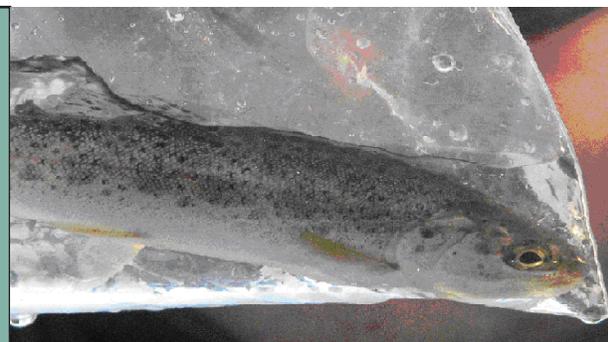


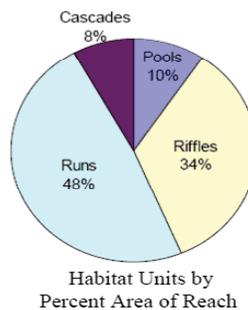
Cooperative Habitat Protection Partnerships



EQUIPPING LOCAL COMMUNITIES WITH THE TOOLS AND INFORMATION NEEDED TO PROTECT COASTAL AND MARINE FISH HABITAT

Project COHO

A seed grant from NOAA Fisheries' CHPPs (Cooperative Habitat Protection Partnerships) initiative provided the impetus for NOAA's Restoration Center, NMFS Alaska Regional Office, the Municipality of Anchorage, Anchorage Waterways Council and the US Fish and Wildlife Service to form a partnership named C.O.H.O (Community Outreach Habitat Operation). COHO's mission is to assess and protect Little Campbell Creek, a popular urban stream for recreation in Anchorage. Through the grant and contributions of time and expertise from the cooperating organizations, a habitat, fish and benthic community analysis of Little Campbell Creek is being compiled. This information will fill gaps in knowledge necessary for the completion of a Little Campbell Creek Watershed plan.



The habitat assessment of the area has been completed identifying the streambank vegetation as well as quantifying the in-water habitat types.

Sampling shows that Little Campbell Creek serves as important overwintering habitat for the adult salmon often seen in Campbell Creek.

After the compilation and analysis of data for use by the Watershed Plan writers a public outreach project is planned where knowledge gained by these assessments will be shared with the public at the community creek clean up event.



PROJECT OUTCOMES:

1. Increased public knowledge of the link between fish and habitat
2. Enhanced local stewardship
3. Enhanced fish habitat protection through watershed plan

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