

# Natural Resource Damage Assessment & Restoration Program

Fish, wildlife, and other natural resources can be injured when oil or hazardous substances spill or are released into the environment.

We - along with other federal, state, and tribal partners - act as a trustee for natural resources in Natural Resource Damage Assessment claims against the responsible parties.

Trustees work to identify the natural resources injured, determine the extent of the injuries, recover damages from those responsible, and plan and carry out restoration activities to offset the injuries.



## Fiscal Year 2018 Highlights



**\$18.1 M**  
put on the ground by the Service to restore wildlife and habitat

**292**  
active assessment and restoration cases



**\$102.8 M**  
put on the ground by co-trustees to restore wildlife and habitat

**1,982** acres and  
**137** shoreline miles restored



**48,567**  
acres of habitat newly managed or protected

**74 restoration projects completed in 2018 directly benefited wildlife.**  
Of those:

**60** benefited migratory birds



**31** benefited endangered and threatened species



**28** benefited interjurisdictional fishes



**6** benefited marine mammals



## Benefits extend beyond wildlife...

The primary benefit of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program is that injured natural resources can be restored at no cost to taxpayers. Instead, the responsible parties pay for the restoration.

This program allows all Americans to enjoy access to healthy rivers and lands that are once again teeming with wildlife and safe for recreation.



**49 miles of waterways & 5,652 acres restored for public recreational opportunities**

