



NOAA FISHERIES

The Partnership approach is:

- Locally and regionally based
- Built on collaborative effort
- Focused on habitat conservation
- Science based and action oriented
- Sustainable and accountable, providing long-term investments and results
- Voluntary and mission-driven

*The **National Fish Habitat Partnership** is a bold initiative to protect, restore, and maintain America's aquatic ecosystems.*

The Partnership's sole focus is habitat for fish. To achieve its conservation goals, it unites concerned citizens, private organizations, and public agencies at national, regional, and local levels. Using science and strategic thinking, this network has the potential to meet the broad-scale challenges facing our nation's fisheries and habitats. As a founding member, NOAA provides national and regional leadership, funding, and technical support.



Partnering increases the chance for conservation to succeed, such as in this oyster restoration activity. (Credit: S. Carolina Dept. of Natural Resources)

Benefits to Fish

- Protected and expanded high-quality aquatic habitat
- Strengthened aquatic communities, better able to adapt to changing conditions
- Restored access to historic migration and spawning territory
- Increased attention to the challenges fish and their habitats face

Benefits to NOAA

- Unprecedented opportunity to pursue proactive fish habitat conservation
- Ability to advance the mission of protecting individual species and their habitat, in a voluntary manner
- Flexibility to work at national, regional, and local levels
- Science-based products to inform management decisions



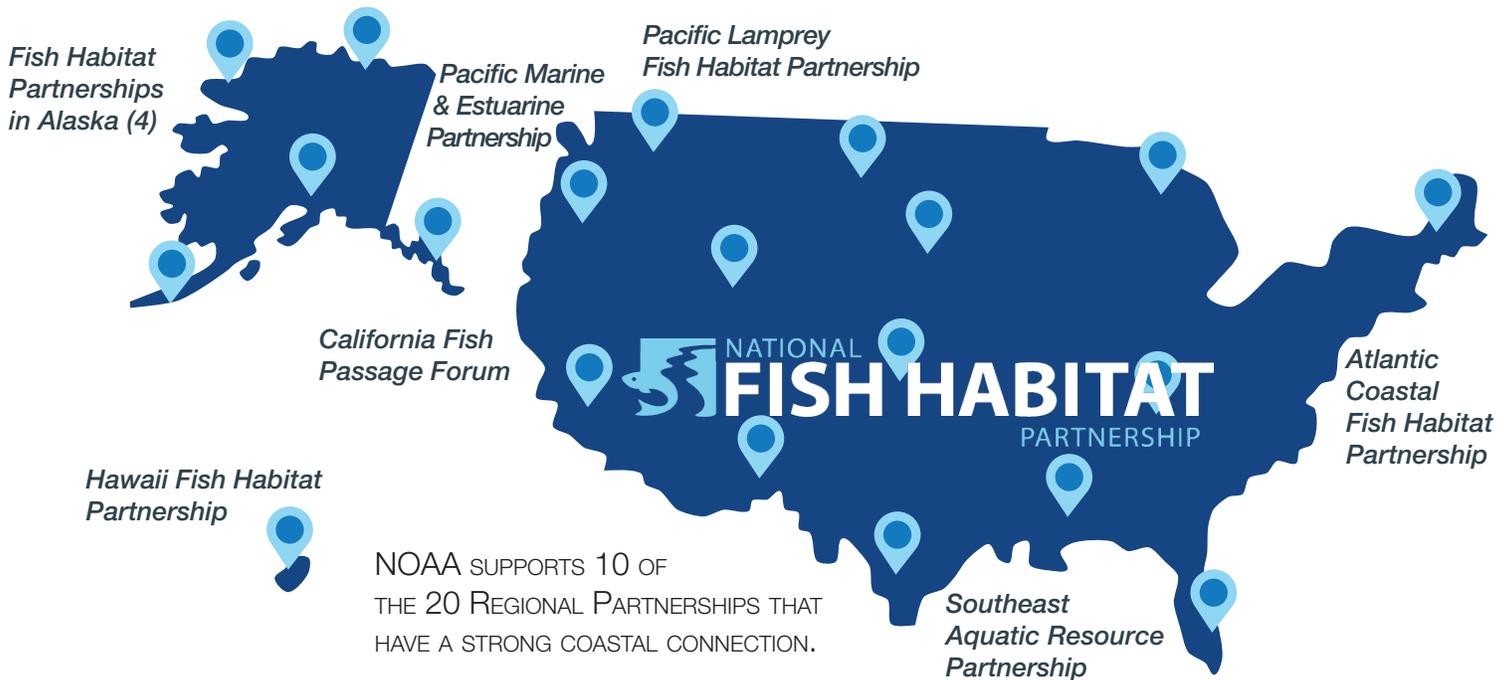
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<http://fishhabitat.org>



Fish habitat has close ties to land and people. (NOAA: R. Schwemmer)

NOAA Roles and Activities

NOAA has supported the National Fish Habitat Partnership since it began in 2006. NOAA provides funding, leadership, and in-kind technical support for coastal and marine activities that match its mission. Supported activities include habitat studies, science symposiums, restoration projects, and on-the-ground habitat protection.



Coho salmon have endangered populations and compromised habitats. (NOAA)

Why use the partnership approach?

Where problems are complex, large-scale, and cross many boundaries, finding solutions can seem overwhelming. Many minds and bodies working together, in synergy, improve chances for success. This principle applies to efforts of the National Fish Habitat Partnership. Partnering is a proven, robust method for addressing complex aquatic issues. In short, it works.



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