



SUSCR Objectives and Strategies to Improve Flow Protection

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2015 Goal SUSCR Three-Year Freshwater Implementation Plan

Environmental Flow Policy Objective:

- By 2015, ensure that at least six states, including three coastal states, and one country program are making demonstrable progress toward adopting environmental flow policies and programs that sustain the long-term viability of freshwater and marine conservation targets.



Southeastern Instream Flow Network

Goal: To advance the efforts of multiple collaborators who share the joint vision of improving instream flow protection for aquatic habitats

Approach: Develop state instream flow teams and support their needs for training, technical resources, and communications

Key Partners: Southeastern Aquatic Resource Partnership (SARP), Instream Flow Council (IFC), American Fisheries Society, World Wildlife Fund, and American Rivers.

Funding: US Fish and Wildlife Service Multi-State Conservation Grant through the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA)



SIFN Initial Action Steps:

- Hire coordinator and technical assistant
- Form steering committee
- Hold initial SIFN workshop (Mar-Apr 2008)
- Develop resource base
- Assist formation of state IF teams
- Provide technical support to teams



TNC Environmental Flow Policy Workshop

Objectives:

- ensure that TNC staff have a basic understanding of the science and policy framework in which state stream flow and water management policy development occurs;
- examine TNC's science and policy objectives for protecting flow regimes;
- review the status of instream flow protection in SEAFWA states and formulate initial strategies for partnering with state natural resource agencies and other partners as part of the SIFN; and
- exchange information and experiences among TNC staff working on water management policy.



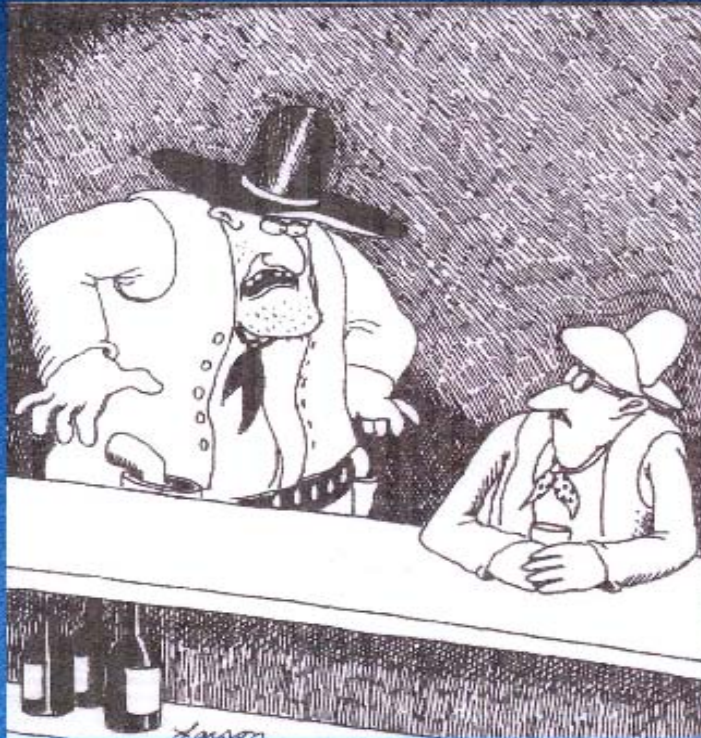
Integrating TNC Resources for Environmental Flow Protection

- Conservation
- Government Relations
- Media
- Philanthropy

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"I asked you a question buddy – now make it snappy:
What is the minimum flow we need for the 3.5 million
people, 170 thousand farmers, 1,253,979 businesses,
122 fish species, 29 mussel species, and 30 crayfish
species in the ACF Basin?"



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Complicated Demands on Resource Managers

- Protect public values
- Determine flow needs
- Defend methods used
- Competing stakeholders
- Honor existing uses
- Training needed
- Need accurate and useful data
- Need public education
- Need funding



Leadership of SARP

- Central coordination
- Multi-state effort combining organizational resources
- Shared joint vision of instream flow protection for aquatic habitats
- Cross-border communications of data-sharing, analyses of policy effectiveness, and outreach



What does TNC bring to the discussion

- Knowledge of species
- Experience in planning and on-the-ground implementation
- Ability to bring stakeholders together
- GR staff access
- Marketing



*An Instream Flow Prescription Should Represent:

- A Societal Choice
- A Balance between desired ecological integrity of a stream and desired human uses of that stream
- A Work in Progress
- *Jerry Ziewotz, USFWS USGS workshop, Herndon, VA 2/05