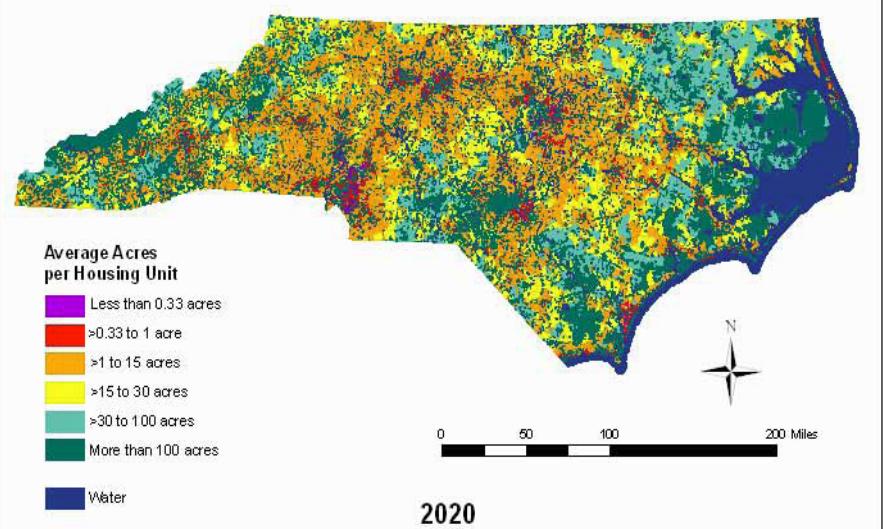
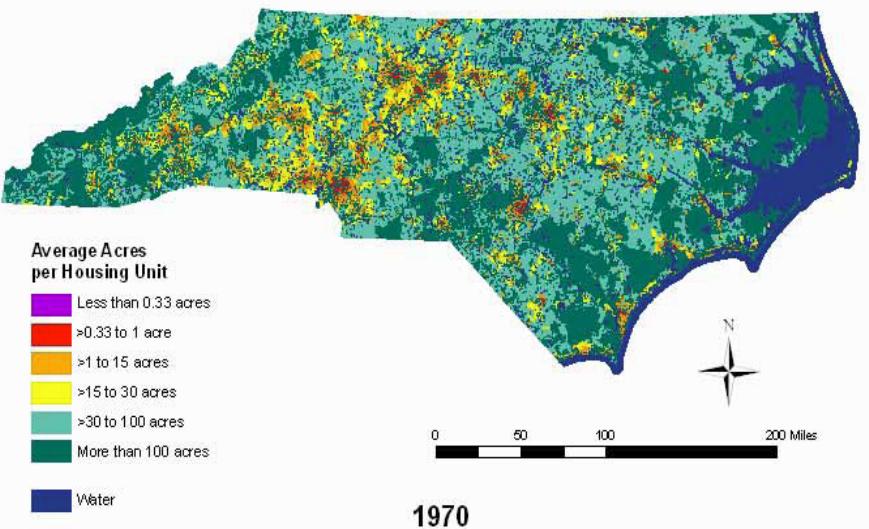


# SEAFWA 2017

## Creative Conservation Strategies For 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges

*The Southeast Conservation Adaptation Strategy  
“Aligning Actions for Success”*



## Why SECAS?

### *Challenges of Change:*

*90% of Southeast is privately owned and  
with or without us, the landscape is being shaped*





## Purpose

“The purpose of the WRC is to develop and administer programs directed to the conservation of fish and wildlife resources and their habitats.”

Agency purpose is derived from enabling legislation in 1947 (G.S. 143-239):

*“to manage, restore, develop, cultivate, conserve, protect, and regulate the game, game and freshwater fishes, and other wildlife resources of the State...”*

## Agency Background





## Mission

The Wildlife Resources Commission conserves North Carolina's wildlife resources and their habitats and provides programs and opportunities that allow hunters, anglers, boaters and other outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy wildlife-associated recreation.



