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Habitat Conservation and Restoration	
Diadromous Fish Policy	
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## I. Introduction

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) has Federal responsibility for the conservation and management of living marine resources under numerous Federal laws. NOAA Fisheries uses our authorities<sup>1</sup> to protect and restore diadromous fish and their habitats to support resilient ecosystems and provide diverse and abundant populations of diadromous fish for the benefit of all American people.

## II. Objective

It is NOAA Fisheries policy to use our authorities to protect and restore diadromous fish and their habitats to ensure the sustainability of commercial, recreational, and tribal fisheries, and to aid in the recovery of threatened and endangered species.

## III. Authorities and Responsibilities

This policy directive establishes that NOAA Fisheries will develop policies and

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<sup>1</sup> Authorities NMFS uses for diadromous fish conservation and management include but are not limited to the Federal Power Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act.


guidance to aid in the implementation of our authorities as necessary and appropriate.

IV. Measuring Effectiveness

This policy will be reviewed and updated if necessary in accordance with the NOAA Fisheries Policy Directive System.

V. References

Procedural directives will be issues to implement this policy as needed.

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