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NOAA Fisheries Updates

Increasing Recreational Fisheries Engagement
through the FHPs
&
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law / Inflation
Reduction Act Funding Opportunities

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- Goal:** enhance collaboration with recreational, subsistence, cultural, and non-commercial fishing communities and to protect and restore habitat.

FY	Total NOAA Support	# projects	FHPs Supported
FY19	>\$120,000	3	SARP, ACFHP, Kenai
FY20	~\$170,000	4	SEAKFHP, WNTI, PMEP, ACFHP
FY21	~\$250,000	4	SARP, ACFHP, PMEP, WNTI
FY22	~\$150,000	3	Hawaii, SEAKFHP, SARP

FY24 NFHP Projects Selected for Funding



Atlantic Coastal Fish
Habitat Partnership (FL)



Hawaii Fish Habitat Partnership (HI)



Kenai Peninsula Fish
Habitat & Mat/Su Salmon Habitat
Partnerships (AK)



Southeast Alaska Fish
Habitat Partnership (AK)



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Update on Office of Habitat Competitive Funding Opportunities

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law & Inflation Reduction Act

30+ Years of Habitat Restoration

- NOAA has a long history supporting our partners' habitat restoration efforts through funding opportunities and expert technical assistance
- New and unprecedented opportunities to bring that expertise to transformational projects that make an impact for coastal communities and ecosystems



Additional Resources - Habitat Restoration and Fish Passage

- Approximately **\$891 million** over 5 years for habitat restoration:
 - **\$491 million** over 5 years for habitat restoration and resilience
 - **\$400 million** over 5 years for fish passage, with up to 15 percent reserved for Indian tribes
- Additional **\$484M** of Inflation Reduction Act funding
- Opportunity to make a difference for fisheries, endangered species, and coastal ecosystems



Competitive Funding Opportunities

- Four Competitions:
 - Fish Passage
 - Tribal Fish Passage
 - Transformational Habitat Restoration
 - Habitat Restoration for Underserved Communities
- Demand for first year competitions was very high, \$1.7B



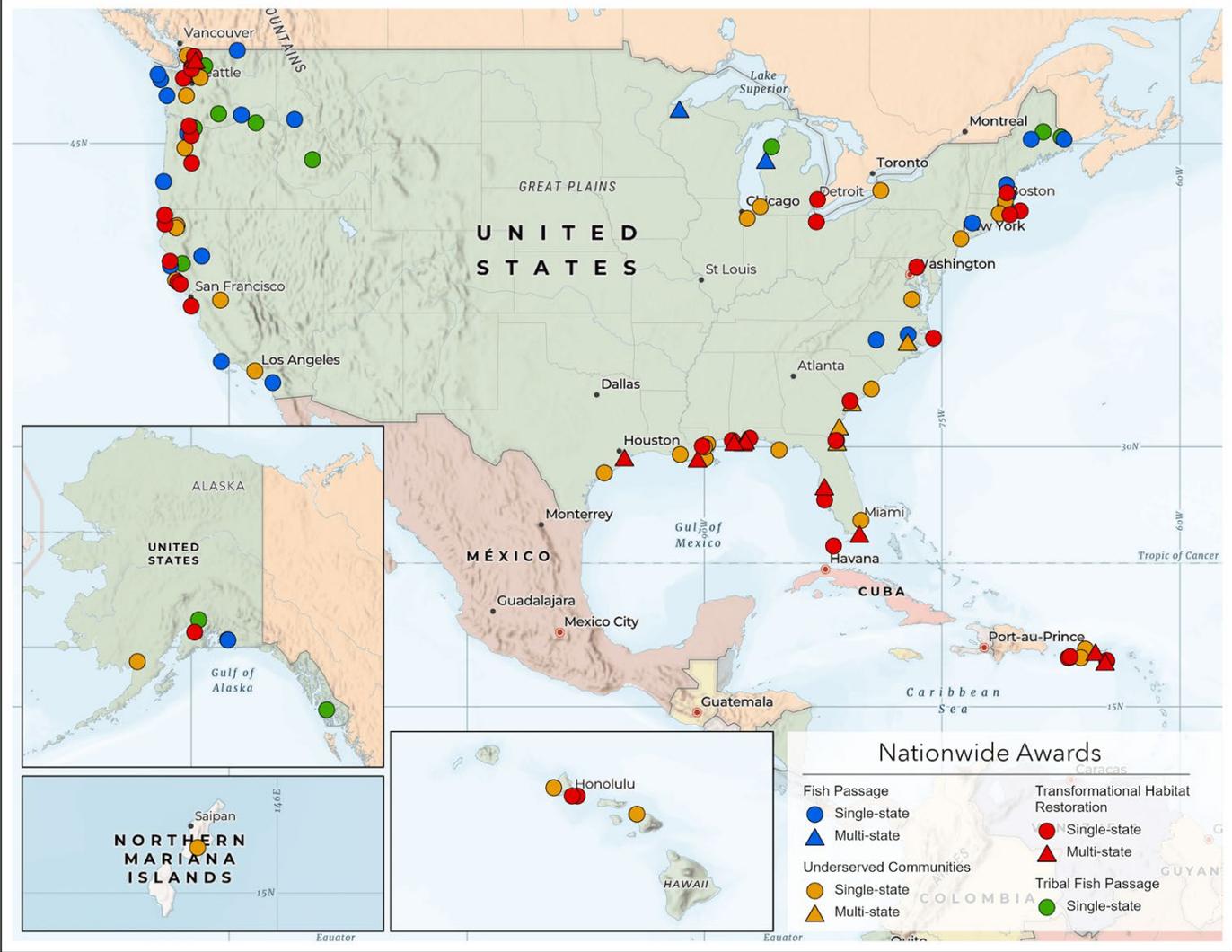
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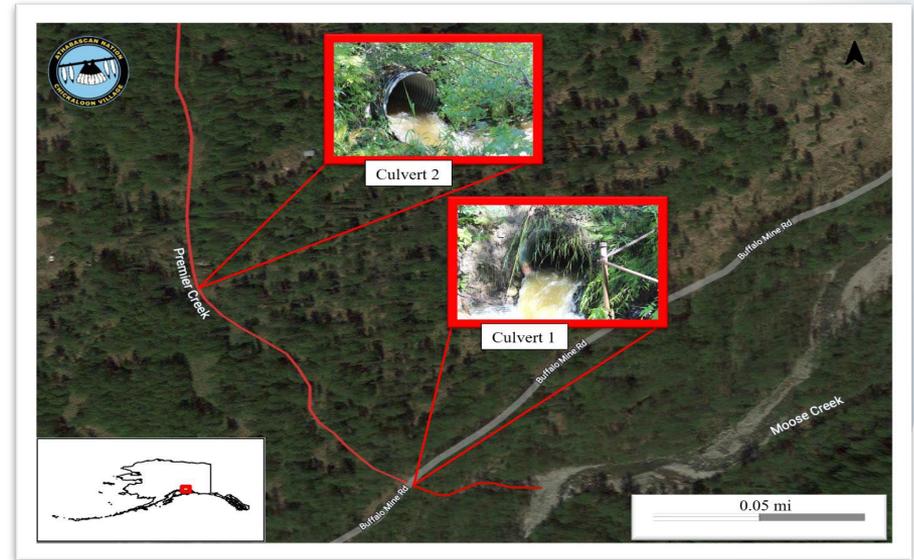
Our Projects!

