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Coastal Program

The Coastal Program Approach:

Partner with coastal communities to improve the health of their watersheds for fish, wildlife and people;

Identify, evaluate and map important habitat and provides technical assistance;

Assess the health of coastal habitats and the wildlife resources dependent upon them;

Restore habitat.

As Americans flock to the coasts to enjoy their beauty, recreational and economic opportunities, communities and resource managers face the challenge of integrating economic development with conservation of coastal resources. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Coastal Program helps communities meet this challenge.

PROJECT EXAMPLES:

Alaska - provided technical assistance to the Taiya Inlet Watershed Council by identifying impaired habitat and fish passage obstructions in areas supporting chum, pink, and coho salmon.

California - restored freshwater and estuarine stream habitat used by coho salmon and steelhead along Rocky Gulch, which enters into Humboldt Bay.

Chesapeake Bay - planted native hardwood tree seedlings on the Delmarva Peninsula to restore 43 acres of uplands and wetlands.

Great Lakes - eradicated invasive plants, such as baby's breath, spotted knapweed and garlic mustard, to support dune restoration on the coast of lake Michigan.

Oregon - worked with the Lower Nehalem Watershed Council, Weyerhaeuser Company, Longview Fibre Company and a private landowner to clear weeds and plan native vegetation along to banks of the Lewis and Clark River.

Texas - converted abandoned agricultural fields into marsh to provide foraging and resting areas for wintering waterfowl and wading and shore birds.

COASTAL PROGRAM'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

From 1994-2005

Restored-

- 125,830 acres of coastal wetlands
- 31,849 acres of coastal uplands
- 1,297 miles of coastal streamside habitat

Protected-

- 1.71 million acres of coastal habitat

In FY 2005

- 236 partnership agreement

Restored-

- 13,830 acres of coastal wetlands
- 5,749 acres of coastal uplands
- 179 miles of streamside habitat
- 22 fish barriers removed

Protected-

- 70,138 acres of coastal wetlands
- 309,206 acres of coastal uplands.



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