



# The Pacific Marine and Estuarine Partnership

## Background

The Pacific Marine and Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership (PMEP) is one of 19 nationally recognized partnerships that seek to advance regional and national goals relating to juvenile fish habitat. The goal of PMEP is to support healthy native fish populations in functional, resilient estuarine and nearshore marine

ecosystems in California, Oregon, and Washington.

The Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office participates on the Science and Data committee of PMEP, and provides the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Pacific Southwest region's representative to the partnership.

conservation funding to support on-the-ground work.

PMEP priorities include the following:

- Tidal wetland, intertidal, subtidal, and nearshore connectivity
- Water quality and quantity in estuaries and nearshore marine environments
- Juvenile fish habitat in nearshore marine and estuarine habitats



## Program Priorities

PMEP produces comprehensive assessment reports on the state of the knowledge of estuarine and nearshore fish habitats. In many cases, the group has gathered and synthesized existing data into a singular consensus scheme in order to allow for comparisons across a region or regions. Habitat managers need better information about fish use and habitat conditions within these systems in order to make informed decisions. The partnership also compiles datasets to inform conservation and restoration actions for estuarine and nearshore fish habitat. Additionally, PMEP provides targeted restoration and

## Accomplishments

- Supporting juvenile fish habitat research
- Establishment of habitat priorities
- Determination of baseline conditions for juvenile fish habitat on the West coast
- Sharing of regional databases
- Providing a regional organization for coordination and collaboration of efforts
- Identifying and leveraging traditional and non-traditional funding sources
- Supporting on-the-ground projects and research based on outcomes

## For More Information

Pacific Marine and Estuarine Partnership:

<http://www.pacificfishhabitat.org/>

Geographic scope of the partnership. Credit: PMEP



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