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Dear State Directors and State Fish Chiefs:

The Fish and Aquatic Conservation (FAC) Program of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has begun an effort to update its 2025-2030 Strategic Plan.

State Fish and Wildlife agencies are some of FAC’s largest partners in project implementation, and it is important to us as we undergo a strategic update to gain a better understanding of the states’ experience, insight, and values as they relate to the conservation work done in partnership with FAC.

To maximize participation, we have set up two webinars to engage with you regarding our common future. Please use the following link (add link here when finalized) to register for one of the webinars. Each of the webinars will be identical, so you only need to attend one. Once you register a link and calendar invite will be sent to you.

* DATE, 3:00 to 4:30 Eastern (add link here)
* DATE, 4:00 to 5:30 Eastern (add link here)

We value your participation in this process and to most efficiently use our time together we intend to organize the webinar around the following questions. We will allow additional time after the presentation for open discussion.

1. What strengths and weaknesses do you see with FAC’s current program areas?
2. What do you think are the most important program offerings that FAC provides? Is there anything we do that is unique or irreplaceable?
3. What new areas of focus, activity, or innovation should FAC consider? Why?
4. What does a highly successful FAC look like in 10 years?

If you are unable to make the webinars or would like to provide feedback in writing, please send email directly to fisheries@fws.gov by DATE.

We are aiming to have a draft plan available by the beginning of 2025 and will provide opportunity for feedback prior to finalization.

Sincerely,

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