

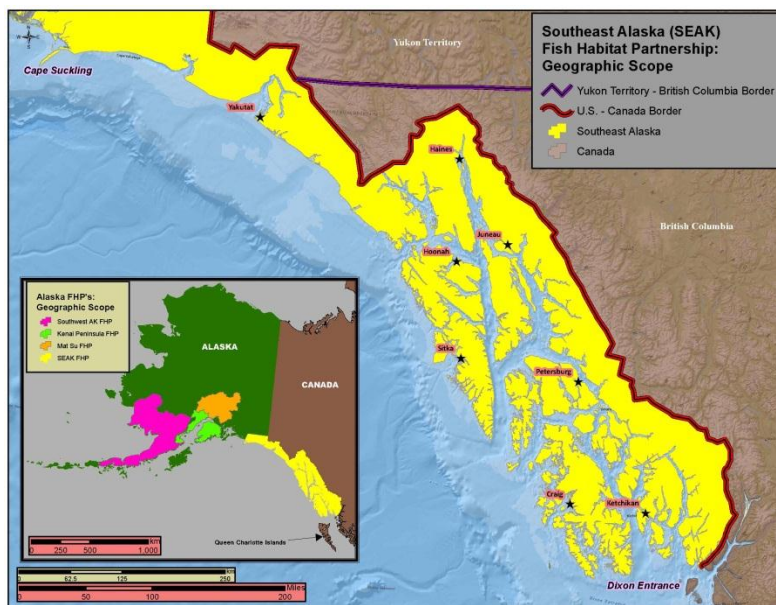
**Status Report**  
**June 2012**  
**through**  
**January 2013**



**SOUTHEAST ALASKA**  
**FISH HABITAT**  
**PARTNERSHIP**

**Organizational Development and Partnership Governance Progress**

- Formalized SEAKFHP Steering Committee - governing body of the partnership
- Drafted and approved partnership bylaws and created a working organizational framework document
- SEAKFHP Partnership Agreement form developed and shared with current partners: US Fish & Wildlife Service, US Forest Service, NOAA, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition, Trout Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy, Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, City and Borough of Yakutat (note - all open Steering Committee seats were filled in January 2013)
- Geographic scope and extent defined
- Unique web and email accounts set up ([coordinator@sealaskafishhabitat.org/](mailto:coordinator@sealaskafishhabitat.org) [www.seakfhp.org](http://www.seakfhp.org))
- Logo and web site contract initiated (with anticipated completion in February 2013)
- SEAKFHP Science and Data working group convened and established roles and responsibilities for formal committee



**Outreach/Service Opportunities**

- SEAKFHP presentations:
  - July 2012 NFHP Board meeting
  - September/November 2012 NFHP Partnership Committee meetings
  - Mat-Su Salmon Science and Conservation Symposium held in Wasilla, Alaska Nov 7-8, 2012
  - SEAKFHP sponsored evening lecture held in Juneau, Alaska Nov. 9, 2012
  - JEDC's Ocean Products Cluster Working Group meetings, Nov 20, 2012 and December 20, 2012
  - USFS Collaborative Stewardship strategy meeting, January 16-17, 2013
- Services
  - Partner updates included as major agenda component to all SEAKFHP Steering Committee meetings
  - SEAKFHP hosted a regional funding opportunity discussion and applicable presentations Sept 7, 2012, presentations included: Debbie Maas from the Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund Program, Brock Tabor from DEC and the Alaska Clean Waters Action Program, Norman Cohen from TNC with funding updates coming from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and Erika Ammann with funding updates from NOAA's Conservation Division.
  - Regional watershed assessment programs highlighted and presentations provided during the SEAKFHP Strategic Planning session held Oct 16 and 17, 2012, presentations included: USFS Condition Assessment Framework, TNC's Southeast Alaska Ecoregional Assessment, ADF&G Sport Fish Division Strategic Plan, USFWS Coastal and Partners Programs, Alaska Coastal Rainforest Center organization development
  - SEAKFHP hosted regional funding discussion on NOAA marine and coastal habitat restoration grant January 25, 2013

## Southeast Alaska Fish Habitat Partnership – Status Update

### Public Events

- SEAKFHP hosted evening lecture by Dr. Robert Lackey to share the Salmon 2100 work and discuss insights to preserving wild salmon in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. (Held in Juneau Nov 9, 2012)
- 2013 Southeast Alaska Watershed Forum – planned in partnership with Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition and Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska – to occur March 18-22, 2013

### Strategic Action Plan Progress

- 1st Strategic Planning session held Oct 16 and 17, 2012
  - Developed 4 broad **CORE FUNCTIONS** for the Partnership to concentrate on over the next 3-5 years, these include:
    - 1) **Grow diversity and capacity of the Partnership (People)**
    - 2) **Develop organizational strength & perseverance of the Partnership (Internal Processes/Long-term funding support)**
    - 3) **Provide services to Partners (Customers = SEAKFHP Partners, SE communities)**
    - 4) **Develop regionally relevant fish habitat conservation strategies (Financial = Measures of success to the SEAKFHP ex. Healthy fish habitat in SE AK, Improved policies and procedures, Broad regional use of best practices, etc...)**
  - Developed lists of possible goals, objectives and activities for two of the four Partnership Core Functions:

#### Provide services to Partners:

- Bring training to region (fish habitat improvement practices / professional training)
- Provide technical expertise (focal / expert panel review, subject matter experts)
- Foster interagency communication/coordination
- Provide regional symposium
- Facilitate funding and sources of match
- Share data
- Develop threat / risk analysis for region
- Develop prioritization strategy for region
- Communicate partner project updates
- Event facilitation
- Project proposal endorsements
- Facilitate networking, routing key contacts
- Inform environmental justice process
- Provide clearing house on fish habitat information
- Recommend best management practices and strategies



SEAKFHP Steering Committee – October 2012 strategic planning session

#### Develop Regionally Relevant Fish Habitat Conservation Strategies (protection / restoration / enhancement)

- Coordinate efforts to expand ADF&G's Anadromous Waters Catalog (AWC), ADF&G/DNR's reservations of water, and ADEC's impaired waterbodies
  - Prioritize intact watersheds for higher level of protection
  - Encourage region wide restoration effectiveness monitoring and develop protocols
  - Align and elevate Best Management Practices for restoration
  - Coordinate regional data with national assessment and archive
  - Encourage integration of TEK (traditional ecological knowledge) into fish habitat conservation strategies
  - Align organizational approaches to fish passage
  - Promote/foster/endorse outreach/education on habitat conservation
  - Coordinate with other NFHP and FHPs
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Strategic Planning Meeting scheduled for February 21, 2013 to finalize SWOT and produce a regional Situation Analysis for Southeast Alaska

#### For More Information Contact

Southeast Alaska Fish Habitat Partnership  
Deborah Hart, Coordinator  
419 Sixth Street, Suite 200  
Juneau, Alaska 99824  
907-723-0258  
[coordinator@sealaskafishhabitat.org](mailto:coordinator@sealaskafishhabitat.org)  
[www.seakfhp.org](http://www.seakfhp.org)