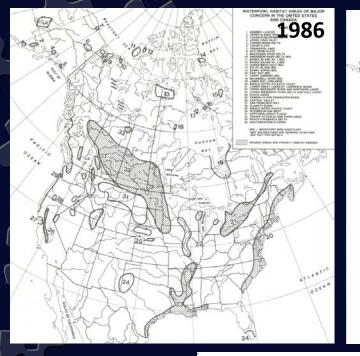
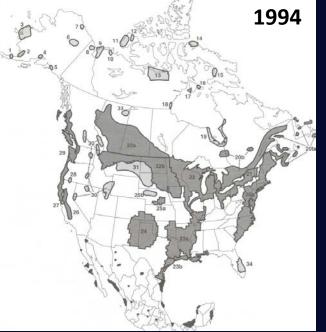
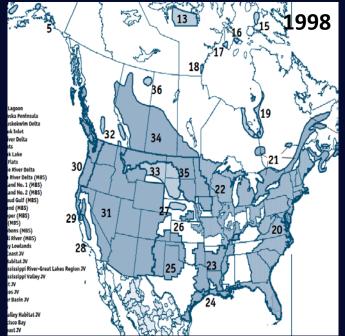
# Resource Allocation to Important Landscapes: Integrating Biological and Social Objectives

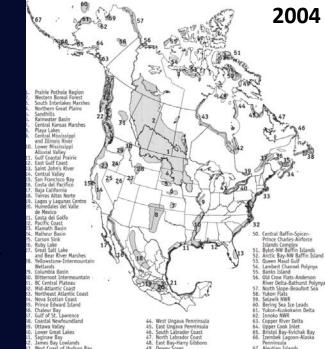
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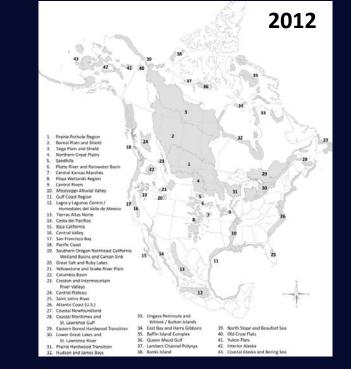
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#### The Evolution of Landscapes of Importance Map



- "Not able to develop universal criteria for area inclusion on the NAWMP Map."
- "Quality and reliability of available waterfowl population data varied considerably among regions."
- "Given the subjectivity in its development and refinement, the NAWMP map has limited ability to inform conservation decisions and investments."

