



# NOAA FY 2000 Budget Request Fact Sheet

## RESOURCE PROTECTION INITIATIVE



### Pacific Coastal Salmon Conservation Fund

### Endangered Species Act Recovery Planning for Salmon

NOAA requests an increase of \$122.4 million in FY 2000 to initiate an ambitious approach to salmon recovery and the application of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) that challenges state, local and tribal authorities to take the lead in developing salmon recovery plans with federal guidance and assistance. Of all the species needing protection under the ESA, salmon are the greatest symbol of the health of the Nation's rivers, the importance of the marine and freshwater environment to our economy and culture, and the challenges we face as a Nation in solving environmental problems.

The \$22.4 million in additional funding will bolster and deploy existing and new Federal capabilities to assist in the conservation of Pacific salmon runs in the western states of California, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, and Atlantic salmon runs in the State of Maine. \$100 million in Federal seed monies is requested for the establishment of a Pacific Coastal Salmon Conservation Fund to be matched dollar-for-dollar by non-federal contributions to help share the costs of State, tribal and local conservation initiatives in Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California.

This two-part approach is especially important for meeting the challenge of restoring salmon in urban areas. The success of these efforts and the ESA will rely on developing long-term partnerships with states, tribes, counties, local governments and private landowners to design and implement salmon habitat conservation plans that allow for economic development while promoting the protection and conservation of salmon. This request is a key component of NOAA's Resource Protection Initiative, and complements and supports other components requested under this initiative.

### ESA Recovery Planning

The new funding of \$22.4 million will support three fundamental components critical to salmon recovery:

- The first is ensure that Federal activities that may affect salmon and their habitats are part of a lasting solution to the endangerment of salmon.
- Second, this initiative supports our efforts to marshal and make available the extensive Federal scientific capabilities among the major departments for building a broad and solid science foundation upon which to construct a lasting recovery effort.
- Third, is developing the Federal, state, tribal, and local (including industry and private interests) coordinating capabilities to ensure close partnerships in recovery efforts; and to promote efficiencies and effectiveness in the recovery effort through enhanced sharing and pooling of capabilities and information.



Pacific Salmon.

### Conservation Fund

The establishment of a Pacific Coastal Salmon Conservation Fund will be capitalized with \$100 million of Federal dollars in FY2000. The fund would be matched dollar for dollar with non-Federal contributions established under existing authorities by the Secretary of Commerce and made available through agreements with the Governors of each of the four Pacific states for distribution to assist state, tribal and local conservation efforts.

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NOAA Budget		FY 2000 Change \$M
<b>National Marine Fisheries Service</b>		
<b>Conservation and Management Operations</b>		
(ESA Recovery Planning/Salmon)		\$22.4
(ESA Recovery Planning/Other Species)		\$ 5.1
(Conserving Ocean Biodiversity)		\$ 2.6
(Enforcement and Surveillance)		\$ 1.0
<b>Other Accounts</b>		
(Pacific Coastal Salmon Conservation Fund)		\$100.0
<b>NOAA Resource Protection Initiative --Total</b>		<b>\$131.1</b>