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SOUTHEAST AQUATIC RESOURCES PARTNERSHIP
Who is SARP?

The Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership is an alliance of 14 states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia.
Who is SARP?

... and these Federal and private partners.

- US Geological Survey
- Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (BASS)
- National Park Service
- The Nature Conservancy
- National Center for Preservation Technology & Training
- Southeast Watershed Forum
- World Wildlife Fund
- US Forest Service
Who is SARP?

The Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership is working to . . .

“. . .restore aquatic resources including habitats throughout the Southeast, for the continuing benefit, use, and enjoyment of the American people.”
Why form SARP?

A disproportionate share of North American aquatic resources classified as endangered, threatened, or of special concern are found in the Southeast.

- 34% of troubled fish species
- 90% of native mussels
Why form SARP?

The Southeastern United States has

- More freshwater species than any region of the country
- 62 percent of the freshwater fishes
- 75 percent of the freshwater mussels
Why form SARP?

The Southeastern United States has

- More freshwater species than any region of the country
- The highest aquatic diversity in the country
  - more river basins
  - more coastal shoreline
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The Southeastern United States has

- More freshwater species than any region of the country
- The highest aquatic diversity in the country
- Highest economic return on recreational fishing
  - $17 billion in total economic output
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The Southeastern United States has
- More freshwater species than any region of the country
- The highest aquatic diversity in the country
- Highest economic return on recreational fishing
- The bulk of the country’s wetlands
  - 45 percent of the country’s wetlands
  - 78 percent of the coastal marsh
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• More freshwater species than any region of the country
• The highest aquatic diversity in the country
• Highest economic return on recreational fishing
• The bulk of the country’s wetlands
• More licensed anglers than any other region

2.2 million + visits to National Wildlife Refuges in SE directly related to recreational fishing
SARP’s Management Plan

The Southeast Aquatic Habitat Plan (SAHP)

- Regional in scope
- Collaborative
- Establishes targets and strategies
- Adaptive
SAHP Objectives

- Hydrologic conditions
- Water quality
- Ecological balance (problem species)
- Sediment flows
- Watershed connectivity
- Riparian zones
- Coastal estuarine and marine habitats
What is the Community Watershed Project?

Prospecting for information

- **What stakeholders** know with regard to aquatic resources
  - Those who are Engaged and Informed
  - A wide range of interests and expertise

- Existing and ongoing work that is relevant
  - Studies, reports, scholarly works
  - Action plans, programs and incentives
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- **Compile Relevant Information**
  - Wildlife Management Plans
  - Water Management Plans
  - Reports and Scholarly Works

- **Collect/Organize**
  - Ongoing

- **Read & Glean**
  - Ongoing

- **Mine for Info**
  - Systems: Attributes & Targets
  - Stresses: Damage & Losses
  - Sources: Agents & Pathways
  - Strategies: Action Plans
  - Success: Monitor & Adapt
  - Threatened & Priority Species
  - Impaired Waters

- **Compile Results**

- **Stakeholder Survey**
  - Elicit state of conservation efforts
  - Synchronize with roll out of project
  - Broad and inclusive distribution

- **Stakeholder Meetings**
  - Emphasize participant contribution
  - Capture comments and takeaways
  - Use the survey

- **Draft**
  - By May 1st

- **Revise & Finalize**

- **Deploy**
  - By May 14th

- **Select Locations**
  - By May 16th

- **Schedule Trip 1**
  - Week of June 22nd

- **Schedule Trip 2**
  - Week of June 29th

- **Schedule Trip 3**
  - Week of July 13th

- **Schedule Trip 4**
  - Week of July 27th

- **Conclude Survey**
  - By August 21st

- **Database**
  - **USGS GIS**
  - **Integrate**

- **Documents & Data:** Needs, Targets, Status, Challenges, Strategies

**Information will be piped into the planning process.**
How are we collecting information?

The Online Survey

GO TO
www.gulfmex.org/sarp.htm
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Stakeholder meetings*

- Local issues
- Preferences and Priorities

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