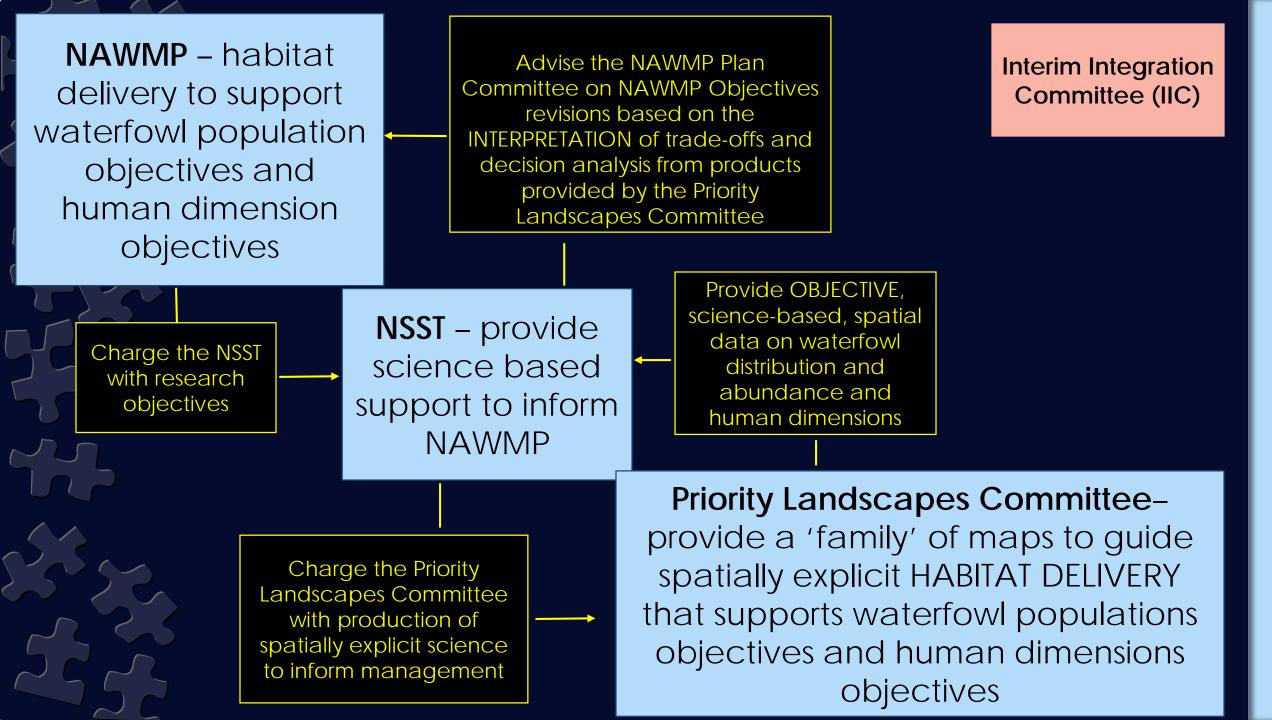
- Soulliere et al. 2012

Recommendation (from 2012 NAWMP Revision and 2012 NAWMP Action Plan): Focus resources on important landscapes that have the greatest influence on waterfowl populations and those who hunt and view waterfowl.

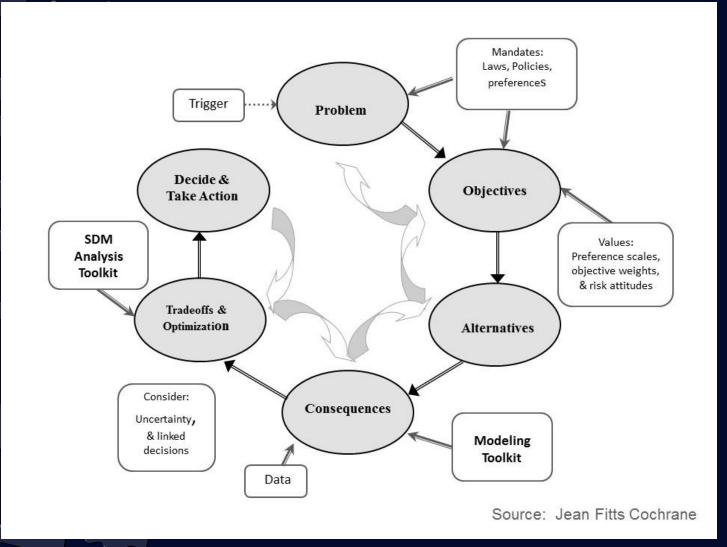


People Conserving Waterfowl and Wetlands





#### Priority Landscapes Committee



 Challenged to simultaneously consider multiple objectives

 We adopted the SDM (Structured Decision Making) Approach

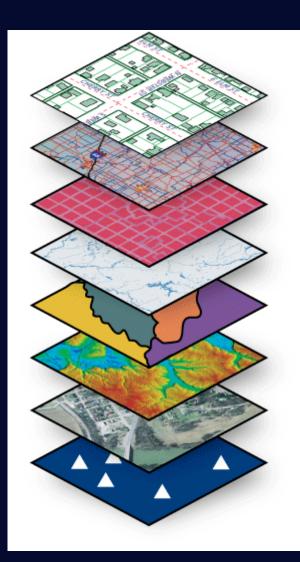
 Multi-Attribute Value Theory (MAVT) for spatial analysis

