20 years of Community-based Restoration

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Community-based Restoration Program

- Established in 1996
- Authorized in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Reauthorization Act of 2006
- Technical Assistance + Funding
- Nationally-managed program – NOAA Fisheries Office of Habitat Conservation

Adobe Creek, CA
1996

3 projects
$123,250 CRP funds
95 volunteer hours
Community-based Restoration Program Model

- Competitive funding
- Technical assistance
  - Project identification and conceptual development
  - Project management
  - Partnership development
  - Regulatory compliance
  - Monitoring
- Partnerships
  - Leveraging funding and resources
- Catalyst
Community-based Restoration Program

- Establish cooperative agreements awards (grants), multi-year agreements
- Support the project life-cycle
- Locally-driven restoration and community engagement/stewardship

- Major restoration project types:
  - Hydrologic reconnection
  - Fish passage
  - Coral restoration
  - Shellfish restoration
Community-based Restoration Program

- 100s-100s of projects...
- Prioritization?
- Focus?
- Impact?

Restoration Projects by Strategy
- Coral
- Fish Passage
- Hydro Reconnection
- Shellfish
- Other
Focusing Habitat Efforts for Sustaining, Improving, and Rebuilding Fisheries

“Habitat protection and restoration are essential elements of a strategy for sustainable commercial and recreational fisheries... Lost or degraded habitat has direct economic consequences for commercial, recreational, and tribal fishermen.”

Focusing Habitat Efforts for Recovery and Conservation of Protected Species

“Protection and restoration of critical habitat play an important role in supporting recovery and conservation of protected species and the ecosystems upon which they depend.”
Community-based Restoration Program: Focusing Investments

Average NOAA CRP award in 2006: $33K
Average NOAA CRP award in 2015: $250K

Percentage of total CRP project funding by watershed 2012 - 2015

Percentage of total CRP project funding by watershed prior to 2012
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Tillamook Estuary Restoration

Herring River Restoration
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