

Atlantic Salmon Habitat Restoration Partnership Grants

Fiscal Year 2021



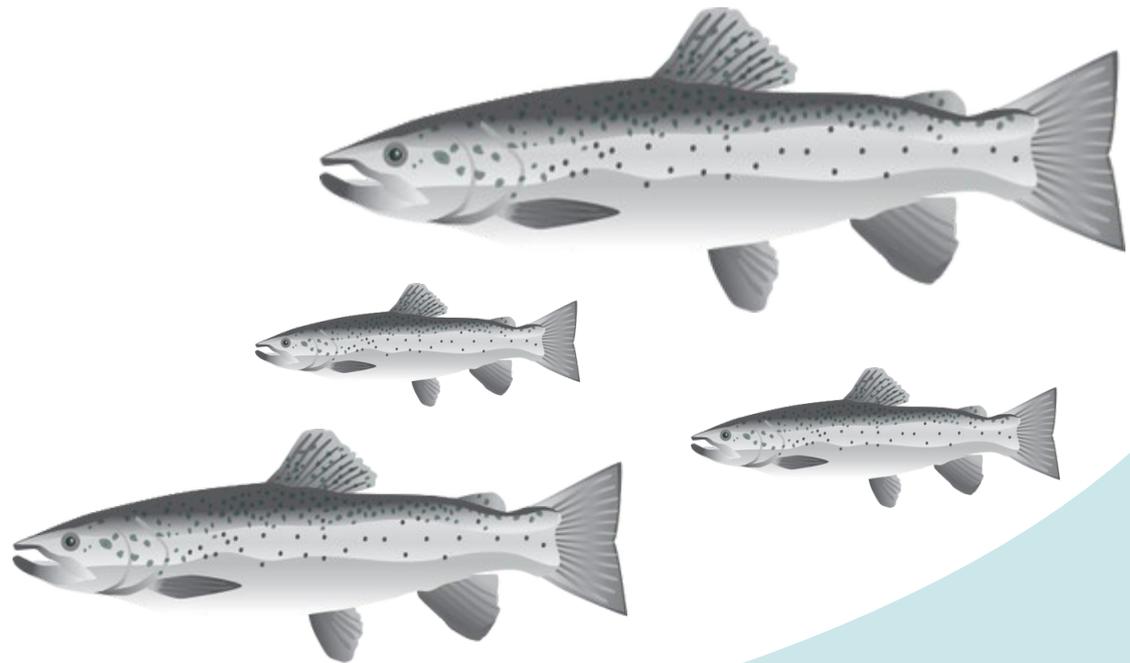
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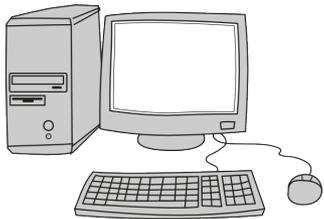


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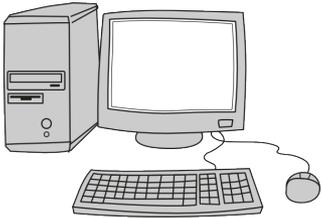


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Funding Opportunity

Executive Summary

- NOAA anticipates **\$3M** in total funds to be available for the competition, with approx. **\$1M** available each funding year.
- **Proposals** must be received by www.Grants.gov by 11:59 PM Eastern on **Monday, April 12th, 2021**.
- **October 1st, 2021**, is the earliest potential start date for awards.





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Program Objective

Section I.A.

Objective: support the recovery of the Gulf of Maine Distinct Population Segment of Atlantic salmon through multi-year partnerships.





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Program Priority 1:

Section I.B.



1. Propose activities that are consistent with priority habitat restoration actions identified in the 2019 **Recovery Plan** and the Species in the Spotlight 5-year **Action Plan**.



