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Linking NOAA Fisheries to Working Waterfronts: Existing Resources & Funding Opportunities

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Trigger Question

How does **NOAA Fisheries** support, enhance, or preserve working waterfronts?



Definition

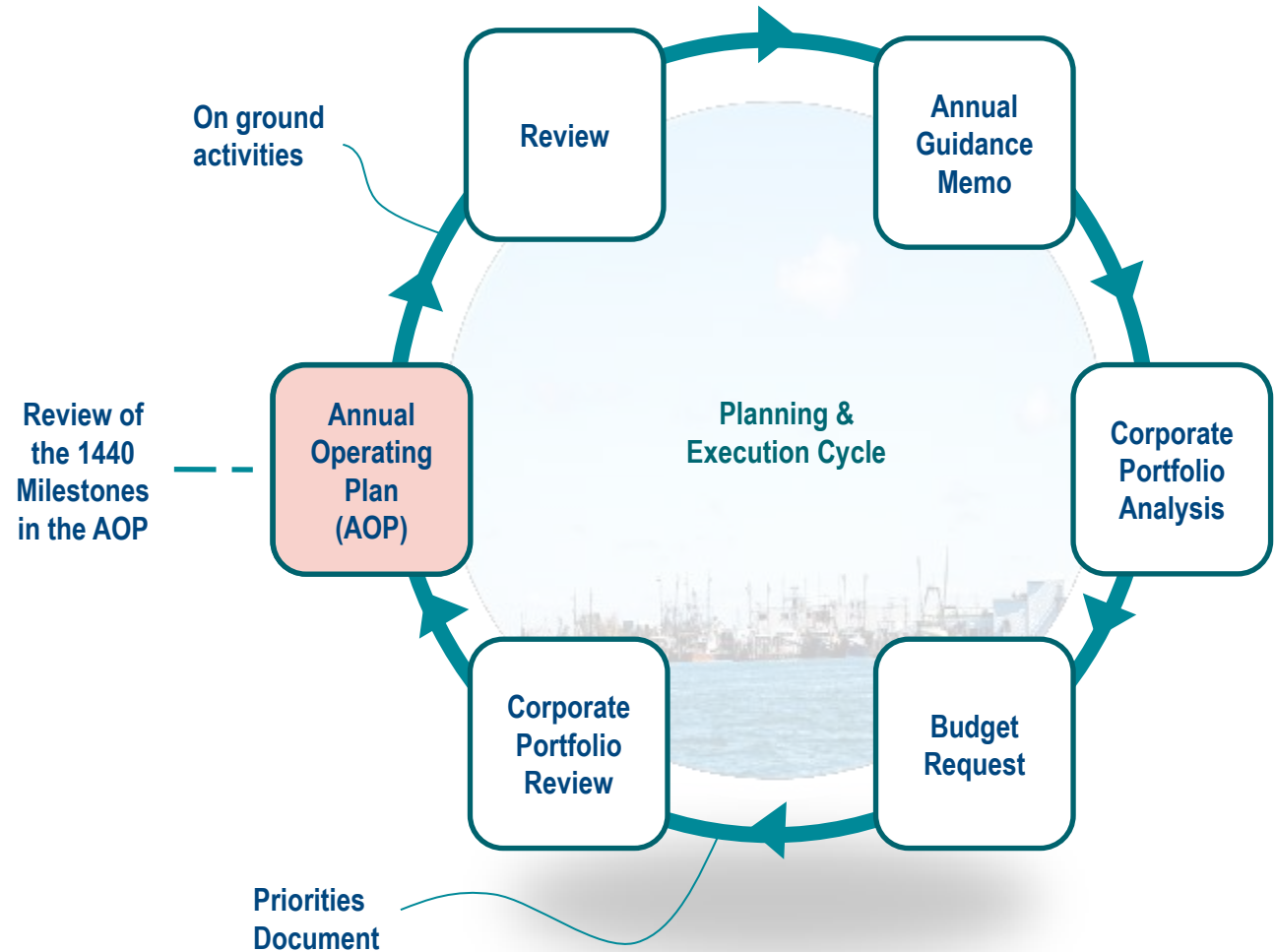
Working Waterfront - The physical, human, ecological, and permitting infrastructure necessary for commercial and non-commercial use of the nation's coastal and marine resources.

Caveat – Do not include international activities

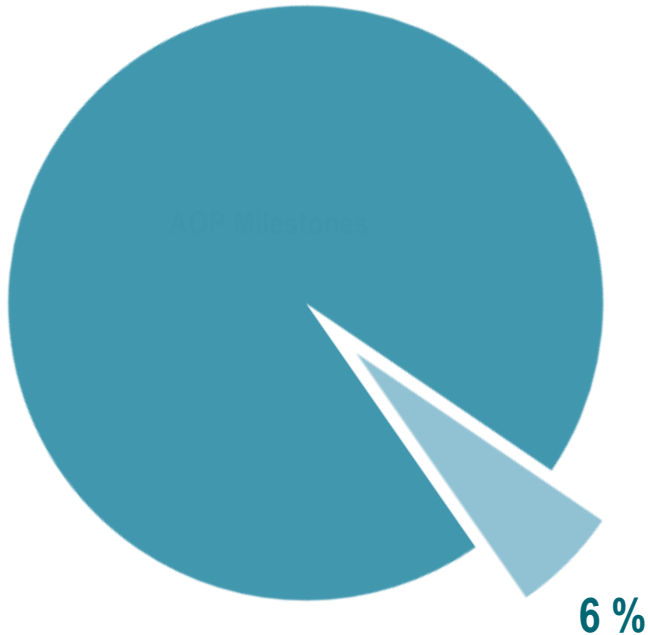
Method

How is **NOAA Fisheries** supporting, enhancing, or preserving working waterfronts?

