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# *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**

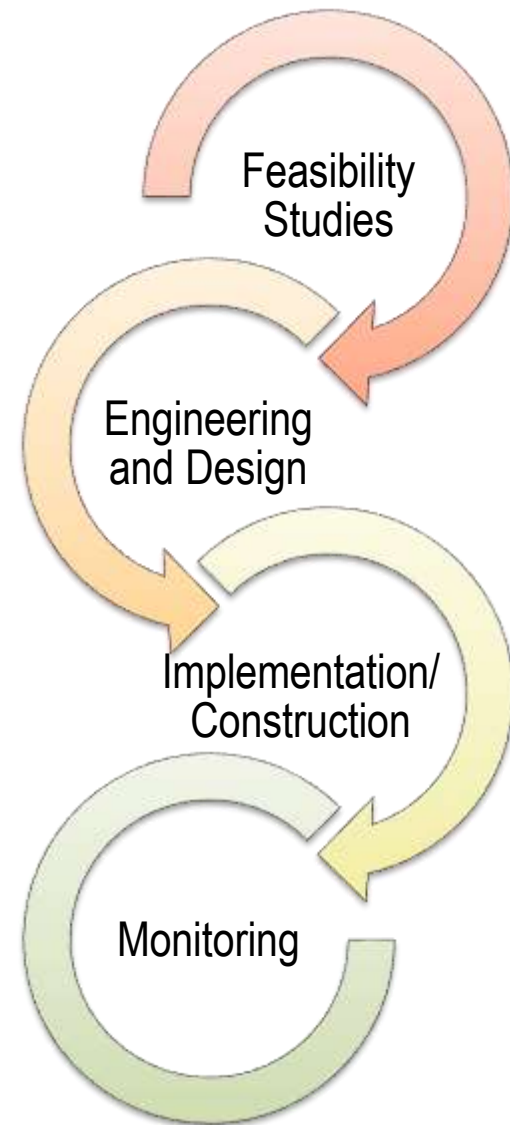
# Community-based Restoration Program Model

- 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

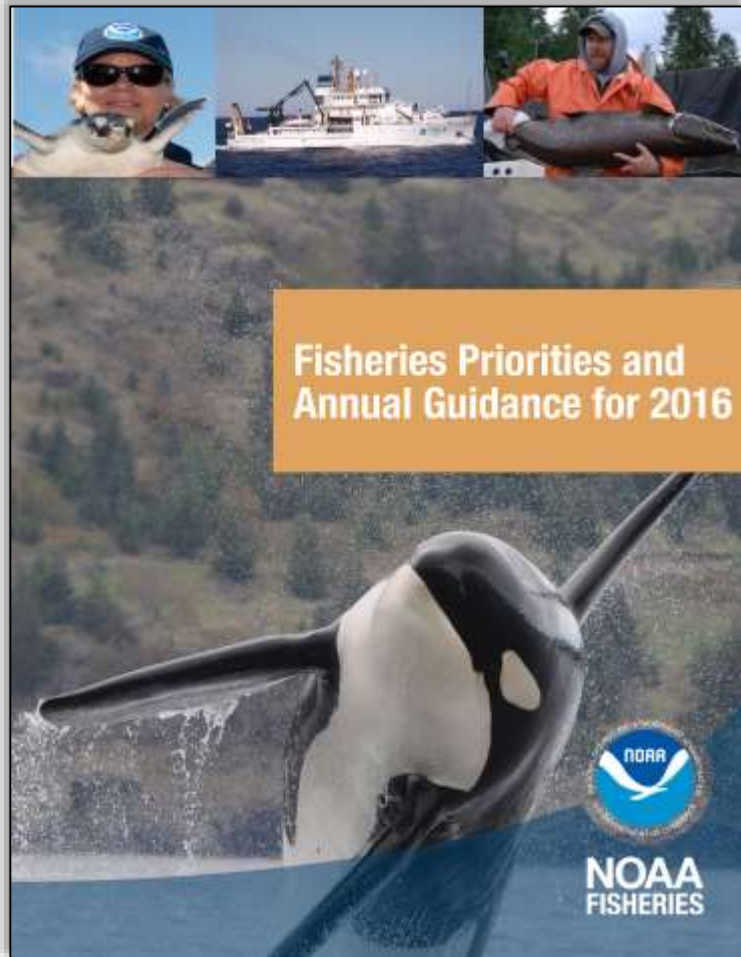


# Community-based Restoration Program

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



# NOAA Fisheries Habitat Priorities



## ***Focusing Habitat Efforts for Sustaining, Improving, and Rebuilding Fisheries***

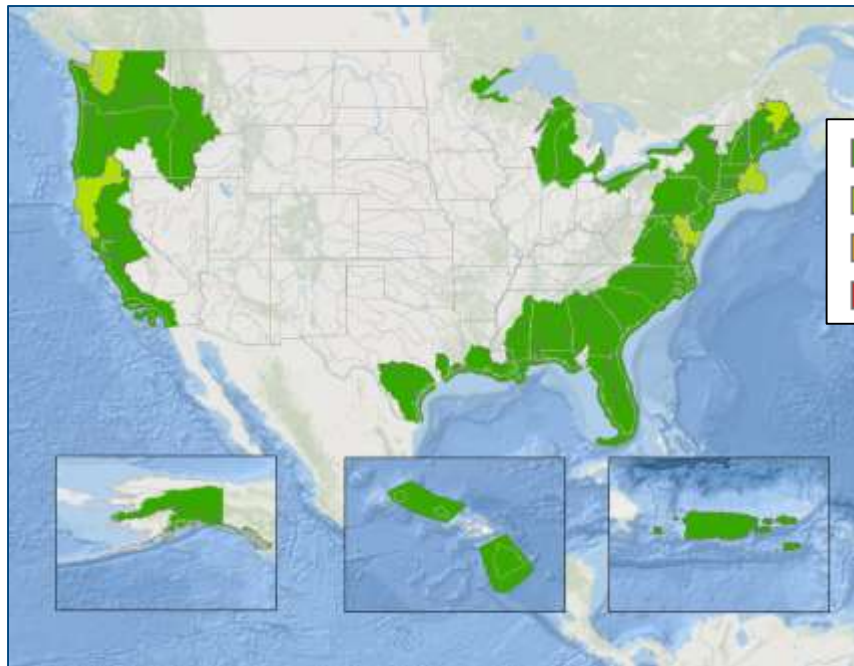
*“Habitat protection and restoration are essential elements of a strategy for sustainable commercial and recreational fisheries...”*

*Lost or degraded habitat has direct economic consequences for commercial, recreational, and tribal fishermen.”*

## ***Focusing Habitat Efforts for Recovery and Conservation of Protected Species***

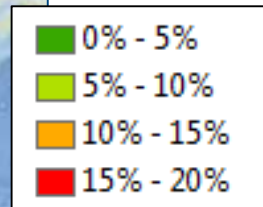
*“Protection and restoration of critical habitat play an important role in supporting recovery and conservation of protected species and the ecosystems upon which they depend.”*

# Community-based Restoration Program: Focusing Investments



Percentage of total CRP project  
funding by watershed prior to 2012

*Average NOAA  
CRP award in  
2006: \$33K*



*Average NOAA  
CRP award in  
2015: \$250K*

Percentage of total CRP project  
funding by watershed 2012 - 2015





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