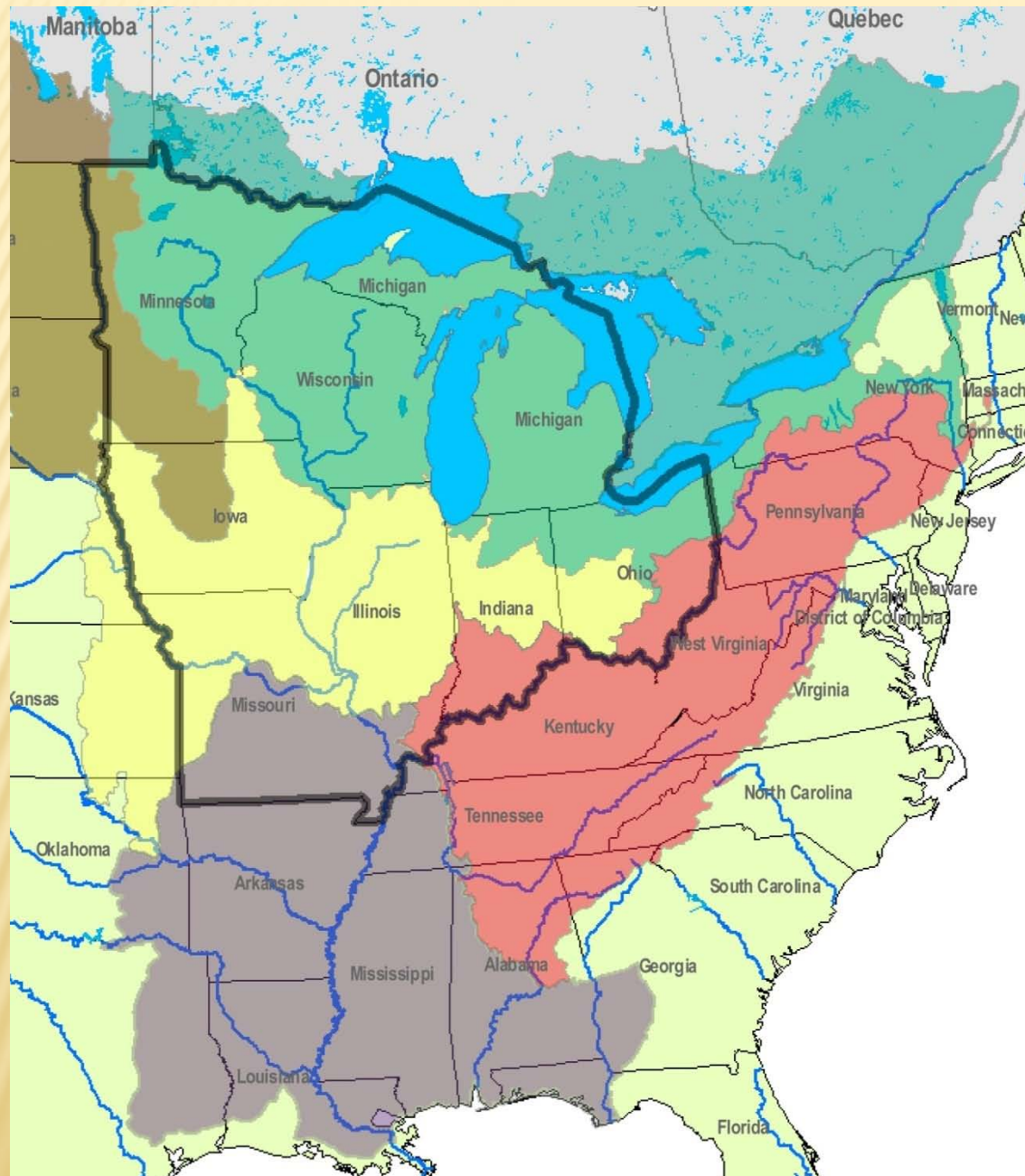


**MAFWA Remarks
Midwest Region
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Tom Melius, Regional Director**



Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Response