Strategic Execution & Evaluation (SEE)



Direct Support: Physical, Human, Ecological, Permitting Infrastructure



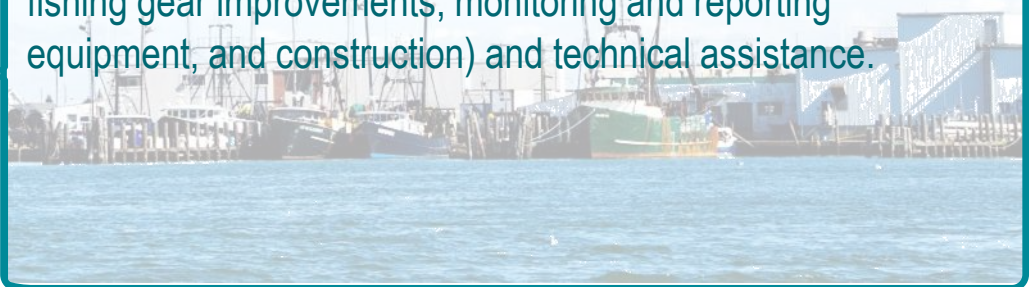
Note: The figure above reflects the portion of AOP activities that support infrastructure, but does not represent the portion of time or funding given the infrastructure.

Seafood Production – Aquaculture and hatchery related activities that support seafood production in state and federal waters (e.g. technology improvements, fish culture and health).

Permitting & Consultations – Aquaculture permitting activities and consultations that allow shoreside and marine development activities such as shellfish production, dredging, construction, and riparian zone modification.

Seafood Inspection – In parallel with the USDAs inspection programs for beef, poultry, and pork; NOAA maintains DOC’s voluntary seafood inspection program (SIP) for processed seafood.

Grants – Funding that supports physical infrastructure (e.g. fishing gear improvements, monitoring and reporting equipment, and construction) and technical assistance.





Marine Education and Training Grants

Seeks to improve communication, education, and training on marine resource issues throughout the region and increase scientific education for marine related professions among coastal community residents, including indigenous Pacific Islanders, Native Hawaiians, and other underrepresented groups in the region

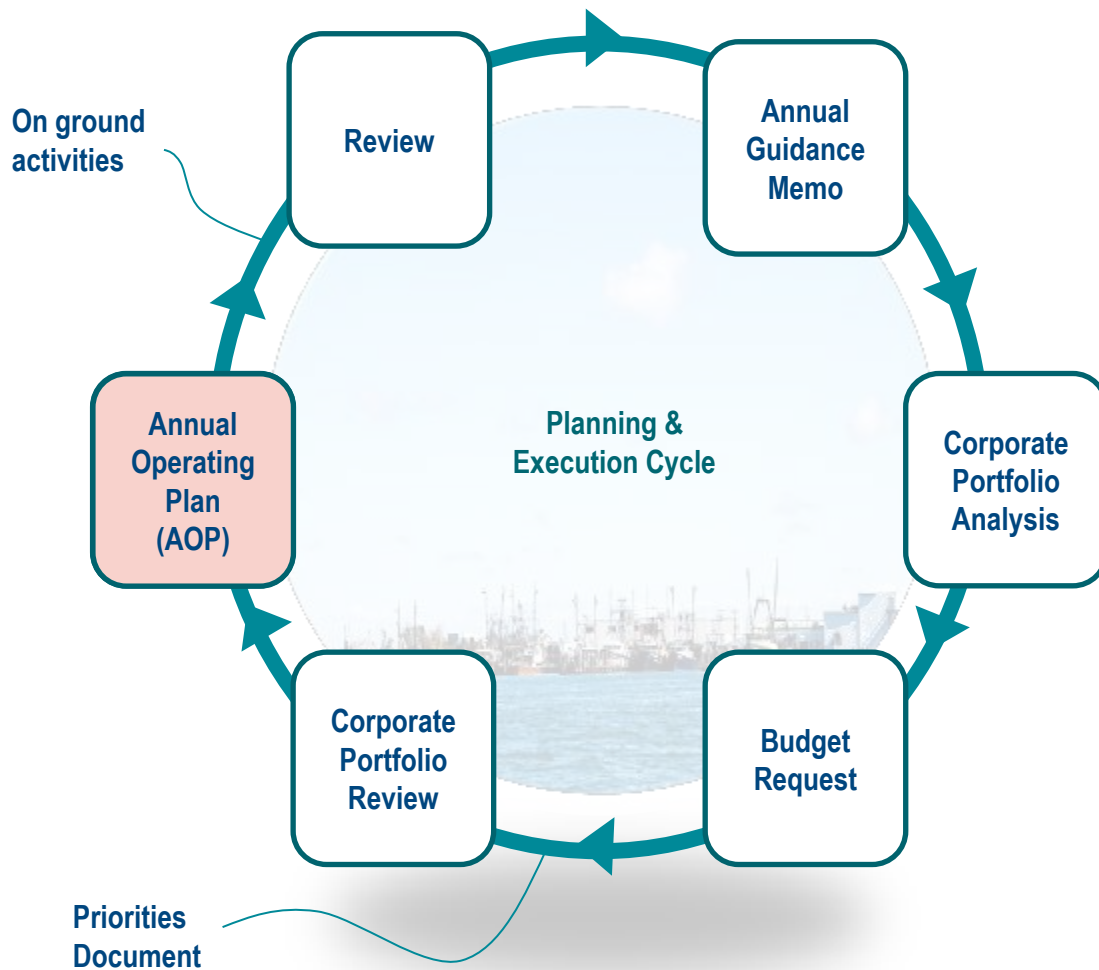
Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund

