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Examples of Programs and Projects in California that would benefit from H.R. 4914, the Coastal Jobs Creation Act of 2010

The Coastal Jobs Creation Act of 2010 (H.R. 4914) is new legislation that will create jobs for fishermen and coastal communities as fish populations rebuild. The following are examples of key programs in California that could benefit from H.R. 4914:

California Marine Debris Prevention and Removal Programs

Marine debris removal programs that involve fishermen and other coastal residents are eligible for funding under H.R. 4914. Examples include the NOAA and United Pier and Shore Anglers of Southern California fishing recycling program, which has installed 40 fishing line recycling bins to date on piers and in shoreline areas along the California coast;¹ and the NOAA Marine Debris Removal Program, which employs divers and fishermen to survey and remove derelict fishing gear in the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary and other locations.²

Cooperative Research Programs

California has several cooperative research programs underway that could benefit from H.R. 4914. For example, the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program,³ a partnership between Cal Poly University San Luis Obispo, central coast fishermen, and Moss Landing Marine Laboratory, provides support for fishermen to gather regional data on the health of rockfish and marine ecosystems. Another example includes a cooperative mapping effort between the National Marine Fisheries Service, scientists, and fishermen, which utilizes fishermen to deploy underwater video to map rockfish habitat and species from Point Conception to the Mexican border.

Habitat Restoration Projects

California has several habitat restoration projects that could benefit from H.R. 4914, including programs being implemented through the National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS).⁴ California has three NERRS in the San Francisco Bay, Elkhorn Slough, and Tijuana River regions. These NERRS are engaged in extensive restoration and research efforts on critical habitat, including nurseries for coastal fisheries, which involve local community members, scientists, and resource managers.

Working Waterfront Revitalization

Programs that revitalize working waterfronts are eligible for funding under H.R. 4914. For example, the California Coastal Conservancy is supporting a commercial fisheries revitalization and coastal public access plan for Driscoll's Wharf and Tuna Harbor on San Diego Bay that could benefit from H.R. 4914. Another example includes the California Department of Boating and Waterways' support for harbor/marine infrastructure throughout the state, which includes construction of launch ramps, boarding floats, restrooms, vehicle parking, and other boating-related infrastructure.

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¹ http://marinedebris.noaa.gov/projects/upsac_recycling.html

² *See generally:* <http://marinedebris.noaa.gov/projects/archive.html>

³ <http://www.slosea.org/collaborative/>

⁴ <http://www.nerrs.noaa.gov/ReservesMap.aspx>