



WESTERN GOVERNORS' CHAT

THE CRUCIAL HABITAT ASSessment TOOL

Mapping Fish and Wildlife Across the West

The Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool, or CHAT, is a product of a charge from the Western Governors to create a continually updated picture of crucial wildlife habitat across the West.

The map was developed using wildlife policy priorities agreed upon by state wildlife managers in the Western Governors' Wildlife Council.

This draft map is the first step in creating a user-friendly GIS tool. A public mapping tool will be online by late 2013.

Five state-specific (AZ, MT, WY, CA, WA) and one species-specific (Lesser Prairie Chicken) CHATs are already available online.

The Western Governors' CHAT

Mapping Fish and Wildlife Across the West

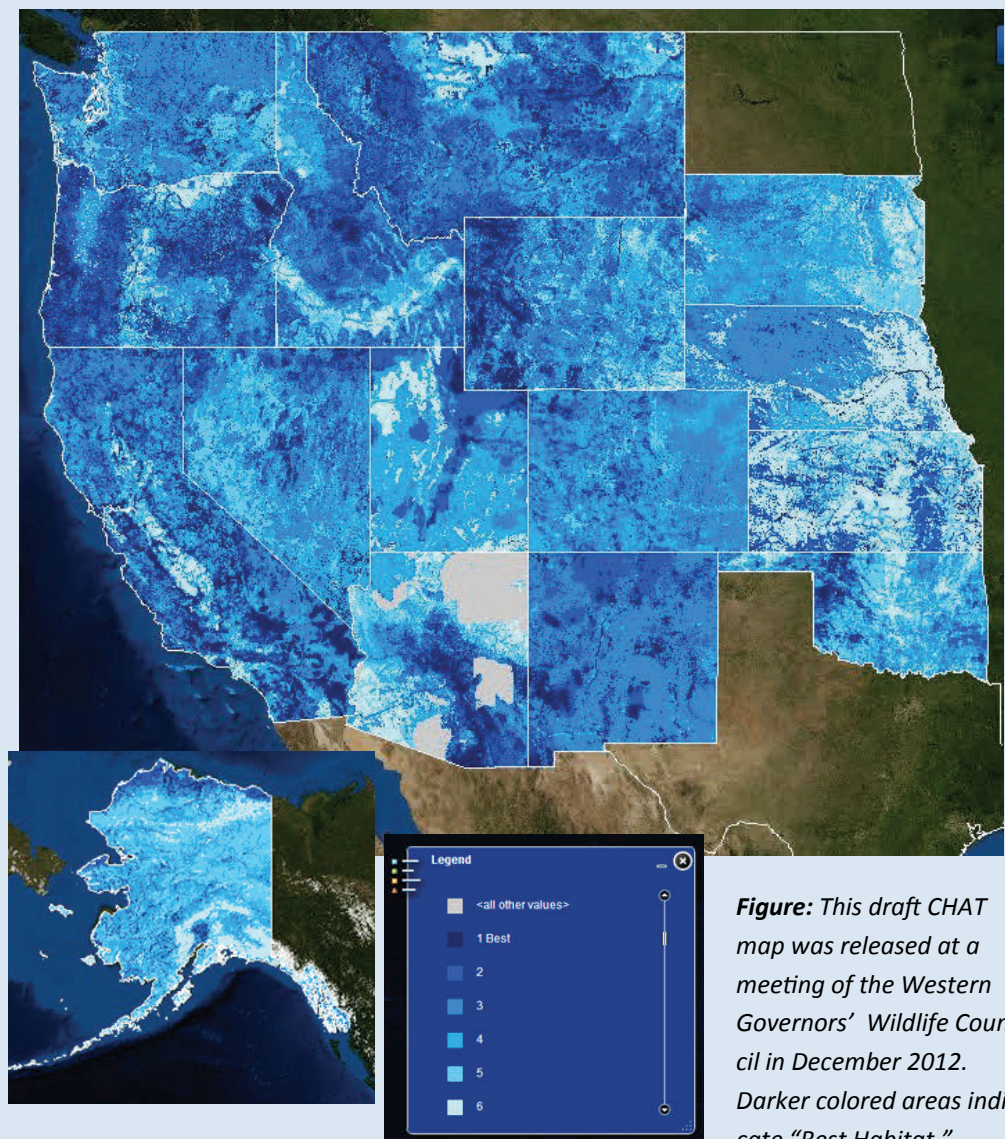


Figure: This draft CHAT map was released at a meeting of the Western Governors' Wildlife Council in December 2012. Darker colored areas indicate "Best Habitat."