## **Process and Progress**

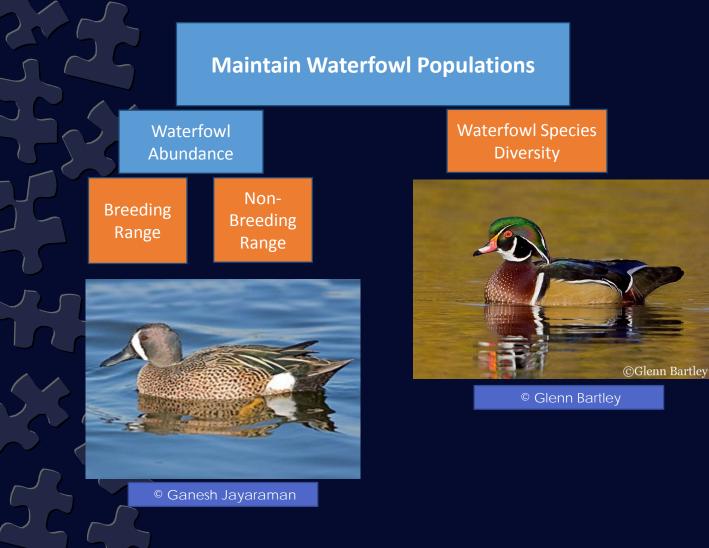
#### Committee meetings

#### Committee Goals

- Identify Objectives (Biological and Social)
- Identify the appropriate performance measures for each Objective
- Develop a family of maps for each objective
- Develop one aggregated map for the next NAWMP revision



## Waterfowl Population Objectives



	Species/Group					
	American Black Duck					
	Mallard					
	Northern Pintail					
	Wood Duck					
	Scaup Spp.					
	Dabbling Ground Nesters					
	American Wigeon					
	Mottled Duck					
	Northern Shoveler					
	Gadwall					
	Green-winged Teal					
	Blue-winged Teal (Cinnamon Teal)					
	Diving Ground Nesters					
	Scoter Spp.					
	Eider Spp.					
4	Long-tailed Duck					
	Harlequin Duck					
	Diving Cavity Nesters					
	Bufflehead					
	Goldeneye Spp.					
	Merganser Spp.					
	Diving Overwater Nesters					
	Canvasback					
	Redhead					
	Ring-necked Duck					
	Ruddy Duck					

## Human Dimensions Objectives

**Increase Recruitment and Retention Objectives** of Waterfowl Habitat Conservation Hunter Days Afield Travel Distance **Supporters** Access Increase # of Hunter Increase # of Other # number of waterfowl seen Conservationists **Conservation Supporters** Crowding **Species Diversity** Increase # of Access Increase # **General Public** Natural Cover # of Birds of Birders **Supporters** Partners Seen Impaired Watersheds Species Crowding EGS Partners Diversity H2O Quality Travel Flood Abatement H2O Quality Natural Cover Distance Drought Mitigation/C. Sequestration Flood Travel Green Space/Recreation Abatement Distance Drought Mtg/ C. Seq. Green Space/Rec

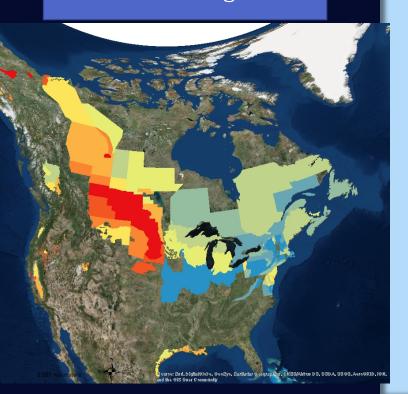
#### Waterfowl Population Objectives: Breeding Range

