



## Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership

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Mr. Martin:

On behalf of the Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership (ACFHP), thank you for submitting the *South Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Assessment and Tool* for endorsement consideration. We are pleased that you have sought recognition from ACFHP for this project.

ACFHP works to address the numerous threats impacting Atlantic coastal fish habitats and applauds the search for tools, techniques and approaches to address these habitat threats. After reviewing your application materials, ACFHP has approved the project for endorsement, as it is described in the application and supporting documentation you provided. The Partnership views this project as an important precursor and first step towards achieving several objectives noted in its Conservation Strategic Plan, and will serve as a beneficial tool for future decision making.

The Partnership requests that the Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership endorsement logo (attached) be placed on the project products as noted in the proposal. If you have any questions regarding the review of your application, please contact Emily Greene at [egreene@asmfc.org](mailto:egreene@asmfc.org).

ACFHP is made up of resource managers, scientists and professionals from 30 different state, federal, tribal and non-governmental entities working together to conserve habitat for Atlantic coastal, estuarine-dependent, and diadromous fishes. We commend your efforts in developing an innovative approach to fish habitat conservation and forging public-private partnerships across jurisdictions. Congratulations and we look forward to news as the project progresses!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Powell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the "l" at the end.

Chris Powell  
Steering Committee Vice-Chair  
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Disclaimer: The application of the techniques used, and effects of the efforts on identified habitats or analogous system are not endorsed beyond the scope of the current project, as it is defined. ACFHP expressly endorses projects as stand-alone efforts, only. This endorsement does not imply ACFHP commitment of funds, staff time or circumvention of laws. ACFHP is endorsing this project with the understanding that the project must obtain all relevant federal and state permits prior to initiating appropriate work.

*Working together towards healthy, thriving habitats of sufficient quantity and quality to support all life stages of Atlantic coastal, estuarine-dependent, and diadromous fishes*