

COASTAL FISH HABITAT PARTNERSHIPS

Ten of the 19 nationally recognized fish habitat partnerships help to protect, restore, and enhance fish habitats in coastal marine environments through:

- Outreach to enhance understanding and support for fish habitat improvements in marine systems
- On-the-ground fish habitat restoration projects
- Scientific research
- Fish habitat assessments
- Securing, leveraging and distributing resources
- Coordinating projects at a variety of scales
- Developing decision support tools
- Sharing information



Pacific Marine and Estuarine FHP

- Protects, restores, and enhances juvenile fish habitat and connectivity among habitats in the nearshore Pacific Ocean and California, Oregon, and Washington estuaries
- Supports and promotes the protection, restoration, and enhancement of water quality and quantity to improve the function of estuarine and nearshore marine environments

Western Native Trout Initiative

- Along the Pacific Northwest coast, WNTI supports coastal cutthroat trout data collection, conservation planning and habitat enhancement projects
- In Alaska, WNTI supports native trout and char data collection, conservation planning and habitat enhancement projects, including protection and enhancement of water quality and quantity of coastal freshwater systems

Alaska Fish Habitat Partnerships

- Focuses on abundant salmon resources and the shared recognition that coastal and estuarine waters are vital for salmon and other anadromous species
- Prevents the loss of vital coastal and estuarine waters, recognizing the role these habitats play in maintaining thriving fish, healthy habitats and vibrant communities
- Shares a “ridges to reefs” approach, recognizing the intrinsic connections between freshwater and coastal habitats
- Helps foster uncommon alliances of diverse stakeholders through efforts to better steward fish habitat

California Fish Passage Forum

- Remediates barriers to effective fish migration
- Facilitates coordination and communication among entities working on fish passage
- Identifies, assesses, and prioritizes the removal of fish passage barriers
- Disseminates guidelines and design criteria for replacement of barriers

Southwest Alaska Salmon FHP
 Mat-Su Basin Salmon FHP
 Kenai Peninsula FHP
 Southeast Alaska FHP (candidate FHP)

Hawaii FHP

- Develops and implements projects to benefit native aquatic life in streams, estuaries, and nearshore marine habitats
- Reduces impacts of instream structures that pose barriers to native species migration
- Plans and supports projects that link inland and nearshore marine ecosystems to protect, restore and maintain self-sustaining aquatic communities

Atlantic Coastal FHP

- Accelerates the conservation, protection, and enhancement of habitat for native Atlantic coastal, estuarine-dependent, and diadromous fishes through partnerships
- Works from the headwaters of coastally draining rivers to the edge of the continental shelf to promote healthy fish habitats
- Produced a Species-Habitat Matrix for >100 fish species
- Funded and endorsed projects in coastal habitats from Maine through Florida

Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership

- Strengthens the management and conservation of aquatic resources in estuarine and coastal habitats (2,900 miles of coast) in the SE U.S.
- Works with other FHPs to conserve fish habitat from “whitewater to bluewater” in 27 states (Maine to Texas)
- Implements and monitors restoration projects benefitting marine and anadromous fish habitat in nine SE states
- Provides cutting edge instream flow information through the Southern Instream Flow Network (SIFN)
- Addresses threats to coastal fish, shellfish and habitats

