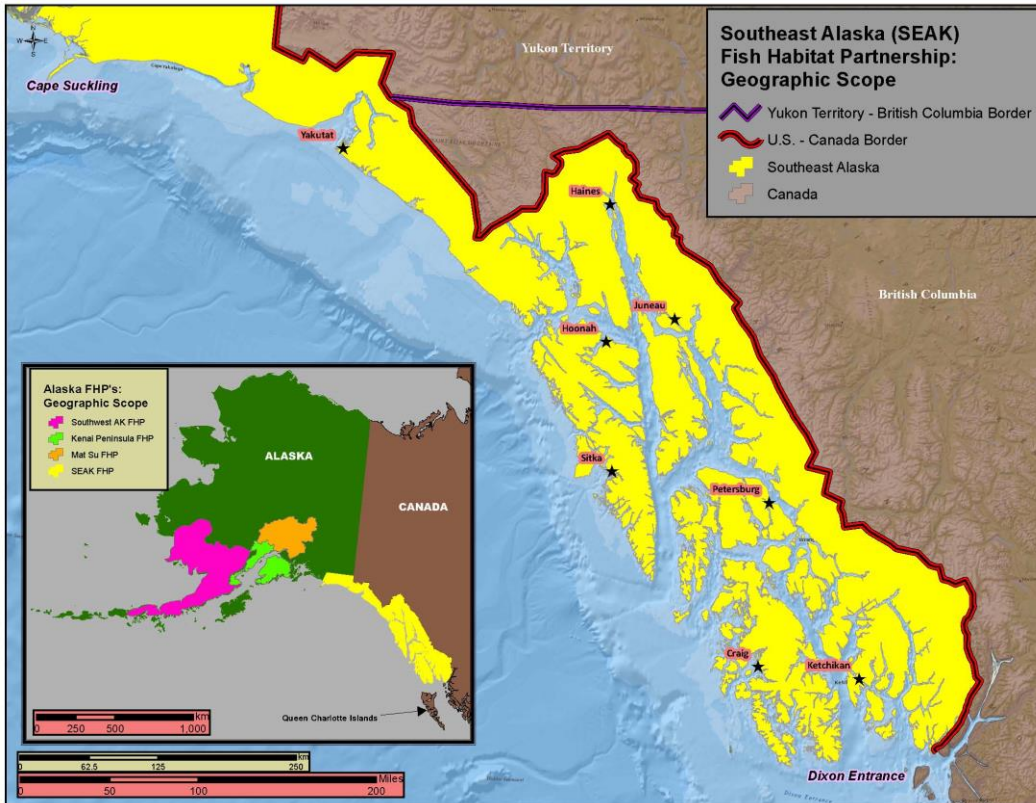
Our partnership works to facilitate and foster regionally relevant strategies to support cooperative fish habitat conservation in freshwater, estuarine and marine ecosystems across Southeast Alaska



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Where we work

- Watersheds and waterways connecting Icy Bay to Dixon Entrance
- Lakes, rivers, estuaries and nearshore/ marine areas



