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ESA Section 6 Program: Cooperation with States

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“...the Secretary shall cooperate to the maximum extent practicable with the States.”

- Section 6(c) Cooperative Agreements
- Section 6(d) Financial Assistance for Cooperative Agreements:
Species Recovery Grants to States

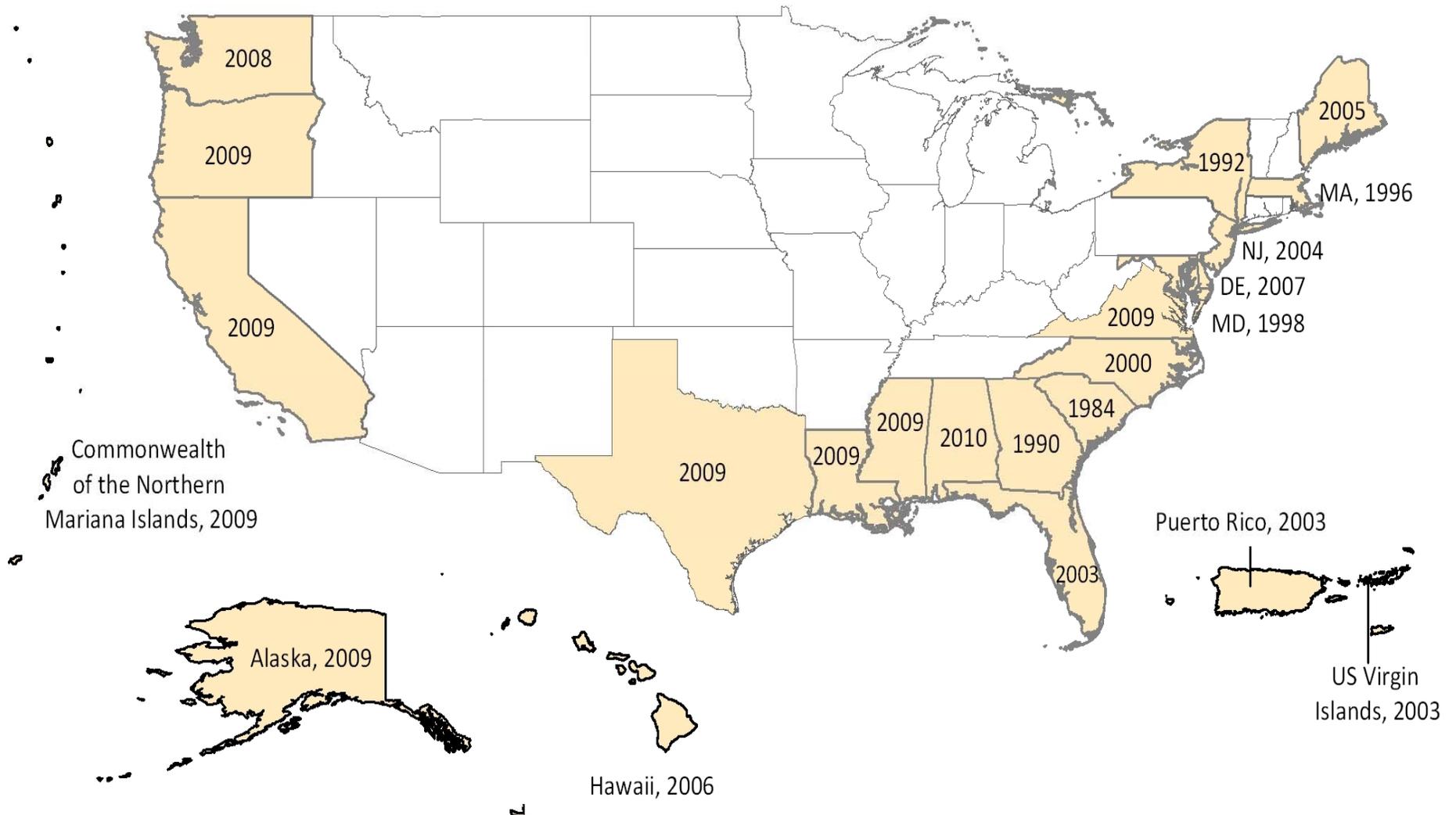
Program History

- **First received dedicated funding in FY 2003**
- **Funding level since 2003 at ~\$980K**
- **Rate of new agreements: 1- 2 per year**

Then in FY 2010....