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American Black Duck

Other Dabbling Ducks

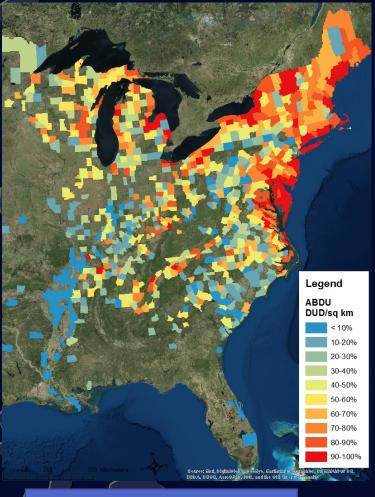


Legend Dabbler Density

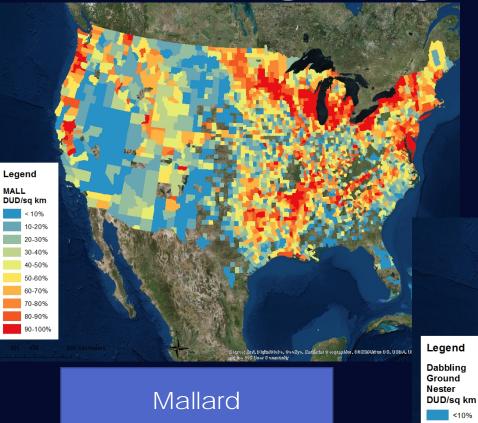
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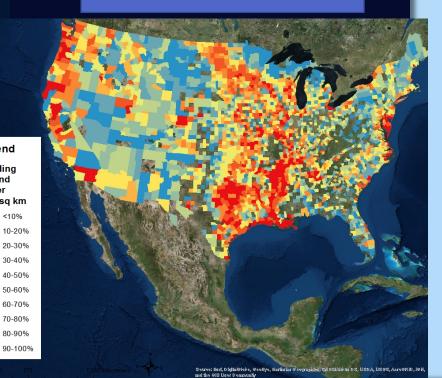
## Waterfowl Population Objectives: Non-Breeding Range