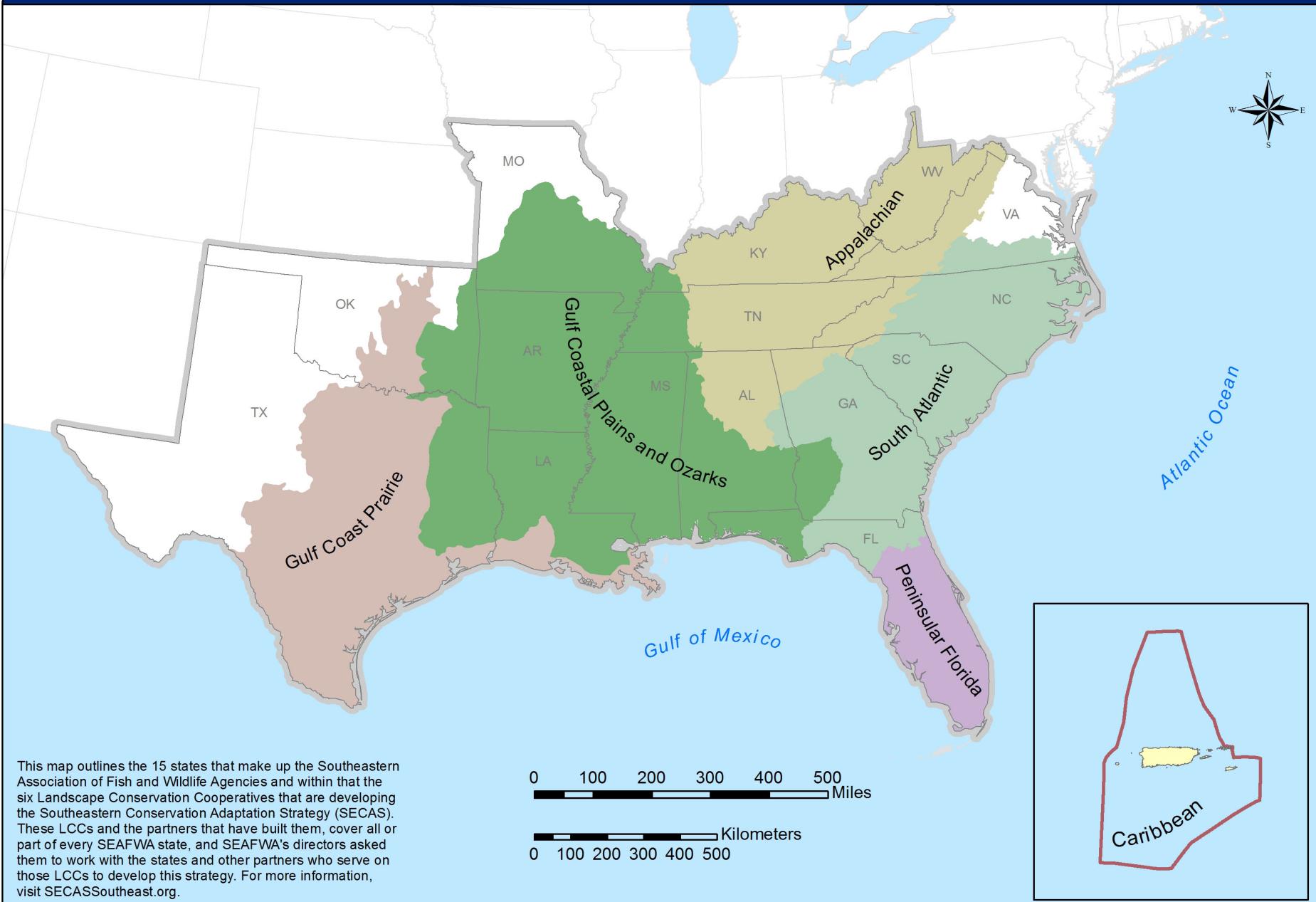
## Vision

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is providing safe, comprehensive, effective and efficient fisheries, wildlife and boating programs that:

- *Conserve the diversity and abundance* of the State's wildlife resources.
- Provide diverse *opportunities for all citizens* regardless of age or physical abilities to access and enjoy hunting, angling, boating and other wildlife-associated experiences.
- *Demonstrate* to the citizens of North Carolina through education and communication the critical role of wildlife management in sustaining the quality of our wildlife resources and their habitats.
- *Sustain working lands* and their associated wildlife communities.
- Have a strong and unequivocal *statutory base* that *supports constituent needs and agency sustainability*.
- *Feature strong partnerships* with other natural resource entities to complement the mission of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and leverage resources to achieve that mission.
- Are *financially secure* through diverse, dedicated and ample funding.
- Are *based on sound science*.



# The Geographic Boundary for SECAS - The Southeast Conservation Adaptation Strategy





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## State Wildlife Grant Success Story: Southeast At-Risk Species Program

A broad partnership among the states, FWS, universities, corporate, and private partners.

Focuses surveys, monitoring, and research on priority at-risk species.





# Sustaining and Connecting People to **FISH AND WILDLIFE**

A Looming Crisis Can be Avoided

A Recommendation of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources



## Conserving America's Fish and Wildlife

Our goal is to partner with responsible Americans to conserve our natural resources for future generations.

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## Blue Ribbon Panel Recommendations

1. Congress dedicate up to \$1.3 billion annually in existing revenue from the development of energy and mineral resources on federal lands and waters to the Wildlife Conservation Restoration Program.
2. Examine the impact of societal changes on the relevancy of fish and wildlife conservation and make recommendations on how programs and agencies can evolve to engage and serve broader constituencies.





**“Whatever we accomplish belongs to our entire group, a tribute to our combined effort.” - Walt Disney**

