

FISHERIES FOR VETERANS PROJECT

“Using Public Lands to Revitalize America’s Heroes and Communities”



MISSION

- The *Fisheries for Veterans Project* (F4V.ORG) is an innovative partnership between FishingCommunity.Org (FCO) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that works with local communities to help design, develop and conduct activities connecting veterans and their families, communities, government programs, and non-profit organizations.
- We help provide relevance to public and agency needs by using fishing, water and public lands resources as a tool to encourage social networking and mentoring that emphasizes health and life cycle management in an era of high stress and an increasingly chaotic world.

SERVICE VALUE

- The *Fisheries for Veterans Project* provides community-based activities and outcomes that result in increased social morale and well-being and increase aquatic resource connections, relevancy and intrinsic values of public lands.
- We also provide educational and job skills knowledge and experience though structured on the ground activities that involve and connect public with land management habitat restoration activities.
- We do not repeat what others are already doing. But we do want to help them do it better and use the combined strength of others to achieve our shared outcomes. Ultimately, the partnership envisions serving not just veterans but all community members that can benefit from activities.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Liaison and event coordination with veteran service organizations, local communities and businesses, professional fishermen, non-profit groups, Department of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and federal and state agencies.
- Conduct fishing events, including family fishing days and fishing tournaments, fishing instruction and educational activities.
- Provide outreach and educational support from professional fishermen, aquatic biologists and land management professionals.
- Facilitate on-the-ground fish habitat and water improvement activities.
- Provide fundraising and volunteer coordination assistance.

ABOUT US

PUBLIC SERVICE: The *Fisheries for Veterans Project* works to demonstrate that America's public lands and fishing and water resources provide: 1) recreational and social opportunities to fish; 2) educational and on the ground job training opportunities in land resource management; and 3) rejuvenation, rehabilitation, and healing capacities for person, families and communities.

COMMUNITY BASED: The *Fisheries for Veterans Project* works with local communities to help design, develop and conduct events such as family fishing days, fishing derbies, educational activities and on the ground habitat restoration activities. These events support self-sustaining local community efforts to provide unique, enriching and stress-free fishing environments where wounded, injured, and ill heroes, their families, and communities connect. These events also provide opportunities to learn and get involved in the management of public fisheries and water resource management while fishing, receiving fishing instruction, interacting and working with professionals, and having fun!

NATIONWIDE: The *Fisheries for Veterans Project* operates in support of all public lands aquatic resources regardless of federal or state ownership. We support local proponents and government agency offices to help develop, facilitate and promote fishing-related community connections and activities by bringing together wounded, injured, or ill veterans, public lands, local communities, families and youth in new ways under local direction and guidance.

FISHINGCOMMUNITY.ORG uniquely enhances and complements federal and state government fisheries programs by filling social gaps and providing communication and coordination between organizations, charities, and already established and existing veteran support programs offered through other government programs and agencies.

INCLUSIVE TO ALL: All *Fisheries for Veterans Project* activities are free of charge and open to all veterans, all veteran family members, of any disability, of any service campaign. We rely on the financial support and contributions from others to keep it that way. We invite participation by any organization or anyone who wants to help make a difference.



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