ORGANIZE INFORMALLY WITH SARP

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Southeast Aquatic Resources
Partnership



Southeast's Positives

- · Highest habitat diversity in the country
- More aquatic freshwater species than any other region in the nation
- · Warm climate
- Abundant rainfall and water resources

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Southeast's Negatives

- Large percentages of threatened, endangered and species or concern
- About half of the non-native species introduced in the US reside in SE
- More licensed anglers than any other region
- Half of the 10 most sprawling metro areas are in the SE

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About SARP - Partnership

- United we can do more than any state or agency can do individually
 - 22 state agencies
 - Federal agencies
 - Fisheries management councils
 - NGOs
- MOU with contributed funds and coordinated projects

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About SARP - States

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Georgia
- Florida
- Kentucky
- Louisiana



- Missouri
- Mississippi
- North
 Carolina
- Oklahoma
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas

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About SARP - Focus Issue Areas

- Sustainable public use of aquatic resources
- Fishery mitigation with water development
- Aquatic habitat conservation
- Prevent & control the impact of invasive species
- Reduce number of imperiled fish
- Protect, conserve, and restore interjurisdictional fisheries

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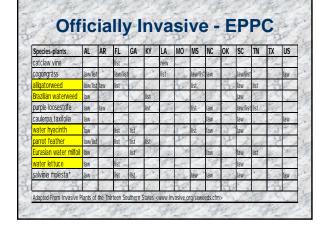
SARP & SE-EPPC

- Similar state members
- Similar purpose
- Similar motivation
- Similar goal to control invasive species
- Overlapping range of focus and issue areas (aquatic/terrestrial)
- Overlapping organizational structure
- Complementary range of taxa

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SARP & SE-EPPC

- Information sharing
- Partnerships
 Within each state
 Within the region
- · Liaison for planning





Partnerships within States

- Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan in each SARP state
 - Task Force or Work Group needs input on species and pathways problems in the state
 - State ANS or AIS Coordinator needs new data, new control information, alerts about new problems

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Regional Partnership

- Gulf of Mexico & South Atlantic Regional ANS Panel
- Mississippi River Basin Regional ANS Panel
- Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership

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In summary ...

- · Partnerships should be
 - Formal and informal
 - On state task forces
 - At regional panel meetings
 - On projects specific species or pathways