

# PACIFIC COASTAL SALMON RECOVERY FUND

## SALMON BY THE NUMBERS

**28** threatened and endangered salmon species on the West Coast

**20** salmon species with sufficient monitoring data to evaluate trends

**13** are exhibiting stable trends in abundance

**5** are showing increasing trends

**2** continue to decline

## WEST COAST SALMON ARE IN TROUBLE

In the 1990s, salmon and steelhead populations along the West Coast showed alarming declines, mostly caused by environmental factors and human activities. In response, Congress established the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) in 2000 to reverse the decline of those populations.

## PCSRF IS CRITICAL TO SUCCESS

PCSRF is a competitive grant program through which the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service awards grants to Alaska, California, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington States and the tribes in those states to protect, conserve, and restore these populations.

The program has made a significant impact. In many cases, PCSRF has contributed directly to stabilizing at-risk populations and set the stage for their recovery—18 of the 20 West Coast species with enough data to evaluate are showing sustaining or increasing trends. Continued support is essential to prevent the extinction of these species and return them to healthy, sustainable levels.

## WHY IS THIS A FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITY?

- PCSRF plays a vital role in helping the federal government meet its obligations to tribal treaty fishing rights and subsistence fishing traditions.
- Recovery is needed to support interstate and international fisheries. Weak stocks, especially in Puget Sound, negatively affect fisheries in Alaska and Canada.
- Recovery is required under the federal Endangered Species Act.

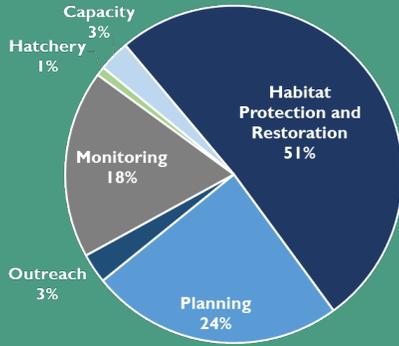
## PCSRF LEVERAGES OTHER FUNDING

PCSRF is a critical anchor for funding that attracts additional state and local dollars, which match the grants.

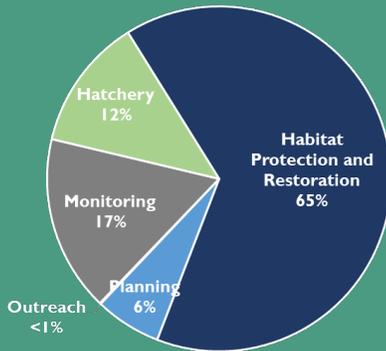
- \$75 million on average awarded annually by PCSRF since 2000.
- \$1.6 billion in contributions from state and local partners.
- \$1.23 in local and state dollars is leveraged for every \$1 in PCSRF funding.



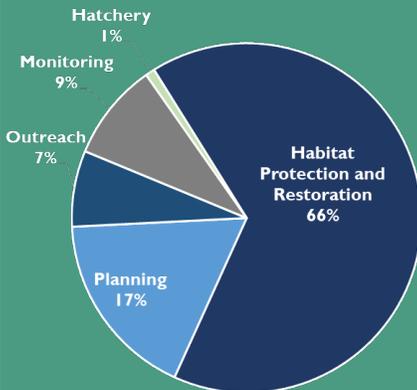
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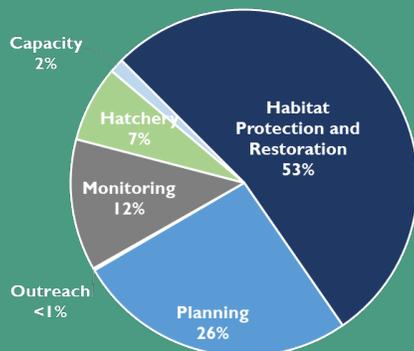
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## OREGON



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## HOW THE MONEY IS SPENT

Projects have restored salmon habitat, removed barriers to fish passage, and improved water quality. In addition, funding is spent to monitor and track progress of restoration investments.

The majority of PCSRF funding has gone to projects on-the-ground. Collectively, more than 13,200 projects have been implemented to-date.



**RESTORING SALMON HABITAT**



**IMPROVING FISH PASSAGE**



**IMPROVING WATER QUALITY**



**MONITORING**

## PCSRF SUPPORTS BUSINESS AND THE FISHING INDUSTRY

**16.3** local jobs supported for every \$1 million invested in salmon habitat restoration

**33,000** jobs in commercial and recreational fishing in Oregon and Washington alone



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Man holding fish photograph (right) courtesy of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

## SALMON RECOVERY PROVIDES MANY BENEFITS

Restoring salmon and steelhead populations on the West Coast provides additional benefits.

### Economic Benefits

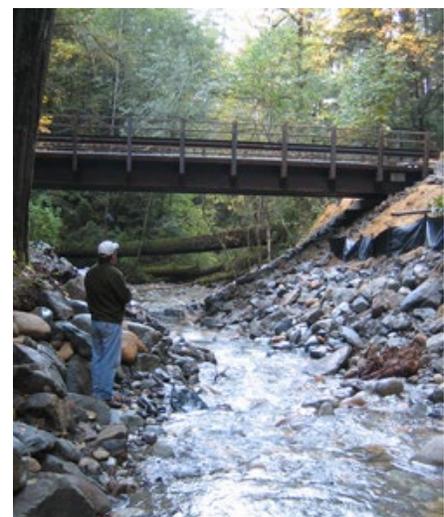
- Commercial and recreational fishing are estimated to support thousands of jobs, many of which are in rural areas. In addition, every \$1 million invested in restoration projects generates \$2.2 million to \$2.5 million in economic activity.

### Environmental Benefits

- Restoration activities reconnect floodplains, reducing flood risk for communities.
- Restoring rivers for salmon improves water quality, ensuring clean and reliably available water for drinking, irrigation, and recreation.
- Restoring natural habitats, such as forests and estuaries, creates more places that absorb carbon, offer refuge for wildlife, and provide economic opportunities for rural communities.
- Restoring habitats for salmon also provides outdoor places for recreation, such as swimming, fishing, and boating, and for educational opportunities.
- Recovering salmon helps to balance the food web, sustaining many species that depend on salmon, such as bears, eagles, and orcas.

### Infrastructure Benefits

- In many cases, salmon restoration projects improve or repair roads, bridges, culverts, dikes, and other community infrastructure.



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT BY THE NUMBERS\*

**1,432** Nonprofits, fish enhancement groups, watershed councils, soil and water conservation districts receiving grants

**692** Local governments receiving grants

**353** State and federal agencies receiving grants

**312** Businesses receiving grants

**90** Tribes receiving grants

**44** Schools and universities receiving grants

**1,078,853** Volunteer hours

\*Statistics for California, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington only

## WORKING SMART

Projects are prioritized with rigorous technical and cost review, and significant local and state cost-sharing.



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