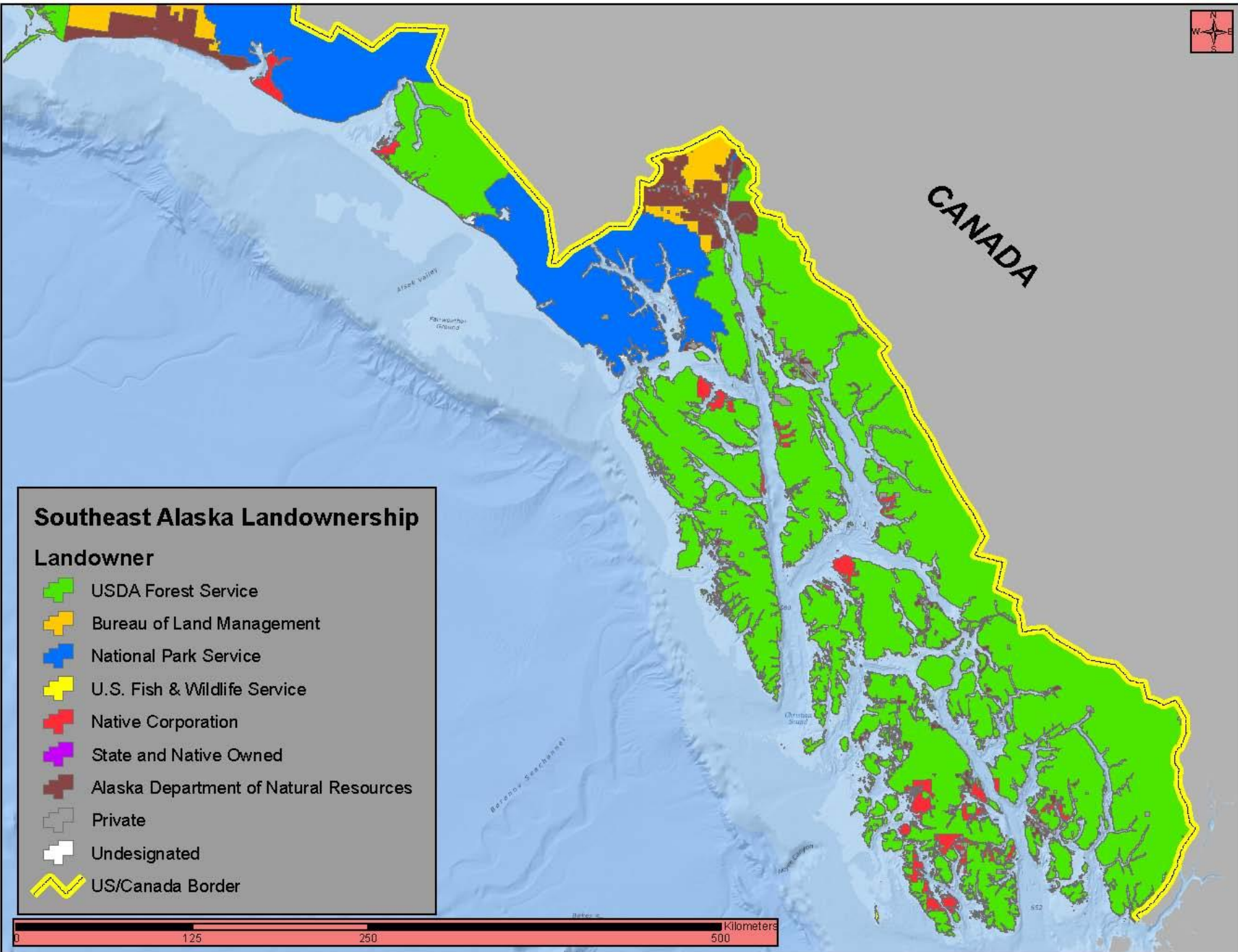
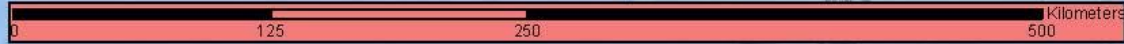


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Southeast Alaska Landownership

Landowner

-  USDA Forest Service
-  Bureau of Land Management
-  National Park Service
-  U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
-  Native Corporation
-  State and Native Owned
-  Alaska Department of Natural Resources
-  Private
-  Undesignated
-  US/Canada Border





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Our Core Functions

- Grow diversity and capacity of partnership
- Develop organizational strength and perseverance
- Provide services to Partners and Southeast Communities
- Develop regionally relevant fish habitat conservation strategies



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Partner Services: some examples

- Foster interagency & regional communication and networking
- Facilitate regional funding opportunities
- Provide project endorsement & technical review
- Support regional assessment and data sharing
- Coordinate regionally relevant and supported conservation strategies for protection, restoration and enhancement of local fish habitats
- Provide annual symposium and event facilitation





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Potential Conservation Strategies:

- Coordinate efforts to expand ADF&G's Anadromous Waters Catalog and ADEC's Reservations of Water
- Facilitate regional prioritization of intact watersheds for higher levels of protection
- Support region-wide restoration prioritization and planning
- Align organizational approaches to fish passage
- Facilitate regional adoption of best management practices for restoration, including restoration effectiveness monitoring





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How you can get involved:

- Checkout our website and join our mailing list
- Become a SEAKFHP partner
- Share your ideas and needs with our SEAKFHP Steering Committee; our tribal seat is currently held by CCTHITA – Ray Paddock is the steering committee member
- Review and comment on the SEAKFHP Strategic Plan
- Get involved with your local watershed partnership
- Participate in future meetings and symposia





SOUTHEAST ALASKA FISH HABITAT PARTNERSHIP

- *US Fish and Wildlife Service*
- *NOAA*
- *US Forest Service*
- *Alaska Department of Fish and Game*
- *Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation*
- *Central Council Tlingit Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*
- *City and Borough of Yakutat*
- *Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition*
- *Trout Unlimited*
- *The Nature Conservancy*
- *K Koski*