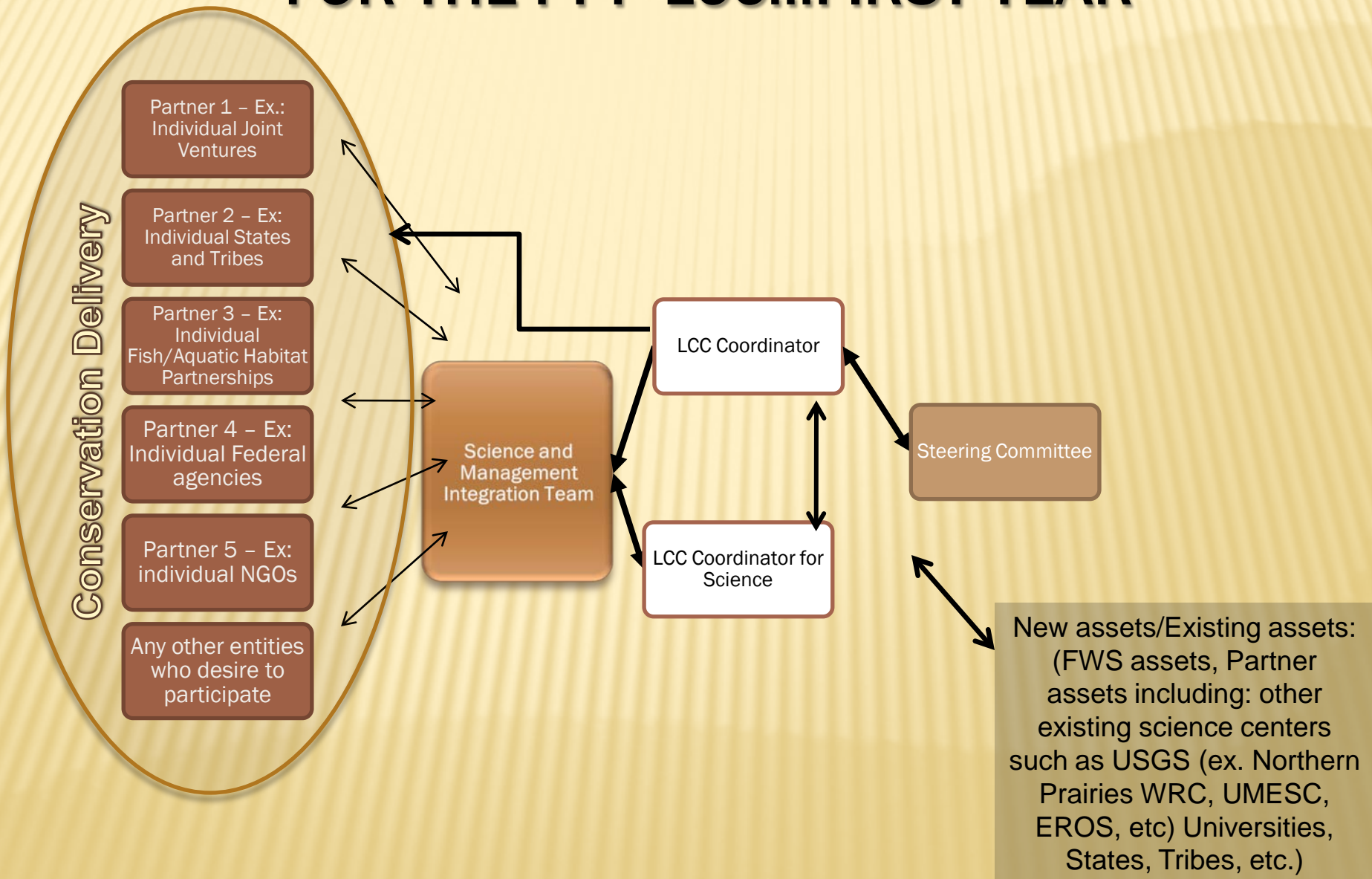
Midwest Region LCCs

- Plains and Prairie Potholes
- Upper Midwest & Great Lakes
- Eastern Tallgrass Prairie and Big Rivers
- Appalachian
- Gulf Coastal Plains and Ozarks

