

REACHING RESULTS TOGETHER FOR THE FUTURE

Prairie rivers are an important habitat feature to the "Great Plains" that provide the biodiversity and corridors for numerous terrestrial and aquatic species. The Great Plains Fish Habitat Partnership (FHP) is part of a larger effort outlined in the National Fish Habitat Action Plan to improve and preserve aquatic habitats. For the last few decades, aquatic habitats have faced some of the greatest threats in history. These threats are impacting the fish, mussels, amphibians and other aquatic communities. They have caused species to be listed as threatened, endangered, or imperiled, altered the use of local waters, and most importantly, they have cost this nation millions of dollars to restore our waterways. We believe that by strategically working together, we can conserve and hold in trust these habitats for future generations to use and enjoy.



Is this what you want to show future generations how we cared for these valued resources?

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Mission Statement:

“Creatively Work Together to Conserve Aquatic Resources of Rivers and Streams throughout the Prairies of the central United States.”

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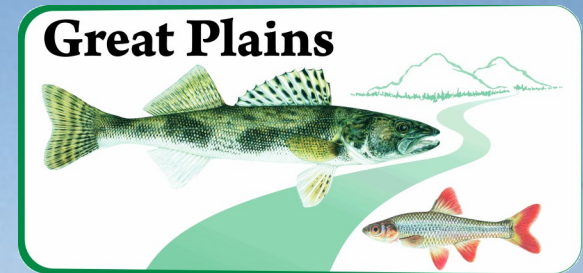
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Aquatic Habitat Conservation is more effective for the species and more cost efficient to the agencies;

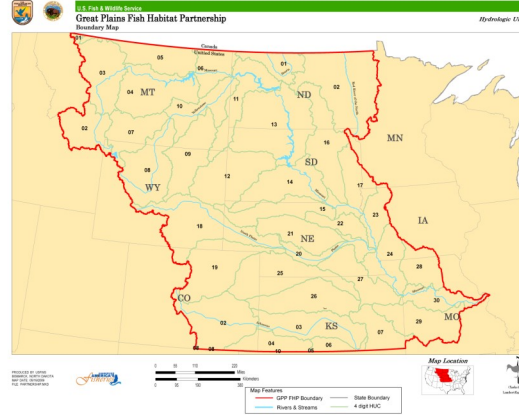
If We Work Together!



Initial Goals:

- Determine the status of prairie rivers, in terms of aquatic habitat quality and quantity, water quality and quantity, and watershed characteristics,.
- Evaluate trends of aquatic species distribution and abundance over time as part of an adaptive management process.
- Maintain or improve water quality and quantity in prairie rivers support fish and other aquatic organisms.
- Ensure instream and riparian physical habitat in rivers is sufficient to support vigorous fish populations at the local scale.
- Promote watershed land uses that improve water quality and quantity entering rivers and improve habitats of the aquatic resources of the Great Plains Fish Habitat Partnership.
- Ensure funding mechanisms are adequate to support partnership activities and achieve partnership goals within a science based adaptive management framework.
- Support Partnership efforts foster integration across political boundaries of natural resource protection, restoration and planning.
- Implement effective outreach tools to educate and inform the public on values of prairie rivers.

Where the FHP is working together to conserve the Great Plains' rivers and streams?



Interesting Facts

- The Great Plains FHP includes a large geographic scope of similar aquatic habitats with potential involvement from 10 States, over 30 Native American Tribes, as well as numerous county and municipal governments and private interests that rely on these waters and their resources for their culture, heritage and livelihood.
- More than 100,000 miles of river habitats identified as impaired.
- 80 species of fish and mussels are at risk.
- 70% of all species use rivers, streams and their corridors at some stage of their lives.



How Do You Get Involved or Learn

More About the Great Plains

Fish Habitat Partnership?

- Access the website (prairiefish.org) and sign up to receive the latest updates. No obligation.
- Contact the Coordinator to indicate your interest or if you have a favorite river that needs a little help.
- Let your natural resource agency know you want to be involved with conserving aquatic resources and would like to know more about what you can do.