Established in FY2000, the PCSRF seeks to restore, conserve, and protect Pacific salmon and steelhead and their habitat. Provides stable funding that supports the ability of managers to conduct all phase of restoration and recovery activities, including assessment, planning, enhancement, and monitoring.

Fisheries disaster funding

Resource disaster specific grants aim to resolve issues that affect fishing communities' ability to fish and make full use of those species that are under Federal or State fishery management plans, whereby lessening the socioeconomic impacts of closures and fishing restrictions.

What's Missing?





Fisheries Innovation Fund

FIF has invested \$3.95 million to 36 projects in the Northeast, the mid-Atlantic, the Gulf of Mexico, the Pacific coast, Alaska and the Great Lakes since 2010 to foster innovation in the fishing. Funding priorities for this program include: community capacity-building, bycatch reduction initiatives, sustainable fishing practices, and improvement in the quality, quantity and timeliness of fisheries-dependent data.

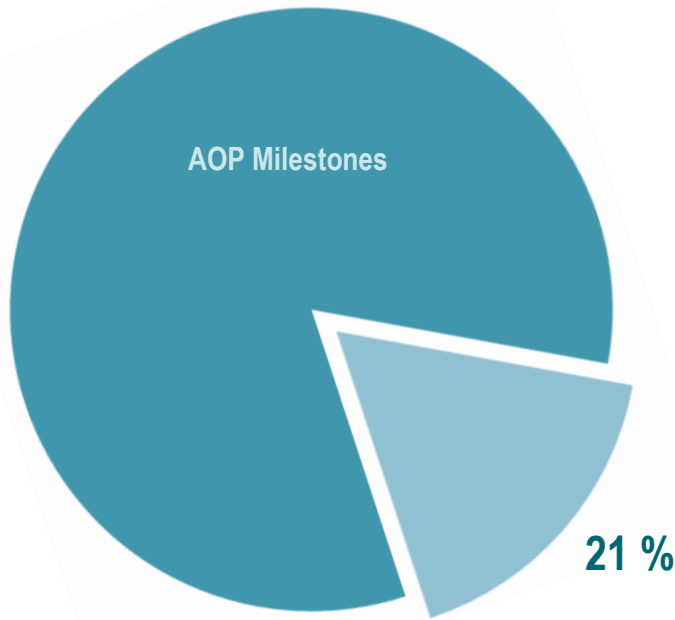
Fisheries Finance Program

Provides long term financing for the cost of construction or reconstruction of fishing vessels, fisheries facilities, aquaculture facilities and individual fishing quota in the Northwest Halibut/Sablefish and Alaskan Crab Fisheries. The Western Alaska Community Development Quota Share program was recently included, to provide economic development opportunities for Western Alaska Communities.

Working Waterfronts Grants Program

NOAA proposed creating a \$8 million National Working Waterfronts grant program for FY12 to assist fishing-dependent coastal communities adversely affected by changes in the fishing industry.

Indirect Support: Fisheries Science, Habitat Restoration, Cooperative Research



Fisheries Science – Activities that support timely and high quality stock assessments. Fish stock assessments support sustainable harvest levels by providing fisheries managers with the information necessary to make sound decisions.

Cooperative Research – Cooperative research activities and funding that provide a means for commercial and recreational fishermen to become involved in the collection of fundamental fisheries information to support the development and evaluation of management options.

Habitat Restoration – Activities that support the conservation and enhancement of fish habitat.



Recap

Grants – Funding for physical infrastructure and technical assistance

Seafood Production – Aquaculture and hatchery related activities

Permitting & Consultations – Aquaculture permitting and consultation activities

Seafood Inspection – Voluntary inspection program for processed seafood

Fisheries Science – Fisheries stock assessments

Cooperative Research – Cooperative research activities

Habitat Restoration – Habitat conservation and enhancement activities

Next Questions

Are these the appropriate investments?

Should NOAA Fisheries be making different investments?

Should the agency be executing its investments differently?

