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2015 Planning Report

Healthy Ecosystems

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Draft 2015 Work Plan Actions

- Overarching Issue: Instream Flow Policy, Management and Data need to better incorporate downstream effects (Any of These: nutrients, dead zones, QQTD, oysters, habitats, non-point source pollution, alterations, episodic events)
 - FL Everglades
 - GA Shrimp 2013 Federal Fisheries Disaster Declaration
 - NC Tidal Creeks Sedimentation due to alterations
 - SC Oyster die-offs
- Research Needs: forthcoming (e.g. data comparability for fisheries data on a regional scale, status and trends), on website for future funding and graduate student studies
- Pursue Multi-State State Wildlife Grant for 4 State Oyster Resilience Study
- Involvement in EPA Living Shorelines work and wetland monitoring

Requirements for Success

- Data Team: responsible for the maintenance, enhancement and funding of the Data Portal (maybe based on Data Portal Workshop funded with HE Seed Money)
- Funding opportunities for Research Needs and Overarching Issues

2015 Team Lead

- Pat Geer, GADNR, Chief of Fisheries