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Program Priority 2: *Section I.B.*



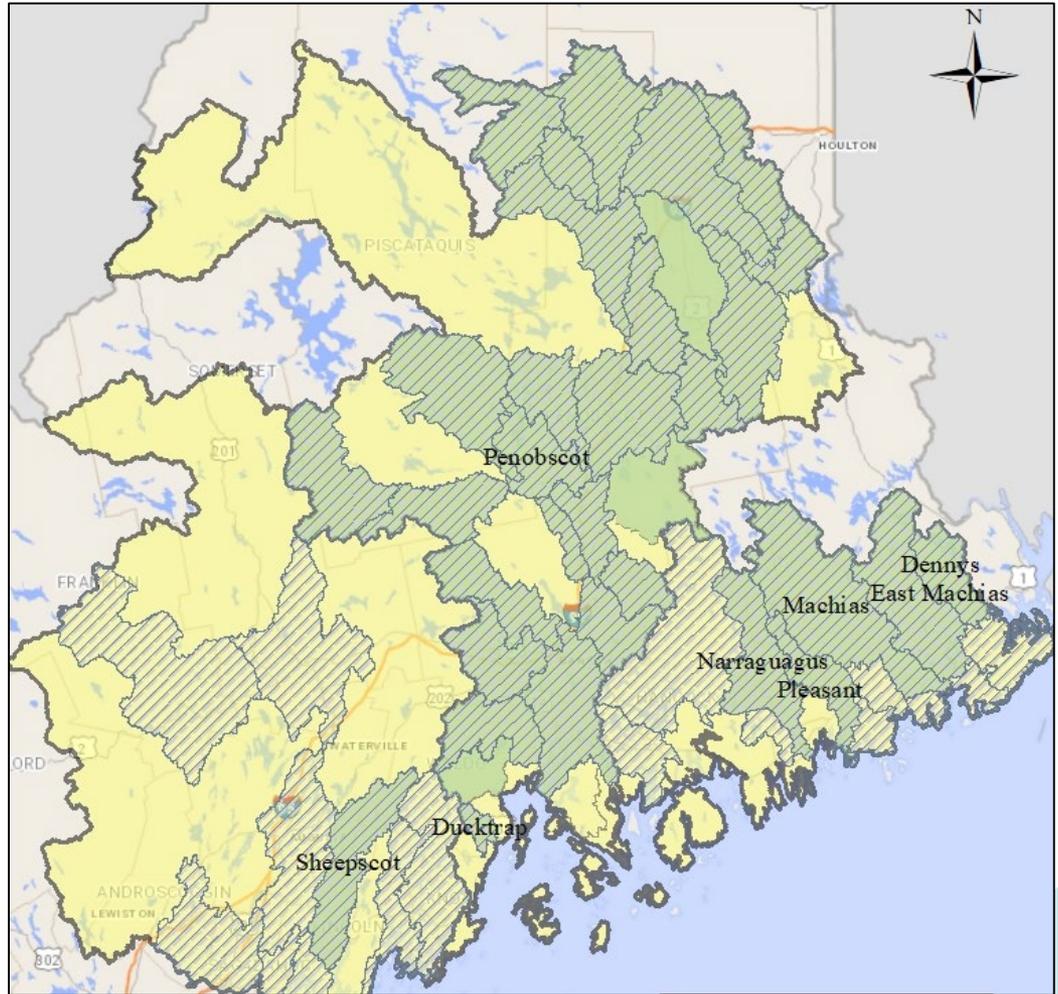
2. Improve fish passage and restore connectivity with spawning and rearing habitat within **Critical Habitat**. Project sites with **river-specific stocks** will also be prioritized.



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Legend

-  Designated Critical Habitat
-  River Specific Stock Present
-  Range of Gulf of Maine DPS



<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/funding-and-financial-services/priorities-atlantic-salmon-habitat>



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Program Priority 3:

Section I.B.



3. Provide sustainable and lasting benefits for Atlantic salmon. Proposals that incorporate proven techniques and focus on **removal of barriers** will be prioritized.



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Program Priority 4:

Section I.B.



4. Exhibit a **capacity to manage** concurrent habitat restoration projects over multiple years, and an ability to manage federal funds, maintain financial and administrative records, and fulfill reporting requirements.



