

Petition for an Ecosystem to be Considered a Great Water

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According to Article V of the America's Great Waters' Coalition's Governance document, an ecosystem will be considered a Great Water if it meets the following criteria:

Article V. Great Waters Definition: The Coalition has defined the term "Great Waters" and will use this definition to help guide the priorities and leadership structure of the Coalition. In order for an ecosystem to become a Great Water priority of the Coalition, a group will have to show the ecosystem's ability to meet the Great Waters definition criteria.

Definition: A water resource will be considered a 'Great Water' if the resource completely satisfies sections A, B, and C, as determined by the Steering Committee.

- A. Ecosystem Scope and Characteristics:** The resource is of a large geographic scale and is either an aquatic freshwater, estuarine, coastal marine, or coastal ecosystem, or a combination. Furthermore, the resource is of substantial national significance because of its size, uniqueness, productivity, importance to society, and sensitivity to national and interstate policy.
- B. Comprehensive Restoration Planning:** The resource has a comprehensive restoration plan in place, in development, or there are stakeholders advocating for the creation of a comprehensive restoration plan.
- C. Stakeholder Collaboration:** The resource has federal, state, regional, tribal, and local partners working together to move restoration of the water resource forward.

Please describe how your ecosystem meets the three criteria laid out above:



