

CDFW awards \$10.7M for habitat restoration projects

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The California Department of Fish and Wildlife recently announced the selection of 27 projects that will receive funding for the restoration, enhancement and protection of anadromous salmonid habitat in California watersheds.

The grants, which total \$10.7 million, were awarded through CDFW's Fisheries Restoration Grant Program. Established in 1981, FRGP has included funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund since 2000. The federal fund was established by Congress in 2000 to reverse the declines of Pacific salmon and steelhead throughout California, Oregon, Washington Idaho and Alaska.

"The ongoing momentum to restore California's habitat for these historic species hasn't stopped as we face a global pandemic and devastating wildfires," CDFW Director Charlton H. Bonham said. "Awarding these projects highlights the resilience, passion and vision for salmon recovery by our state's restoration community, for which we are grateful."

In response to the 2020 Fisheries Habitat Restoration Grant Solicitation, CDFW received 80 proposals requesting more than \$40.6 million in funding. As part of the competitive grant program, proposals underwent a rigorous technical review by CDFW and NOAA scientists.

The 27 approved projects will further the objectives of state and federal fisheries recovery plans, including removing barriers to fish migration, restoring riparian habitat, monitoring of listed populations, and creating a more resilient and sustainably managed water resources system (e.g., water supply, water quality and habitat) that can better withstand drought conditions. These projects further the goals of California's Water Action Plan and CDFW's State Wildlife Action Plan, as well as addressing limiting factors specified in state and federal recovery plans.