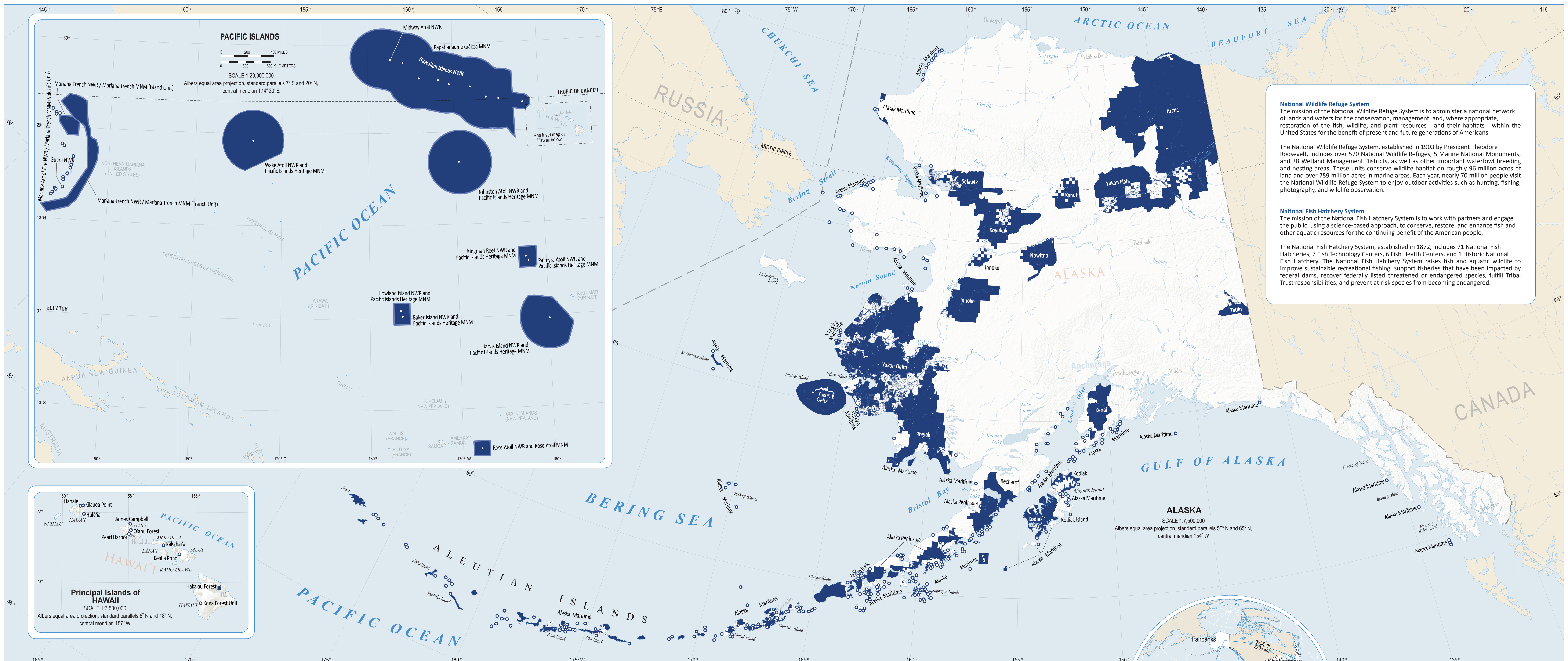
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

National Wildlife Refuge System and National Fish Hatchery System



National Wildlife Refuge System

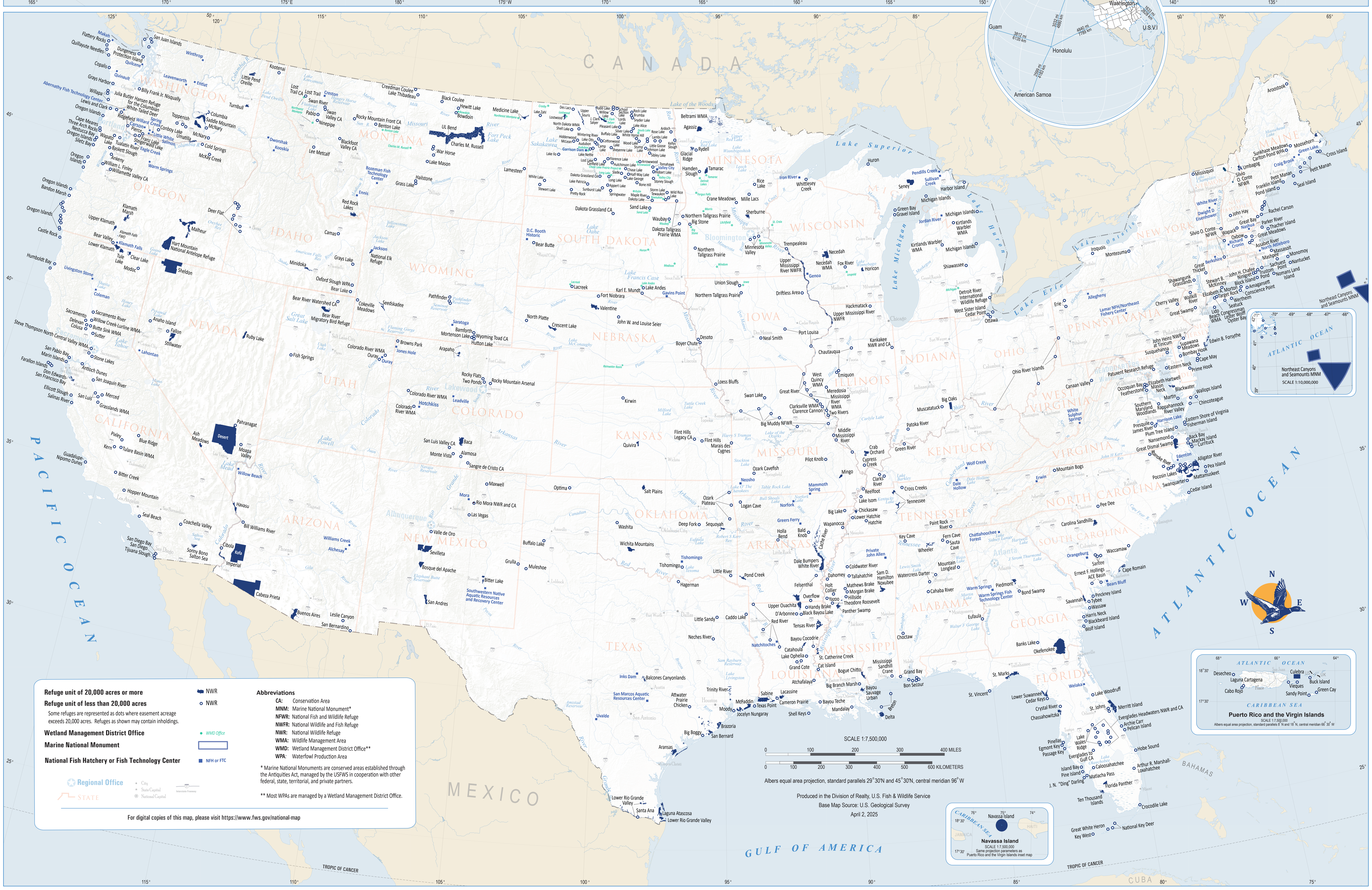
The mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and, where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources - and their habitats - within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.

The National Wildlife Refuge System, established in 1903 by President Theodore Roosevelt, includes over 570 National Wildlife Refuges, 5 Marine National Monuments, and 38 Wetland Management Districts, as well as other important waterfowl breeding and nesting areas. These units conserve wildlife habitat on roughly 96 million acres of land and over 759 million acres in marine areas. Each year, nearly 70 million people visit the National Wildlife Refuge System to enjoy outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, photography, and wildlife observation.

National Fish Hatchery System

The mission of the National Fish Hatchery System is to work with partners and engage the public, using a science-based approach, to conserve, restore, and enhance fish and other aquatic resources for the continuing benefit of the American people.

The National Fish Hatchery System, established in 1872, includes 71 National Fish Hatcheries, 7 Fish Technology Centers, 6 Fish Health Centers, and 1 Historic National Fish Hatchery. The National Fish Hatchery System raises fish and aquatic wildlife to improve sustainable recreational fishing, support fisheries that have been impacted by federal dams, recover federally listed threatened or endangered species, fulfill Tribal Trust responsibilities, and prevent at-risk species from becoming endangered.



Refuge unit of 20,000 acres or more — NWR

Refuge unit of less than 20,000 acres — NWR

Some refuges are represented as dots where easement acreage exceeds 20,000 acres. Refuges as shown may contain inholdings.

Wetland Management District Office — WMD Office

Marine National Monument

National Fish Hatchery or Fish Technology Center — NFH or FTC

Regional Office
STATE
City
State Capital
National Capital
Interstate Freeway

Abbreviations

- **CA:** Conservation Area
- **MNM:** Marine National Monument*
- **NFWR:** National Fish and Wildlife Refuge
- **NWFR:** National Wildlife and Fish Refuge
- **NWR:** National Wildlife Refuge
- **WMA:** Wildlife Management Area
- **WMD:** Wetland Management District Office**
- **WPA:** Waterfowl Production Area

* Marine National Monuments are conserved areas established through the Antiquities Act, managed by the USFWS in cooperation with other federal, state, territorial, and private partners.

** Most WPAs are managed by a Wetland Management District Office.

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0 100 200 300 400 MILES

0 100 200 300 400 500 600 KILOMETERS

Albers equal area projection, standard parallels 29°30'N and 45°30'N, central meridian 96° W

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