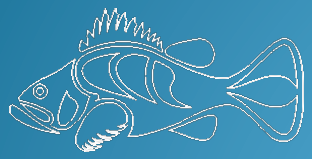
Pacific Marine & Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership

NFHP Meeting

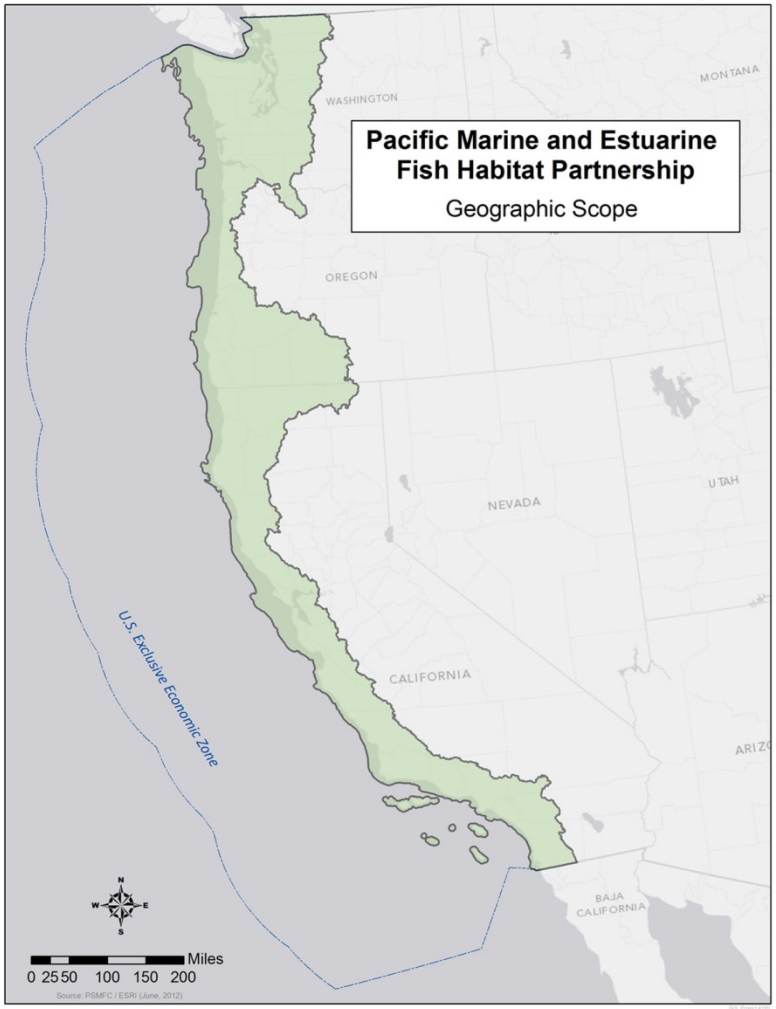
October 16-17, 2012
Big Cedar Lodge, Missouri



Mission

- Work with partners to protect, enhance, and restore ecological processes and habitats within estuaries and nearshore marine environments to sustain healthy native fish communities and support sustainable human uses that depend on healthy fish populations.

Geographic Scope



All marine and estuarine tidal and subtidal waters of the states of California, Oregon, and Washington, from the 200-meter depth of the marine region landward to the high tide line, including the upstream extent of saltwater intrusion into coastal river systems (defined as upstream and landward to where ocean-derived salts measure less than 0.5 parts per thousand during the period of average annual low flow) – includes adjacent shorelands and marine riparian areas that provide inputs to these waters

Priorities

Protect, restore, and enhance:

- juvenile fish habitat in nearshore marine and estuary habitats;
- tidal wetland-intertidal-subtidal-nearshore connectivity; and
- water quality and quantity in estuaries and nearshore marine environments.

Signatories/Partners

- NOAA Fisheries - NMFS Southwest Region
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- USFWS Region 1
- Pacific Coast Joint Venture
- Ducks Unlimited
- The Nature Conservancy
- CA Department of Fish and Game
- OR Department of Fish and Wildlife
- South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve
- WA Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Washington Department of Ecology
- Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
- Yurok Tribal Fisheries Program
- Makah Tribe
- US Forest Service

Progress in 2012

- Planning – Completed strategic framework
- Communication/Coordination
  - Launched new website in September 2012
  - Convened CFPF and California and North Pacific Landscape Conservation Cooperatives
  - Presentations/posters:
    - Pacific Coast Joint Venture meeting (Tacoma, WA)
    - Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission meeting (San Francisco, CA)
    - American Fisheries Society meeting (Vancouver, BC)
- Grants (applied for $1,816,764)
  - Climate and Societal Interactions Grant: Estuary conservation strategies in the face of sea level rise on the Pacific coast: what's the biggest bang for the buck? ($150K)
  - Landscape Conservation Cooperative: Monetary costs of protection, restoration, and enhancement in Pacific Coast estuaries: Making strategic investments to "move the needle." ($165,329)
  - Multi-State Conservation Grant Pre-proposal: Setting restoration and protection priorities for juvenile fish and shellfish nursery habitats in Pacific coast estuary and nearshore environments. ($476,435)
  - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Monetary costs of protection, restoration, and enhancement across the Pacific Coast: what's the biggest bang for the buck? ($25K)
  - NOAA – Community Restoration - $1 million for coastal habitat restoration and assessment work