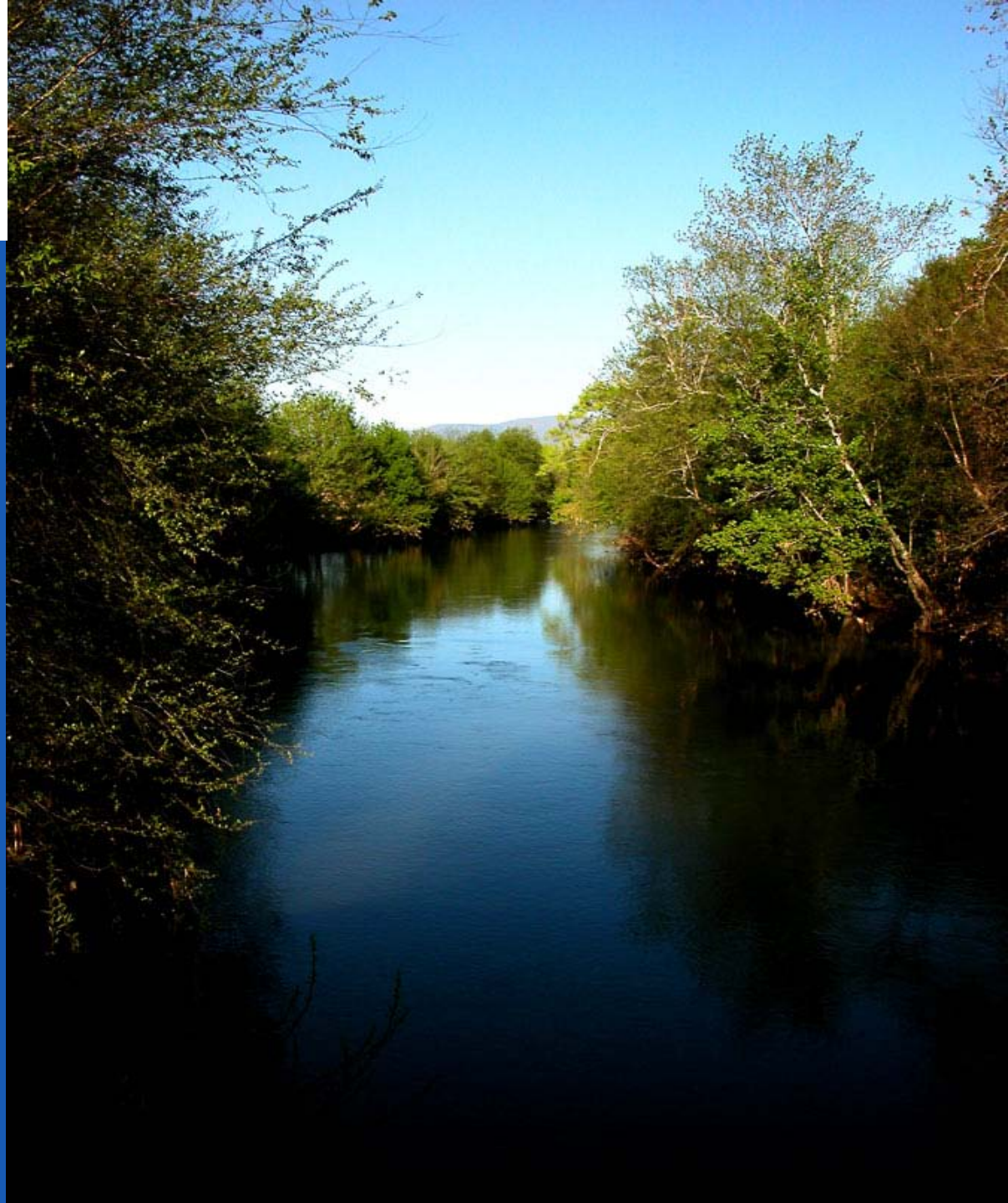


Southeastern Instream Flow Network

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Presentation overview:

- Provide background for SIFN
- Introduce SARP partnership and SIFN coordinator
- Discuss SIFN action steps



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.

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States in the SIFN

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Florida
- Georgia
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- North Carolina
- Oklahoma
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Virginia
- West Virginia



SIFN objectives to be achieved over a three-year period, include the following :

- 1) Bring state teams together to initiate and develop working relationships,
- 2) Educate participants on the scientific basis of instream flow policy,
- 3) Share instream flow policy-related tools & resources specific to state needs,
- 4) Communicate among states to support and build on past experiences,
- 5) Provide training for use of assessment tools to determine environmental impacts to hydrologic regimes and develop instream flow standards, and
- 6) Produce guidance documents for development of effective instream flow protection policy and supporting programs.



Initial Roles of Key Partners

- SARP – network coordination
- TNC – technical support
- IFC – state program assessments
- American Fisheries Society – technical support
- World Wildlife Fund – policy support
- American Rivers – policy support



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