



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Program

The Coastal Program

works with communities to voluntarily protect and restore coastal areas that benefit fish, wildlife, and people.

We provide federal funding and expertise to landowners and communities for projects that increase natural disaster protection and outdoor recreation, including hunting and fishing, and support fish and wildlife as well as local businesses and jobs.

The Coastal Program is authorized by the Coastal Habitat Conservation Act (Pub. L. 118-138).



Our Mission

to achieve voluntary habitat conservation by providing technical and financial assistance, in collaboration with partners, for the benefit of federal trust species.

Since 1985, we have worked with landowners and communities to:



PROTECT
2,600,000+
acres of habitat



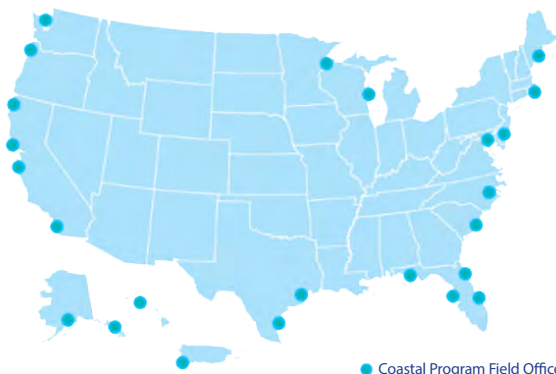
RESTORE
677,000+
acres of habitat



CONSERVE
3,100+
miles of stream



DELIST/DOWNLIST
17
federally-protected species



● Coastal Program Field Offices

SERVING
8,800+
partners and communities



SUPPORTING
2,700 BUSINESSES
& 4,100 JOBS annually

The Coastal Program works with communities around the nation to implement projects private and public lands that deliver tangible benefits for Administration and local priorities.

GENERATING
\$5 FOR EACH \$1
of federal dollars invested
in the Coastal Program



Coastal Conservation Key to a Thriving Economy and Healthy Communities

America's coastal areas are critically important to our Nation's economy, agriculture and energy security, and public safety.



U.S. COASTS ARE HOME TO

39%

of the U.S. population¹

75%

of the commercial fish harvest²

31%

of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
National Wildlife Refuges³

U.S. COASTS GENERATE

\$10 trillion

in goods and services annually⁴

54.6 million

jobs⁴

\$5.5 billion

in commercial fish and shellfish
harvests annually⁵

\$4 trillion

in job wages annually⁴

\$23 billion

in storm protection annually²

\$207 billion

in the tourism and recreational
industry annually⁷

1. NOAA Office for Coastal Management: National Coastal Population Report: Population Trends from 1970 to 2020. (<https://gofish/noaapopulation>)

2. NOAA Fisheries: Habitat Conservation Infographics. (<https://gofish/noaainfographics>)

3. USFWS: 181 Coastal National Wildlife Refuges and 573 National Wildlife Refuges (2026)

4. NOAA Office for Coastal Management: Economics and Demographics. (<https://gofish/noaaeconomics>)

5. NOAA Fisheries: Fisheries One Stop Shop Public Data. (<https://gofish/noaafoss>)

6. NOAA Office for Coastal Management: Tourism and Recreation. (<https://gofish/noaatourism>)