



# NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

## FY 2011 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requests \$992.4M in FY 2011, reflecting a \$15.8M decrease from the FY 2010 Enacted. This budget request supports NOAA and the Department of Commerce's efforts to conserve, protect, and manage living marine resources in a way that ensures their continuation as functioning components of marine ecosystems, affords economic opportunities, and enhances the quality of life for the American public. This includes meeting the high performance goal to reduce the number of stocks subject to overfishing to zero by the end of 2011.

**Protected Species Research and Management-Environmental Consultations +\$3.0M:** NMFS will improve the capacity to deliver scientifically sound and legally defensible Endangered Species Act consultations and enhance conservation of listed species by other federal action agencies.

**Species Recovery Grants +\$9.6M:** NMFS will conduct cooperative conservation and recovery implementation with states and tribes assisting protected species recovery. Partnerships through NMFS will implement priority recovery actions for listed species including restoring habitat; monitoring population trends of listed species; partnering with other states and tribes to conduct cross-jurisdictional conservation actions; developing conservation plans to address incidental take of listed species; and educating the public about conservation of ESA listed species.

**Pacific Salmon +\$3.7M:** To support CALFED Water Operations Oversight and Coordination activities, NOAA will expedite permitting associated with projects discussed in the Operations Criteria Plan Biological Opinion for the California Bay-Delta. Additionally, NOAA will improve Pacific salmon science, including accelerating the development of genetic stock indicators, to better focus restoration efforts and provide new opportunities to target commercial fishing on strong salmon populations.

**National Catch Share Program +\$36.6M:** Rebuilding our Nation's fisheries is essential to preserving the livelihood of fisherman, the vibrancy of our coastal communities, the sustainability of a healthy seafood supply, and restoring ocean ecosystems to a healthy state. NOAA will develop, implement, and ensure the operations of catch share programs throughout the Nation. This will specifically support catch share operations of the Northeast

### NMFS FY 2011 Budget Request (\$ Millions)

	FY09 Enacted	FY10 Enacted	FY11 Request	FY11 Request vs. FY10 Enacted
ORF	\$754.0	\$904.5	\$907.8	\$3.3
PAC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER	\$120.8	\$102.7	\$84.8	(\$17.9)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$879.4</b>	<b>\$1,007.2</b>	<b>\$992.6</b>	<b>(\$14.6)</b>

multispecies fishery, Mid-Atlantic tilefish, Gulf of Mexico Grouper and Tilefish, and West Coast Trawl fishery. The request supports analysis and evaluation of new programs, the development of fishery management plans and regulations to support catch shares, observing and monitoring programs at sea and on shore for specific fisheries, and enforcement activities.

**Fisheries Habitat Restoration +\$10.4M:** NOAA will implement larger-scale ecological restoration to increase habitat to support recovery of threatened and endangered species. Specific activities include restoring wetlands and fish passage to provide spawning and rearing habitat for fish. These projects include additional benefits such as the provision of storm protection from flooding and storm surge in the most vulnerable coastal communities.

**Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund +\$15M:** NMFS provides funding to states and tribes of the Pacific Coast region (Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, and Alaska) to implement projects that restore and protect salmonid populations and their habitats. Through FY 2009, over \$800 million has been provided to thousands of projects throughout the region that have made important contributions to improve the status of ESA-listed species, preventing extinctions and helping to protect currently healthy populations. In addition to the PCSRF federal funds, states provide significant matching funds through their grant allocation processes. Furthermore, the federal and state matching funds are supplemented by private and local contributions at the project level, including additional funding, volunteer time, and other in-kind donations.



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