

2019 Southeast Alaska Fish Habitat Partnership Work Plan

Organizational/Governance

- 6 Southeast Alaska Fish Habitat Partnership (SEAKFHP) Steering Committee meetings proposed: Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec 2019
 - Outreach to new partners: fishing groups, hatchery associations and SE AK municipalities (need to fill municipal steering committee seat)
 - Add featured project from SEAKFHP partners on standing steering committee agenda; outreach to SEAKFHP partners to fill 6 featured projects for 2019
- Propose/recruit fishing entity seat and provide directed outreach to development entities
- Identify expertise and partner support from coastal-focused organizations to support implementation of the partnership's revised strategic action plan
- Prepare 2019 USFWS National Fish Habitat Partnership (NFHP) Allocation Request (usually occurs in Dec)
- Assess SEAKFHP project grant options for National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) Alaska Fish and Wildlife Fund request (usually open in Sept/Oct)
- Continue to share the SEAKFHP business plan with potential partners and new funding entities and explore options for creating a long – term match funding endowment for SEAKFHP partners pursuing conservation activities addressed in the 2017-2021 SEAKFHP Conservation Action Plan.

Partner Service

- Propose focal meeting presentations:
 - February SC meeting presentations: ADFG fish passage update; prep for American Water Resources Association (AWRA) Alaska Chapter meeting (Feb 25-27)
 - Other SC meeting presentations: SE AK hydrographic layer update; freshwater habitat protection: Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP) and Roadless Rule updates; Anadromous Waters Catalog overview for SE (gaps/needs); invasive species update; transboundary watershed protection/evaluation update; ADF&G Instream Flow Protection Annual report and Interactive Mapper http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mapguide/wr_intro.cfm; freshwater water quality monitoring: ADEC's AKMAP update, plans for 2019 river sampling; UAS GIS Library Coastal Module update; Hoonah Native Forest Partnership: assessment results and project prioritization
 - Freshwater restoration activities: collaborative Aquatic Organism Passage prioritization; Tongass Top 5 (TT5) update (funding campaign); seek 2019 Waters to Watch nomination
- SEAKFHP Science and Data Committee activities

- Host USFS Priority Watershed Update for 2019
- Strengthen SE AK watershed source library and integrate regional data sources into GIS Library (coastal data update and associated metadata requirements – Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) funding; update resource library and archive, explore intern options
- Regional Meetings, key sponsor for 3:
 - Support February 15-17, 2019; AWRA Workshop, Juneau
 - Support March 19-21, 2019 American Fisheries Society (AFS) Alaska Chapter, Sitka
 - Contribute to Sept 29-Oct 3, 2019 AFS Meeting, Reno (film festival; habitat sessions)
- SEAKFHP key sponsor of 4 regional funding teleconferences
 - Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund, 2019 call
 - NOAA's 2019 Coastal Resilience Grant Program
 - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's – 2019 call Alaska Fish and Wildlife Fund
 - ADEC Alaska Clean Water Actions (ACWA) Grants – Fall 2019
- Miscellaneous SEAKFHP services and project activities:
 - Information Sharing:
 - Re-organize the SEAKFHP website to better utilize and make available resource information to partners and the general public
 - Integrate indigenous language and place names and knowledge into the SEAKFHP website
 - SEAKFHP Freshwater Habitat Conservation Strategy Activities:
 - Host partner project review meetings for AOP work on the Tongass as needed
 - Support development of unified interagency (USFS, ADF&G, DNR) fish passage inventory mapper and database for Southeast Alaska ownerships
 - Support continued discussions and activities associated with identified next steps for the Klawock Lake watershed
 - SEAKFHP Coastal Habitat Conservation Strategy Activities:
 - Continue to convene existing forums to develop a connected network for regional scientists, fishery managers and others to convene regularly and address assessment needs on priority coastal margin habitats through identification of collaborative actions and available funding opportunities; initiate coastal assessment data framework utilizing PSMFC technical support
 - Link the SEAKFHP website to the UAS GIS Coastal Module and annually update as progress with SEAKFHP coastal fish habitat strategy develops.

SEAKFHP supported on-the-ground projects

- TT5; review design progress; identify implementation timing, strategies and funding needs
- Ocean Guardian School projects; review project progress
- Identify other on-the-ground project opportunities
- Support project outreach needs of partners (pursue media training, film techniques, site visits, broad public awareness outlets for SE AK projects)

Engage and participate in various NFHP events and activities:

- Work with All AK FHPs to promote film festival for Society AFS Meeting in Reno, August 2019
- Work with All AK FHPs to engage in dialog to promote and boost AKSSF funding
- Work with all NFHP FHPs on focal NFHP theme; fundraising/marketing ideas (Ray Troll design/sticker)
- National Meetings:
 - 2019 NFHP Spring Board Meeting; October possible FHP workshop and fall Board Meeting (Dates will be available in January 2019)
- FHP Committee meetings; participate as time allows: communication committee, partnership committee, and Coastal FHP team