



## NOAA FISHERIES

### Program Success by the Numbers (as of January 2019):

- 27 veterans received employment in the natural resources field.
- 268 salmon and steelhead habitat restoration projects implemented.
- 547 miles of juvenile fish surveys completed.
- 2,883 miles of salmon and steelhead migration surveys completed.
- 196 miles of stream habitat assessed.
- 655,170 gallons of water conserved to help improve streamflow for juvenile salmon and steelhead.



# NOAA Fisheries California Veterans Corps Fisheries Program



### Program Goals

The NOAA Fisheries Veterans Corps Fisheries Program provides post-9/11 veterans with training and new opportunities in the natural resources field while meeting NOAA Fisheries' mission to conserve and manage fish and protected resources.

### Training Veterans in Habitat Restoration Across California

Since 2012, NOAA has partnered with California Conservation Corps (CCC) to provide veterans with the opportunity to transition from protecting our country in the military, to protecting and restoring natural resources on the west coast.

Veterans in the program work side-by-side with restoration experts from state, federal, and non-profit organizations to implement high priority habitat improvement projects to help important fish species, like salmon and steelhead, recover. They receive scholarships and housing assistance to support their journey, and develop lasting skills and expertise in natural resources management.

### Meet Our Partners

NOAA Fisheries and the California Conservation Corps proudly sponsor this program together. Veterans connect and work side-by-side with partners across all industries, including federal, state, local governments, private companies, non-profits and universities. Thank you to all of our partners and others helping veterans get experience and build networks in the restoration field.

## Skill Development

- Abalone recovery.
- River and stream restoration.
- Electrofishing techniques.
- Fish identification.
- PIT tagging.
- Fish passage.
- And more...

## Testimonials

*"I'd like to be a game warden with the (California) Fish and Wildlife Division, and I did some research and found out this was a great way to get the necessary work-experience for that job."* –Navy Veteran and Participant

*"I had two weeks of orientation and then I started working. I like the scientific aspect, the outdoors, and working with wildlife. I've always been interested in conservation, so I've really enjoyed that part of it."* –Army Veteran and Participant



## How it Works

Veterans receive intensive training in habitat conservation techniques operating out of six centers across California in Fortuna, Orleans, Central Valley and Sacramento, Ukiah, Los Padres, and Camarillo. They also work with mentors from California Department of Fish and Wildlife, NOAA Fisheries, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, the U.S. Forest Service, and other organizations involved in habitat restoration.

Veterans with honorable discharge who are California residents up to 29 years of age are encouraged to apply for this one to two year opportunity directly through the California Conservation Corps Website: <https://ccc.ca.gov/how-to-join/apply-online/>. If you have additional questions, please contact a California Conservation Corps recruiter at 1-800-952-5627.



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