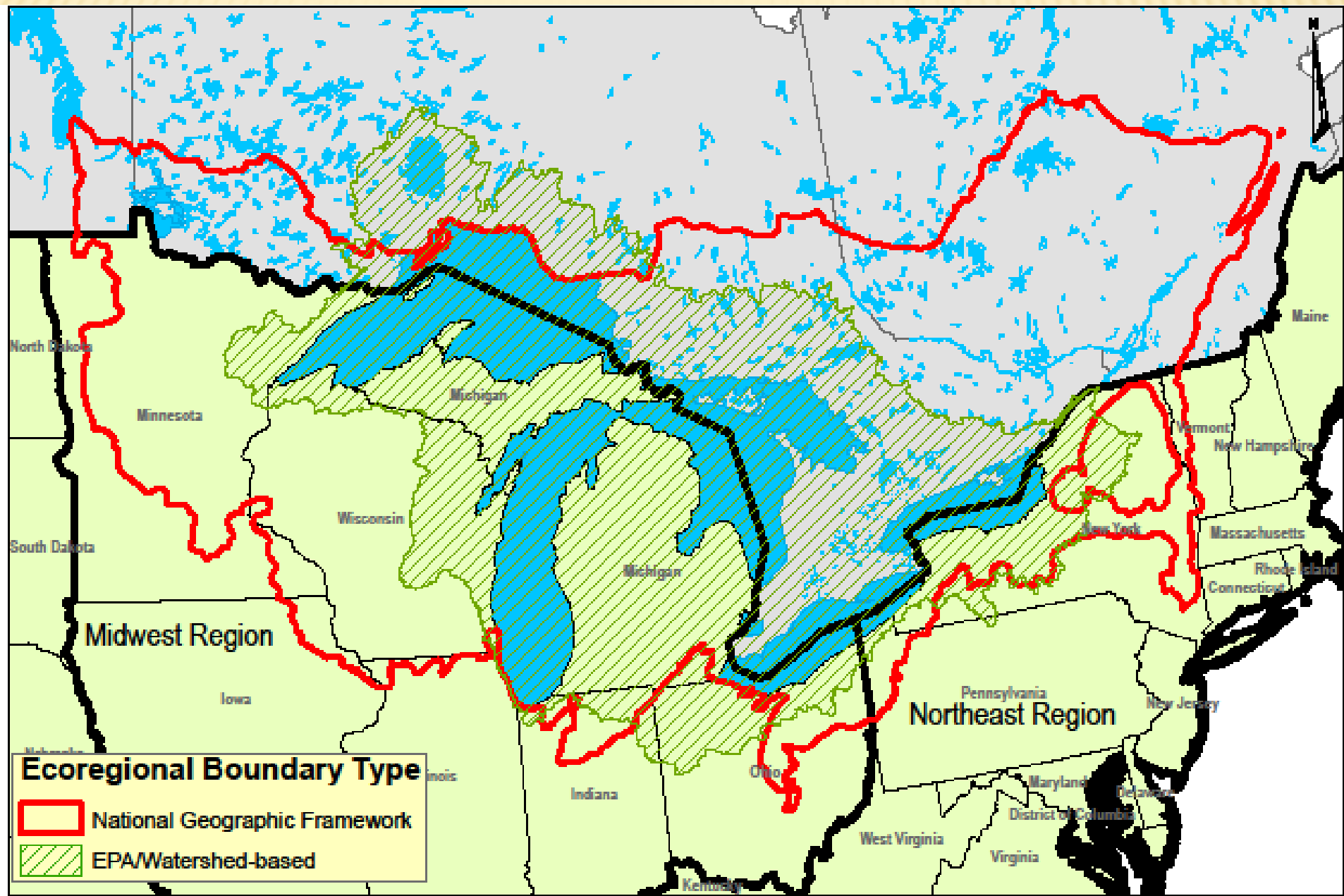
Plains & Prairie Potholes LCC



ESTABLISHING CONSERVATION PRIORITIES FOR THE PPP LCC...FIRST YEAR



Upper Midwest & Great Lakes LCC



Eastern Tallgrass Prairie & Big Rivers LCC



ILLINOIS: ASIAN CARP RESPONSE



TWO VICTORIES FOR OHIO!

**Rex East Migratory Bird Mitigation
Fund project :**



Lake Erie Watersnake recovery:



IOWA DNR AND FWS PLANNING TOGETHER FOR CONSERVATION:

- *Prairie Pothole Joint Venture Focus Areas*—
Strategically identifying & acquiring public lands
- *Small Wetlands Program*—Leveraging conservation funding
- *Comprehensive Conservation Planning*—
Planning together for Waterfowl Production Areas

Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge

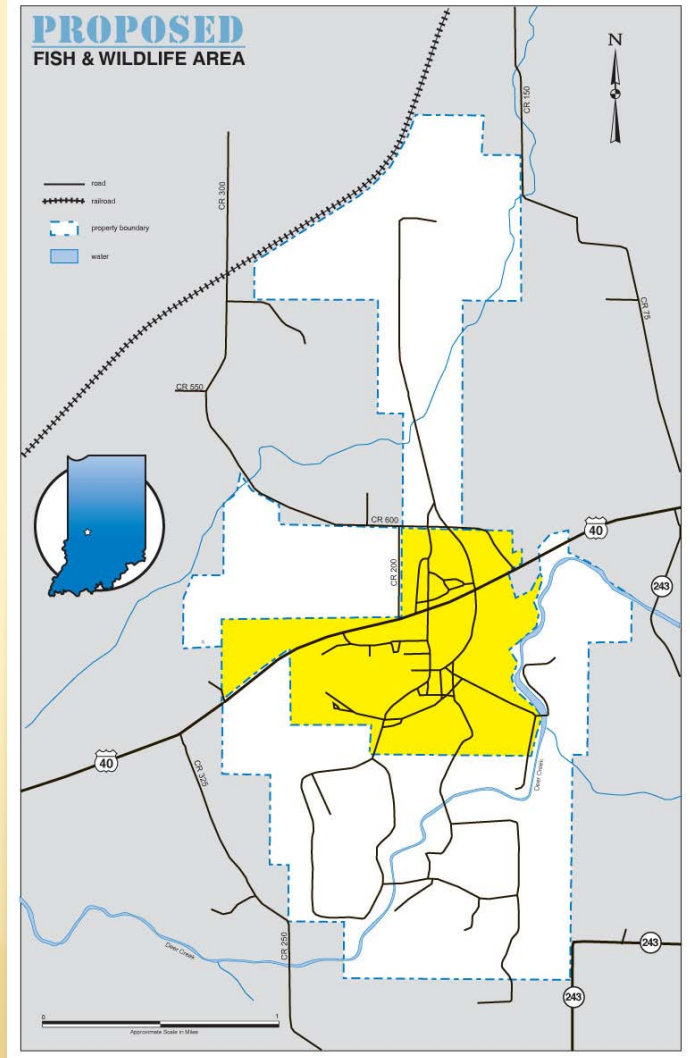
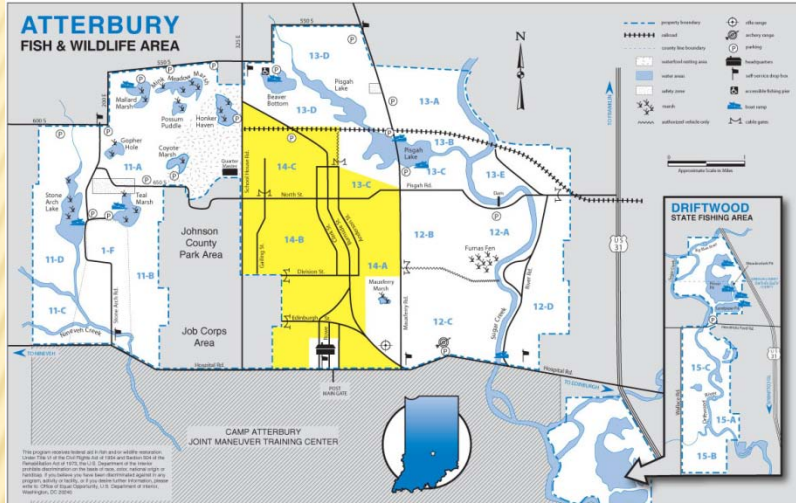
MINNESOTA: THINKING OUTSIDE OF THE BOX

Small Wetlands Program Grows in Minnesota
with Lessard Funding and DNR Support



- *Conserving Priority Resources—*
Growing our network of protected lands for perpetuity
- *Doubling Our Efforts—*
1,400 acres of public land open for hunting in 2010
- *25 Year Grant Potential—*
Conservation Future for Minnesota is bright!

INDIANA LAND TRANSFER



TWO FOR MICHIGAN!



Michigan DNRE partners with FWS on Piping Plover recovery, addressing threats to one of most endangered species in the Great Lakes



Michigan DNRE's mass marking program advancing the status of fisheries science and stock management in the basin

ON WISCONSIN!



Six new wild Whooping Crane Chicks hatched in Wisconsin

DNR founding partner of Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership

DNR coordination and support has protected one of the nation's most iconic imperiled species

PALLID/PADDLEFISH WORK IN MISSOURI

(pictured right) Gary Heidrich, MDC Blind Pony State Fish Hatchery Manager (retired) holding bowl on left and David Hendrix, Neosho NFH Manager, squeezing pallid sturgeon for eggs.



(pictured left) Brian Elkington of Columbia FWCO (left) and Brad Kunce of Missouri Department of Conservation Hunnewell Hatchery work with paddlefish

OTHER TOPICS AND QUESTIONS?