- 109 Awards
- \$480M



NFHP Project Funded by BIL

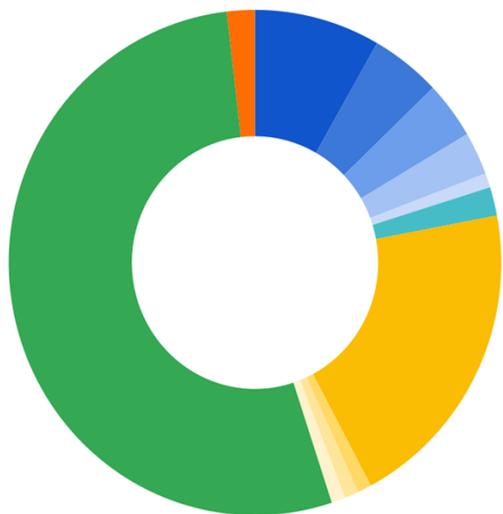
- \$1.9M - Chickaloon Village Traditional Council Tribal Fish Passage Project
- Chickaloon Tribe is an active member of the Mat-Su Salmon Habitat Partnership
- The project will:
 - Remove fish passage barriers within traditional ancestral lands
 - Increase the capacity of tribal staff members to work fish passage
 - Facilitate a Mat-Su fish Passage Working Group - a committee under the Mat-Su Salmon Habitat Partnership.



Expanding Partnerships

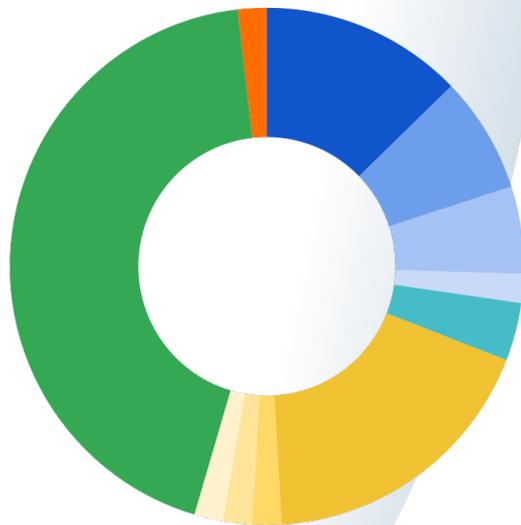
- 88 Awardees across diverse sectors
- Over 50% are new grantees to NOAA Fisheries

