USFWS Midwest Region
Fisheries Program

Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act
(GLFWRA)

Great Lakes Basin Fish Habitat Partnership
(GLBFHP)

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Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
Projected FY 2013 Funds

- GLFWRA $1.5 million
- GLBFHP $400K - $500K
- GLRI has provided an opportunity to work on larger, outstanding projects and expand the impact of these programs on the ground.
GLBFHP

Steering Committee of Experienced Biologists and Managers:

- 1 Province
- 8 U.S. States
- 8 Federal Agencies
- 2 Inter-tribal Agencies
- 1 Tribe
- 4 NGOs
- 2 Bi-national Commissions
GLBFHP Partnership Goals

- Protect and restore ecological function
- Improve and protect water quality
- Restore surface and groundwater hydrological function
- Protect and restore spawning and nursery habitat
GLBFHP Ranking Criteria

- Address priority threats in priority habitats (Partnership’s Strategic Plan)
- Fits into watershed-scale effort, addressing ecological and hydrological processes to benefit fish and wildlife species
- Incorporates partner resources
- Will be monitored and evaluated
- Uses BMP’s, current science/technology and prevents invasive species expansion
- Incorporates climate change adaptation
GLFWRA Background

- Authorized in 1998
- Reauthorized in 2006, regional projects and wildlife added
- PRC (states and tribes) of the Great Lakes Basin
- Projects in Great Lakes, 25% non-federal match requirement
- Relevancy to GLFWRA (six goals) and other plans
GLFWRA Review Criteria

- Important problem or opportunity
- Project impact and scale
- Target species/habitats
- Affects both fish and wildlife
- Objectives and methods
- Cost/value
- Likelihood of success
- Potential for negative impacts
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