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Funding Availability

Section II

- NOAA will fund **multi-year awards** (FY21 – FY23) under this announcement.
- NOAA anticipates **up to \$1M available in FY21**, with an additional \$2M over FY22 – FY23 to support selected awards (\$3M total).
- NOAA will not accept proposals with a federal funding request of **less than \$300K or more than \$1.5M** over a three-year period.



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Eligibility

Section III

- Eligible: institutions of higher education; non-profit and for-profit organizations; U.S. territories; and state, local, and Native American tribal governments.
- Applicants must propose work in one or more SHRUs: 1) Merrymeeting Bay, 2) Penobscot Bay; 3) Downeast Coastal.



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(In)Eligibility

Section III

- Examples of **ineligible projects**:
 - Marine debris prevention/removal
 - Acquisition of real property
 - Legally required mitigation; compensatory restoration; consent decree; court orders, etc.
- Eligibility vs. prioritization

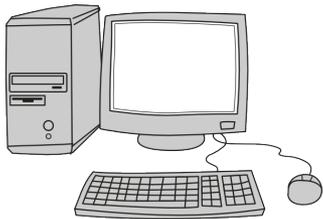
Submission Information

Section IV



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- Application packages, federal forms, and instructions on www.Grants.gov.
- Applicants should be registered in SAM, provide a DUNS number, and maintain active registration.
- Content and format outlined in Section IV.B.
- Check requirements for monitoring, data management, adaptive management plans.





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Application Review

Section V

Evaluation Criteria (p. 17)

1. Importance and Applicability (40 pts.)
2. Technical/Scientific Merit (20 pts.)
3. Applicant Qualifications (14 pts.)
4. Project Costs (16 pts.)
5. Outreach and Education (10 pts.)





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Application Review

Section V

1. Importance and Applicability
 - a) Consistency with Recovery Plan (20 pts.)
 - b) Location of Project Sites (10 pts.)
 - c) Sustainability of Restoration Approach (10 pts.)

3. Applicant Qualifications
 - b) Management Capacity (8 pts.)





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Application Review

Section V

Review and selection:

- Eligible submissions will undergo technical review, ranking, and selection based on program priorities and evaluation criteria.
- Applicants will receive notification regarding funding by **June 30th, 2021**. The earliest anticipated start date for awards will be **October 1st, 2021**.





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Reminders and Tips

- Start registration now, if you are not yet registered/active! (SAM, DUNS, Grants.gov)
- Don't wait until the last minute to submit - Grants.gov can take up to two business days to validate or reject applications.
- Read the entire announcement and verify all requirements are complete.
- Refer to websites listed in the announcement for more info.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the min. and max. allowable funding request?

A: NOAA will not accept proposals with a NOAA federal funding request of less than **\$300,000** or more than **\$1.5 million** over a three-year award period.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will matching funds / cost-share be required?

A: While there is no statutory match or cost-share requirement for this funding, applicants are encouraged to demonstrate a 1:1 non-federal match for NOAA funds requested to conduct the proposed project.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What types of projects will be supported by this funding?

A: We will consider proposals across a range of project phases, including planning, design, implementation, or a combination thereof. The Evaluation Criteria have been structured to incorporate different project stages.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will NOAA ensure geographic distribution of selected awards?

A: Applications will be selected in rank order, unless there is justification to select out of rank order based upon standard selection factors outlined in the funding opportunity. Geographic distribution is one of the listed selection factors.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will there be another Atlantic salmon-based competition issued next year (FY22)?

A: We do not anticipate issuing a funding opportunity for Atlantic salmon habitat restoration partnership grants in FY22. Next year, funding will be used to support the multi-year partnerships awarded under this FY21 competition.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How can I verify the contents of my submitted package?

A: *From Grants.gov:* After submitting the application package through Workspace, applicants should download a copy of the submitted application for offline record-keeping and to verify the contents of the submission zip file.



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Questions?

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