- **Funding increased to \$15.6M**
- **Eight new agreements established**
- **Tribal grant program initiated (\$1M)**

States with Section 6 Agreements



Species Recovery Grants to States Program

Section 6(d): “The Secretary is authorized to provide financial assistance...to assist in development of programs for the conservation of endangered and threatened species or to assist in monitoring the status of candidate...and recovered species...”

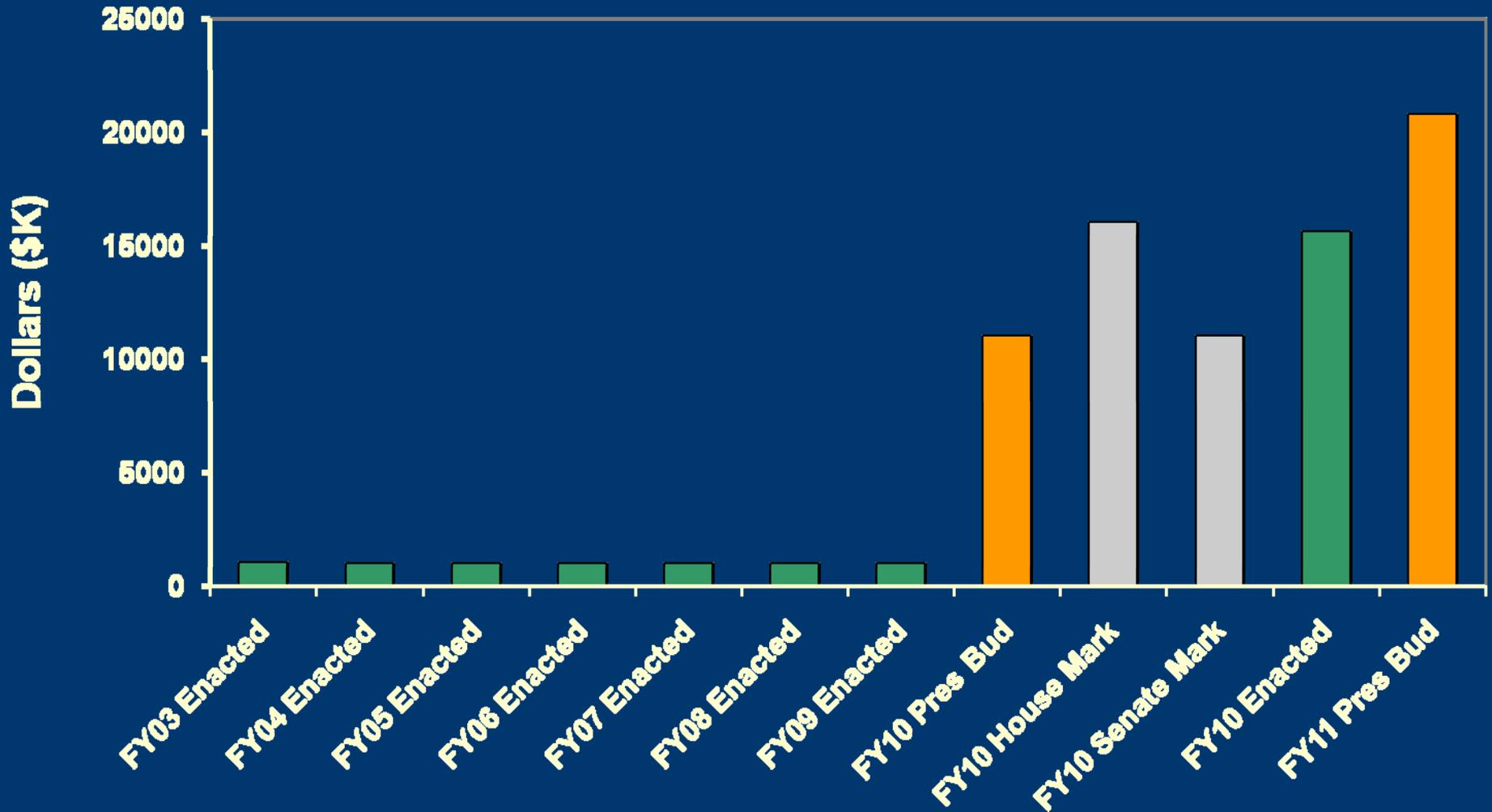


Species Recovery Grants Program

- **Management**
- **Research and Monitoring**
- **Outreach**
- **Program capacity**

