



NOAA FISHERIES

Habitat Conservation

Protect. Conserve. Restore.

NOAA works to protect and restore marine and coastal habitat to sustain fisheries, recover protected species, and maintain resilient coastal ecosystems and communities.



Benefits of Healthy Habitat



75%

of our nation's commercial fish catch comes from coastal and estuary habitat.

More than **180 million** people visit beaches and other coastal habitat every year, and coastal recreation and tourism generate \$8 to \$12 billion annually.



Coral reefs protect shorelines by reducing wave energy by **97%**

In the United States in 2016, approximately 9.8 million saltwater anglers supported 472,020 jobs and generated nearly **\$68 billion** in sales impacts.



Our Work

Healthy habitat—like wetlands, rivers, oyster and coral reefs—support fish and wildlife, clean water, and recreation.



Habitat restoration supports an average of 15 jobs per **\$1 million** invested.

146,216 acres of habitat restored by NOAA since 1991.



\$625 million in property damages were prevented by coastal wetlands during Hurricane Sandy.

