



Examples of Programs and Projects in California that would benefit from S. 3528, the Coastal Jobs Creation Act of 2010

Senator Olympia J. Snowe (R-Maine) and nine original cosponsors introduced S. 3528, the “Coastal Jobs Creation Act of 2010,” on June 24, 2010. The Coastal Jobs Creation Act will create jobs for fishermen and coastal communities as fish populations rebuild. The following are examples of types of programs in California that would benefit from S. 3528:

California Marine Debris Prevention and Removal Programs

Marine debris removal programs that involve fishermen and other coastal residents are eligible for funding under S. 3528. 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 S. 3528. 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 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 Research, Preservation and Restoration Projects

California has several habitat research, preservation and restoration projects that could benefit from S. 3528. Examples include the Magnolia Marsh Restoration project in Huntington Beach, which restores an urban tidal marsh by expanding rearing habitat for many species of marine and coastal fish; and the Lower Klamath Riparian Restoration project, which restores in-stream and riparian habitat on the lower Klamath River, benefitting threatened coho salmon, Chinook salmon and steelhead trout.⁴

In addition, programs implemented through the National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS)⁵ would be eligible to receive funding from S. 3528. 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. For example, the Elkhorn Slough Restoration project restores tidal flow, reduces erosion and creates

long-term protection and erosion control for surrounding wetlands and crop lands, supporting more than \$100 million annually in agricultural production.⁶

Working Waterfront Revitalization

Programs that revitalize working waterfronts are eligible for funding under S. 3528. 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 S. 3528. 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://recovery.commerce.gov/featured/167-million-recovery-act-funding-coastal-restoration-projects>

⁵ <http://www.nerrs.noaa.gov/ReservesMap.aspx>

⁶ *Supra* note 4.