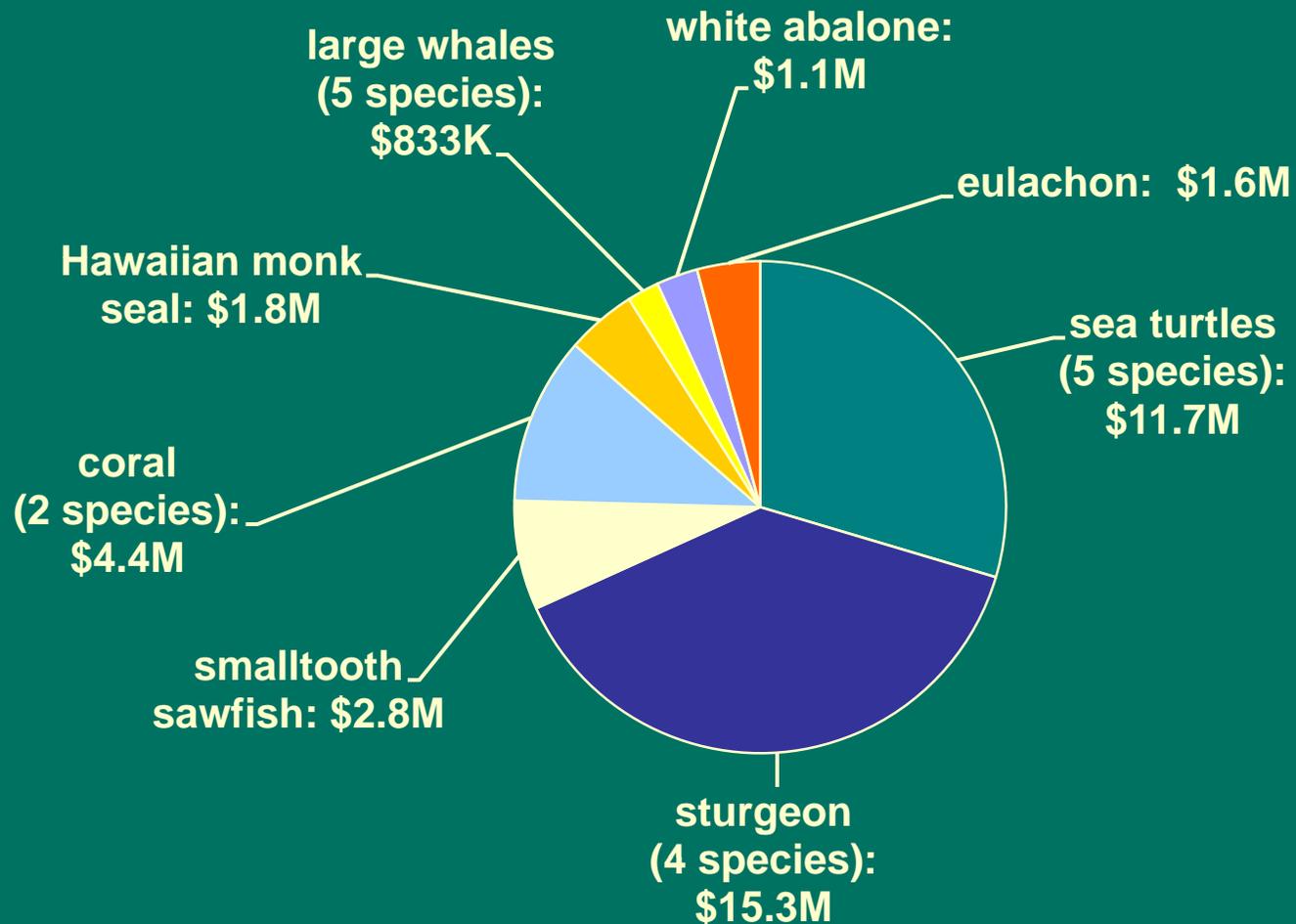
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Funding History...and Future



