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# NOAA's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Updates to the National Fish Habitat Partnership Board

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# Overview of NOAA & IIJA

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides roughly \$3 billion for NOAA over 5 years through 18 provisions across several NOAA offices
- Several provisions focus on habitat and funding will be available through competitive grant programs for habitat conservation and coastal resilience efforts
- Unprecedented opportunity all of us to make an impact for habitat across the country through multiple funding opportunities



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# Building Upon Existing Programs

- NOAA's Community-based Restoration - Large-scale habitat restoration through competitive grant programs
- National habitat restoration program:
  - Recover and sustain fisheries - includes removing dams
  - Endangered or threatened species under ESA
- On-the-ground technical assistance working with partners
- National Hydropower Program
  - Improving fish passage at FERC-licensed dams



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# Provision: Habitat Restoration

- Lead: NOAA Fisheries' Office of Habitat Conservation
- Competitive grant program for restoring marine, estuarine, coastal, or Great Lakes ecosystem habitats, or constructing or protecting ecological features that protect coastal communities from flooding or coastal storms
- \$491M over 5 years



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# Provision: Fish Passage

- Lead: NOAA Fisheries' Office of Habitat Conservation
- Competitive grant program for restoring fish passage by removing in-stream barriers
- 15 percent shall be reserved for federally recognized Indian Tribes or partnerships of Indian Tribes
- OHC will implement through **2** competitive grant processes – One for tribes only
- \$400M over 5 years



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# Provision: Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery

- Lead: NOAA Fisheries' West Coast Region
- Support state and tribal programs for West Coast salmon and steelhead restoration and conservation by allocating Federal funding through the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund
- Competitive grants to states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, California, and Alaska, and federally recognized Tribes of the Columbia River and Pacific Coast (including Alaska)
- \$172M over 5 years



# Provision: National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund Grant Program

- Lead: NOAA's Office of Coastal Management
- NOAA partnership with National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for the National Coastal Resilience Fund to run a competitive grant program
- Restore, increase, and strengthen natural infrastructure to protect communities while also enhancing habitats for fish and wildlife
- \$492M over 5 years



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# Provision: Habitat Restoration Coastal Zone Management Program

- Lead: NOAA's Office of Coastal Management (CZMA)
- Protect and restore ecologically significant habitats, including conserving lands that help communities become more resilient to natural hazards
- To state Coastal Zone Management Programs
- \$207M over 5 years



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# Provision: Habitat Restoration National Estuarine Research Reserves

- Lead: NOAA's Office of Coastal Management (NERRS)
- Protect and restore ecologically significant habitats, including conserving lands that help communities become more resilient to natural hazards
- To National Estuarine Research Reserves
- \$77M over 5 years



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# Input from Tribes

- NOAA-level coordinated early tribal input for 3 provisions: Fish Passage, PCSRF, and Regional Ocean Partnerships
- Federally recognized tribes and Alaska Native Corporations
- Two upcoming engagement sessions for tribes only:
  - Written comments: [infrastructure.tribal@noaa.gov](mailto:infrastructure.tribal@noaa.gov) (due March 22)

