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Arkansas Game and Fish Commission drafts Conservation Opportunity Areas using the Southeast Blueprint

by Todd Jones-Farrand, Coordinator and User Support for the Mid-South subregion of the Southeast Blueprint

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is using the Southeast Blueprint to help develop Conservation Opportunity Areas intended to guide allocation of State Wildlife Grant funds. This detailed case study provides a great example of how the Blueprint can be used with local data and knowledge to inform conservation decisions. To read more about how the approach combines information about habitat condition, species distribution, and conservation opportunity, [>>read Todd's blog post...](#)

Guess some trends in Southeastern ecosystem indicators

by Rua Mordecai, Coordinator for the Southeast and South Atlantic Blueprints

Rua has been working on synthesizing recent trends in Southeastern ecosystem indicators. It's part of this year's report on progress toward the SECAS 10% goal. There are lots of interesting results that you'll hear about soon. In the meantime, [>>visit Rua's blog to explore a fun, interactive activity based on two of those indicators...](#)

Don't miss the SECAS goal symposium at SEAFWA!

by Hilary Morris, User Support and Communications for the Southeast and South Atlantic Blueprints

The fall SEAFWA annual conference is right around the corner, and the Southeast Conservation Adaptation Strategy (SECAS) will be featured in multiple ways throughout the meeting. If you're planning to attend, you won't want to miss the special symposium called "The SECAS 10% Goal: How Do We Get There?". This symposium will focus on recent trends and progress toward the goal, as well as strategies for integration with existing conservation initiatives. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 29th from 8 am - 12 noon. To learn more about other SECAS-related symposia

that might interest you, [>>read Hilary's post...](#)

Sharing science to support climate adaptation

by Cari Furiness, Program Manager for the Southeast Climate Adaptation Science Center

On November 13-15 of this year, the Southeast Climate Adaptation Science Center will be hosting a Regional Science Symposium in New Orleans, Louisiana. This symposium is intended for researchers and managers working in the southeastern United States, including the U.S. Caribbean, on climate impacts and adaptation for fish, wildlife, habitat, and cultural resources. Decision makers and practitioners from state fish and wildlife agencies, federal organizations, Tribal Nations and Tribal organizations, and NGOs are encouraged to attend. For more information on this symposium, [>>read this guest post by Cari Furiness...](#)

NFWF Emergency Coastal Resilience Fund

by Hilary Morris, User Support and Communications for the Southeast and South Atlantic Blueprints

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) is hosting a webinar next month about their new Emergency Coastal Resilience Fund. It aims to increase the resilience of coastal communities within federally declared counties impacted by hurricanes Florence and Michael and wildfires in 2018. The RFP will be open until November 12th. Contact the user support lead for your state to get help using the Blueprint to strengthen your proposal! [>>Visit Hilary's blog for more information about this opportunity and to see contact information for user support staff...](#)

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