Federal Funding by Species Groups

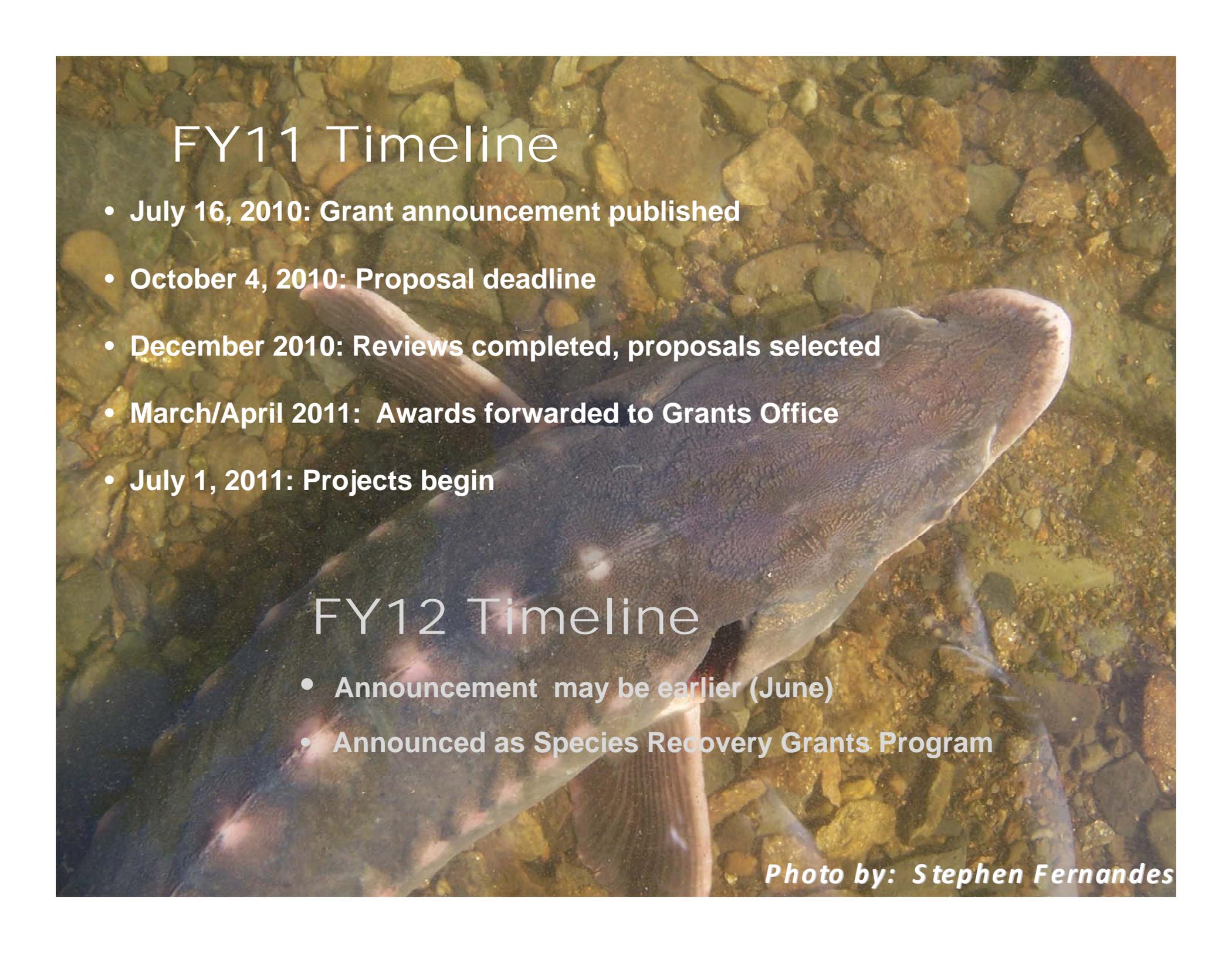
(FY03-10, including out-years)



FY10 AWARDS

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- whales (\$232,190): WA, OR
- white abalone (\$442,510): CA
- Hawaiian monk seals (\$493,761): HI
- eulachon (\$561,579): WA, OR
- sawfish (\$779,985): FL, TX
- corals (\$1,432,320): FL, PR, USVI
- sea turtles (\$4,395,120): MA, MD, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL
- sturgeon (\$5,335,436): ME, CT, NY, NJ, DE, MD, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL,
MS, WA, OR

A large, spotted fish, likely a salmon, is swimming in shallow water over a rocky riverbed. The fish is the central focus, with its body angled towards the right. The water is clear, revealing the smooth, rounded stones on the bottom. The lighting is natural, highlighting the texture of the fish's scales and the colors of the rocks.

FY11 Timeline

- July 16, 2010: Grant announcement published
- October 4, 2010: Proposal deadline
- December 2010: Reviews completed, proposals selected
- March/April 2011: Awards forwarded to Grants Office
- July 1, 2011: Projects begin

FY12 Timeline

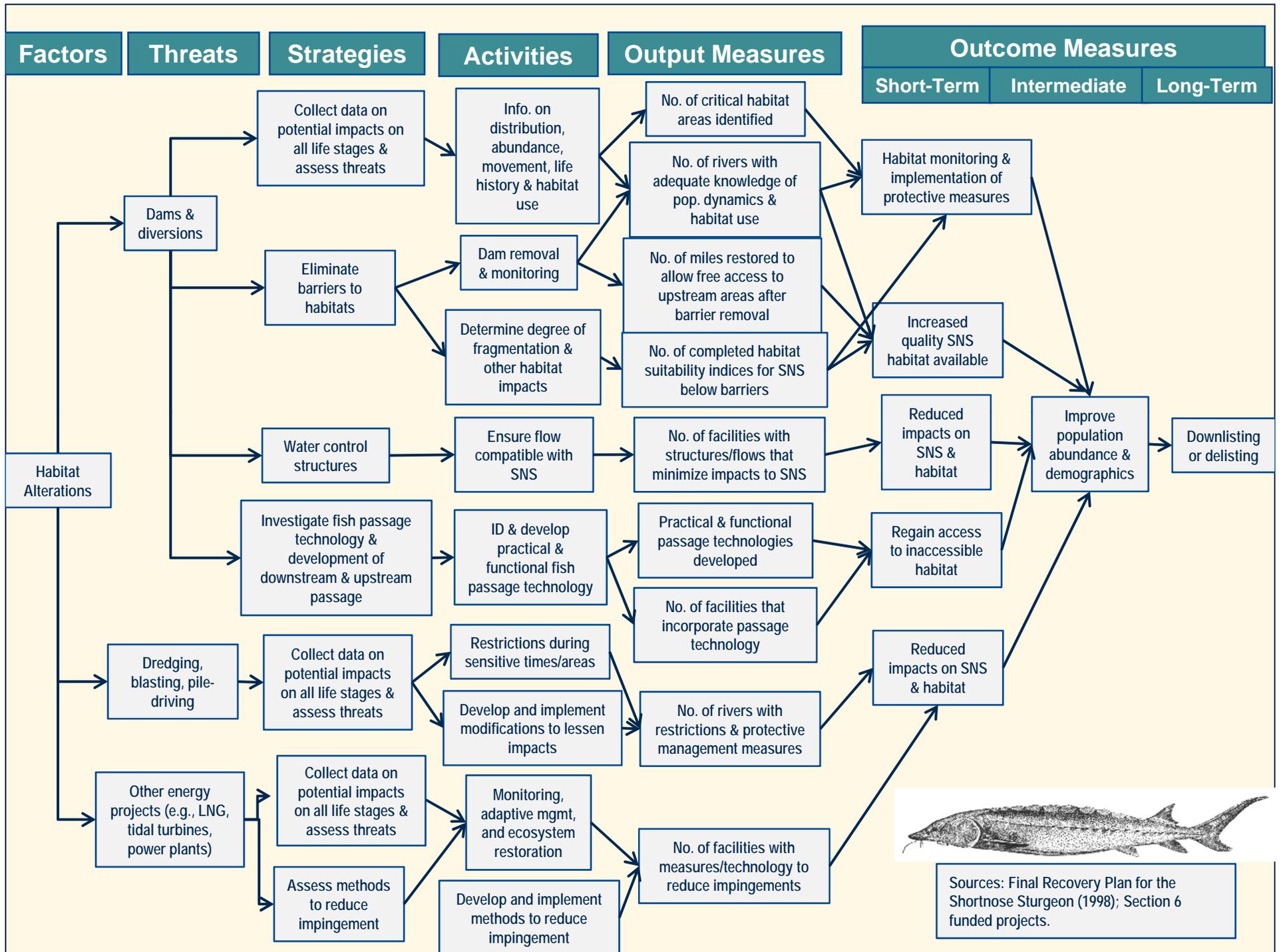
- Announcement may be earlier (June)
- Announced as Species Recovery Grants Program

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Species Recovery Grants Database

"Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts." - Albert Einstein

- **Establish measures to assess grant effectiveness**
- **Provide means to track progress consistently over time**
- **Improve communication about funded activities**
- **Develop information to be used in reporting program accomplishments**
- **Establish priorities for what should be funded**



An underwater photograph of a sea turtle swimming through a dense field of yellow seaweed. The turtle is positioned in the lower half of the frame, moving towards the right. The water is clear and blue, and the seaweed is vibrant yellow with small white flowers. A semi-transparent blue box is overlaid on the upper half of the image, containing white text.

For more info:

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/conservation/states/>

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