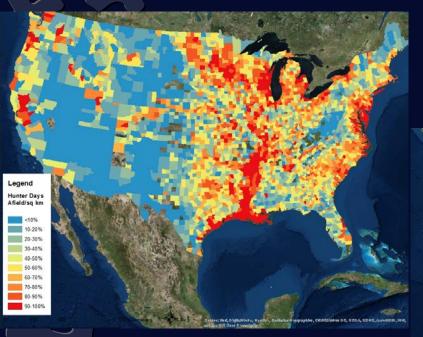
American Black Duck



Other Dabbling Ducks



## Human Dimensions Objectives

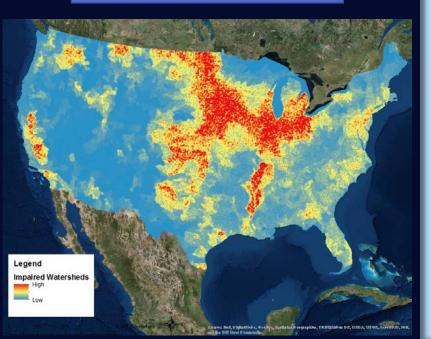


#### Hunter Days Afield

Distance to Urban Centers



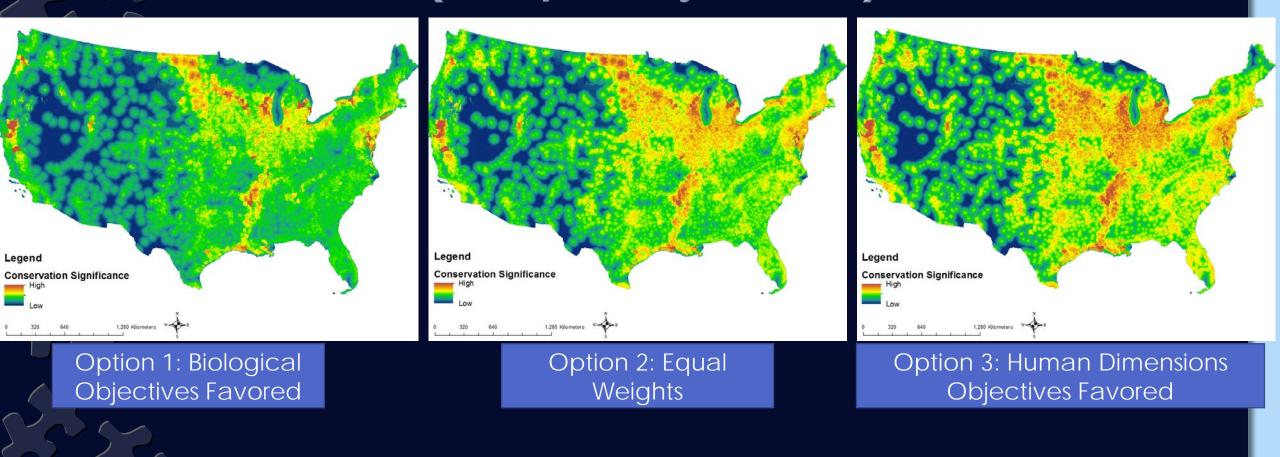
#### Impaired Watersheds



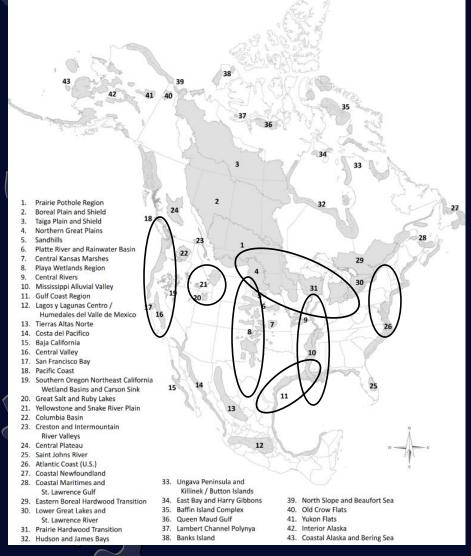
# **Objective Weights**

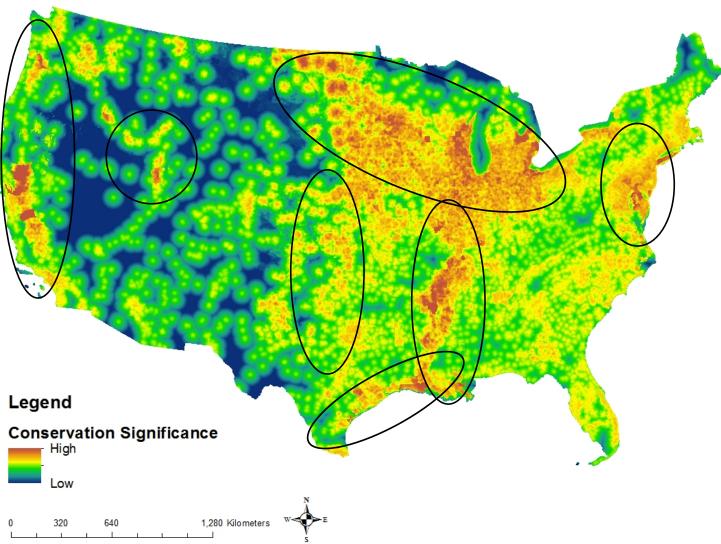
Objective	Option 1 Weights	Option 2 Weights	Option 3 Weights	Survey	ratio
Mallard					
Breeding	21	11.55	12.6	9.94	0.7
Non-Breeding	9	4.95	5.4	4.26	0.3
American Black Duck					
Breeding	8.25	9.075	3.85	5.39	0.55
Non-Breeding	6.75	7.425	3.15	4.41	0.45
Dabbling Ground Nesters					
Breeding	15	9.9	9	11.88	0.6
Non-Breeding	10	6.6	6	8.92	0.4
Distance to Urban Areas	10	16.5	20	12.7	
Hunter Days Afield	10	16.5	20	22.6	
Impaired Watersheds	10	16.5	20	21.1	
	100	100	100	100	

#### Geographies of Importance (\*only 9 objectives)



#### Initiating Discussion, Hypothesis Testing, and Informing Decisions





# **Final Thoughts**

- > Approached our task from an investment standpoint...how do we inform investments in these biological and social goals?
- Develop a tool for identifying landscapes that are most important to achieving the waterfowl population, habitat, and social goals of the NAWMP.
  - Need multiple maps that together inform investor objectives...single map can't do that.
  - Provide investors with the ability to "weight" objectives differently over time (and space/scale) as partners and priorities may change

Hypothesis generation, assumption testing and informing decisions

### Next Steps...

Continue development of series of spatially explicit products for each Objective (i.e. family of maps)

 Draft of development methodology and preliminary product to NAWMP Committee

> Final product submitted to NAWMP Committee

> Relevant publications of project results

# Questions?

