

**Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership
Project Endorsement Application**

Project Name	
Project Location(s)	
Organization(s) Requesting Endorsement	
Project Contact(s)	
Brief summary of project (200 words or less. For an on-the-ground project, include size of area restored/protected).	

Endorsement Criteria

Section A

Is the proposed project required by an existing regulatory program, court order, or decree?		
	X	Explanation
Yes		
No		

Does the proposed project have an evaluation plan (i.e. will attainment of project goals be evaluated)?		
	X	Explanation
Yes		
No		

Section B

Does the proposed project address one or more of the ACFHP conservation objectives? Please note all that apply. For Subregional Priority Habitats please see p.12 of the 2017-2021 Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership Conservation Strategic Plan.		
Objective	X	Explanation
Conservation Objective 1: Work with partners to protect, restore, or maintain resilient Subregional Priority Habitats (using strategies outside of fish passage) to optimize ecosystem functions and services to benefit fish and wildlife.	X	
Conservation Objective 2: Work with partners to support the maintenance of water quality and hydrology standards for functional priority habitats and improvement of water quality in degraded priority habitat areas.		
Conservation Objective 3: Coordinate with partners to restore, enhance, and maintain adequate and effective fish passage to ensure connectivity within and among required Subregional Priority Habitats.		

Which habitat(s) does the proposed project address and is that habitat a Subregional Priority Habitat? Please note all that apply. Please see the [Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership Conservation Strategic Plan \(2017 - 2021\)](#) for habitat definitions (pp. 26 – 29), subregion boundaries (p. 7), and subregional priority habitats (pp. 12).

		X	Explanation	Subregional Priority Habitat?
Marine and Estuarine Shellfish Beds	Oyster aggregations/ reef			
	Scallop beds			
	Hard clam beds			
	Shell accumulations			
Coral and Live/Hard Bottom	Coral reefs			
	Patch reef, soft corals, or anemones			
	Live rock			
Macroalgae	<i>Fucus</i> spp., <i>Laminaria</i> spp., <i>Ulva Lactuca</i>			
Submerged Aquatic Vegetation	Tidal fresh & oligohaline plant species			
	Mesohaline & polyhaline plant species			
Tidal Vegetation	Estuarine emergent marsh			
	Tidal freshwater marsh			
	Mangrove			
Unvegetated Coastal Bottom	Loose fine bottom			
	Loose coarse bottom			
	Firm hard bottom			
	Structured sand habitat			

Riverine Bottom	Higher gradient headwater tributaries		
	Lower gradient tributaries		
	Higher gradient large mainstem river		
	Lower gradient large mainstem river		
	Low order coastal streams		
	Non-tidal freshwater mussel beds		
	Coastal headwater pond		
	Non-tidal freshwater marsh		

Additional Information

Is the proposed project funded in part or wholly by mitigation or similar settlement funds?		
	X	Explanation
Yes		
No		

Note: See definitions for mitigation and compensatory mitigation provided.

Has your proposed project gained all of the necessary permits from pertinent agencies?		
	X	Explanation
Yes		
No		

Which ACFHP Priority Threat(s) does the project address? Please note all that apply. For Priority Threat definitions please see pp. 13 – 16 of the Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership Conservation Strategic Plan (2017 - 2021).		
	X	Explanation
Obstructions to Fish Movement/Habitat Connectivity		
Dredging and Coastal Maintenance		
Water Quality Degradation and Eutrophication		
Consumptive Water Withdrawal		
Sedimentation		
Vessel Operation Impacts		
Contamination of Water (ground and surface) and Sediments		
Invasive Species		
Climate Change		

Does the proposed project involve partners? Please note all that apply.		
	X	Explanation
Federal		
State		
Tribal		
Local		
NGO		
Academic		
Industry		
Other		

Is the proposed project and/or methods applied transferable to other systems within the Partnership boundaries or nationally? Please note all that apply.		
	X	Explanation
Management efforts		
Monitoring efforts		
Research efforts		
Other		

Will the proposed project result in a long-term solution to the problems addressed?		
	X	Explanation
In perpetuity		
10-25 years		
<10 Years		

Other

Agency Contact(s)	
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Is a work plan or proposal provided? If so, does it include quantifiable, metric-based monitoring, and could ACFHP request these data in the future?		
	X	Explanation
Yes		
No		

Does your submission include any other supporting information that you would like considered?		
	X	Explanation
Yes		
No		

Please note the date by which you would like to receive a response from ACFHP.	
Date	Explanation

Do you have any specific endorsement requests?		
	X	Explanation
Yes		
No		

Does ACFHP have permission to post a description and updates about the project on our website and social media?		
	X	Explanation
Yes		
No		

Would you like to use the ACFHP Endorsement Logo? If yes, please describe its intended use.		
	X	Explanation
Yes		
No		