Percent of Awards by Applicant Type



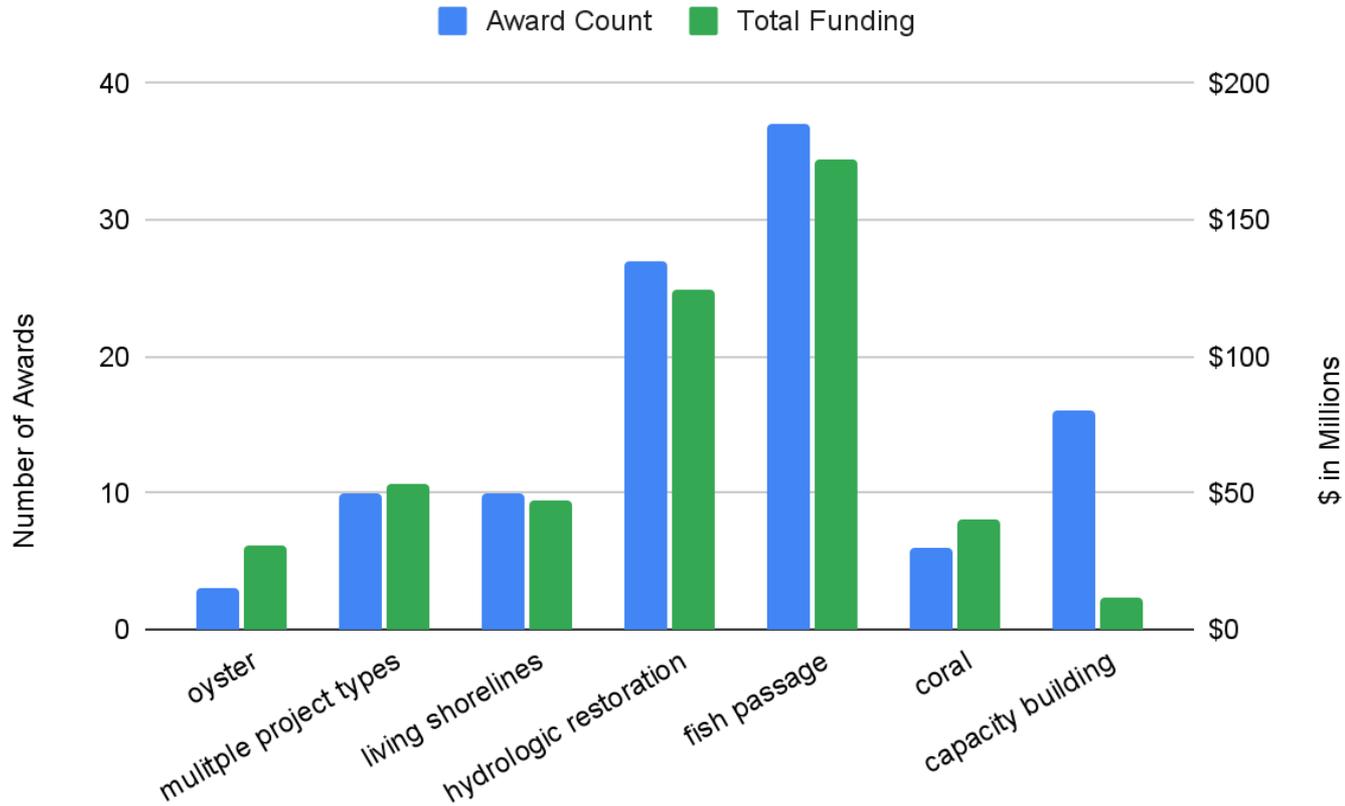
- City or Township Government
- State Government
- County Government
- Special District Government
- U.S. Territory
- Regional Organization
- Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized)
- Indian/Native Tribal Government
- Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organization
- Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions
- Nonprofit
- Institution of Higher Education

Number of New Grantees by Applicant Type



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Types of Habitat Restoration Projects Funded



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Underserved Communities Projects

- Ensure underserved communities are integral to projects that affect them and provide capacity to more fully participate in habitat restoration
- Nearly 90% of the partners new to NOAA Fisheries
- Applicants were asked to self identify
- Project categories --
 - On the ground restoration
 - Training programs to break down barriers for careers in restoration
 - Facilitating community participation in visioning efforts
 - Creating plans for future large scale habitat restoration



What's Next? Let's Get Ready for Round 2!

- Continued Technical Assistance for our partners
 - Working together on selected projects
 - Working together on project ideas for our 4 competitions and other competitions
- Gathering lessons learned as we embark on the next round
 - Staggered release and longer application times
 - More clarity around 'meaningful engagement' and 'capacity building'





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Thank You!

