



## FY2027 Pacific Marine and Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership Request for Proposals

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### Funding Opportunity Description

The Pacific Marine and Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership (PMEP) is one of 20 regional fish habitat partnerships in the United States. Its mission is to provide science, data, and funding to conserve and restore West Coast nearshore and estuarine fish habitat. Learn more about PMEP at [www.pacificfishhabitat.org](http://www.pacificfishhabitat.org). PMEP supports estuarine and nearshore marine fish habitat protection, restoration and assessment projects through the [National Fish Habitat Partnership](#) (NFHP).

## **Funding available, project budget, and matching funds requirement**

PMEP will award an estimated \$175,000-\$250,000 in FY2027 for projects that advance its mission. This amount is based on previous funding received from the NFHP for this purpose. The exact amount of funding available varies annually and is not known at this time. In an effort to fund a diverse portfolio of projects, strong project proposals that request less than \$100,000 are preferred. However, proposals of particular merit may be funded at a higher level, at PMEP's discretion.

America's Conservation Enhancement (ACE) Act was passed by Congress and signed by the President on October 30, 2020. Importantly, the legislation made significant changes to project requirements to be eligible for NFHP funding. The ACE Act places an emphasis on restoration efforts that will improve recreational fishing opportunities and public use of the resource. Improvements in public access as a component of projects are also encouraged.

Related to matching fund requirements, the ACE Act requires that PMEP must demonstrate 1:1 non-federal matching funds for the total project funding distributed. This means that some projects may bring less than 1:1 matching funds if others bring more than the 1:1 matching funds. Therefore, PMEP requests the following:

- All projects should strive to show 1:1 non-federal financial match. Matching funds may be in the form of cash or in-kind support from non-federal sources and must be spent during the project period.
- Any project that cannot provide 1:1 non-federal matching funds can explain this in the WAIVER OF MATCHING FUNDS section of the application. There is no guarantee that PMEP will be able to fund projects that do not provide 1:1 non-federal matching funds.
- Matching funding requirements are waived for projects proposed by tribal sponsors where the tribe is the applicant and funding recipient. Providing matching funds from tribes does not qualify a project for matching fund waivers.

A detailed project budget is required, specifying which components of the project will be paid for with PMEP funds, cost shared funds and matching funds. Funding status (in-hand, proposed, in-kind) should be indicated. See Appendix A for information required. Non-matching cost share funding includes federal funding that contributes to the project but is not eligible for formal matching requirement. Cost share details should also be included in the proposal budget.

The project, or portion of a project, that PMEP funds should be spent within three years of receipt of funding and all funds matching PMEP funding should be spent during that time. The proposal should include a detailed timeline for the use of PMEP funds. See Appendix B.

## **Project review period and timing of funding**

Project sponsors should assume that funding will be received in Summer of 2027. See below timeline for project funding timeline.

Timeline for project funding\*

September 15, 2026	Proposals due
September 2026	Proposal evaluation and project ranking by PMEP committees
October 2026	Final approval of ranked project list by PMEP Steering Committee
November 15, 2026	Provision of ranked list to Congress by NFHP
Winter, 2026	Notification of project ranking (not award notification)
Winter or Spring, 2027	Announcement of award recipients*
Summer, 2027	Funding available*

\*Subject to change. Funding availability is dependent upon the federal appropriations process.

## **Eligibility**

Eligible applicants include state, tribal, and federal management agencies, non-governmental organizations (e.g., conservation groups, community associations, watershed councils, cooperatives, civic groups), municipalities, universities, schools, private landowners, and local governments.

### Eligible projects

Restoration, enhancement, and protection projects - PMEP funding may be used to pay for a small habitat restoration or protection project or parts of a larger project. Restoration and protection project summaries should clearly describe the need for the project relative to regional or local restoration and protection planning efforts. Proposals should clearly detail which part of the project will utilize PMEP funds in the project budget, see Appendix A. PMEP funding can be used for all phases of a project, from feasibility to post-construction monitoring. However, projects that involve on-the-ground implementation will be more competitive.

Assessment projects - PMEP will fund assessment projects that fill data gaps identified for estuary and nearshore marine fish habitats in its region. Proposals should clearly justify the assessment in relation to needs identified in PMEP assessments, or other planning documents. PMEP encourages projects that assess the effectiveness of restoration techniques. If PMEP funds will be used to pay for part of a larger assessment project, proposals should clearly detail which part of the project will utilize PMEP funds in the project budget (see Appendix A). Any data collected should conform with data collection methods recommended or used in PMEP assessments.

Acquisition projects - The ACE Act allows a state, local government, or other non-federal entity to receive NFHP funds for the acquisition of real property or protective easements involving willing sellers if the acquisition ensures public access for fish and wildlife-dependent recreation or contributes a scientifically based, direct enhancement to the health of fish and fish populations as determined by the NFHP Board. Acquisition projects will be evaluated using the same criteria as restoration projects and must address PMEP priorities. Please contact PMEP's Coordinator if you have a project request that includes real property acquisition.

#### Ineligible projects

PMEP will not fund the following types of projects:

- Placement of large woody debris without addressing long-term habitat quality improvements or other means of restoring connectivity and function.
- Salmonid-only habitat use assessments. Habitat use assessments must be primarily designed to elucidate the use of estuary or nearshore habitat by non-salmonid PMEP focal species. Assessments that focus on multiple species are preferred.
- Modification rather than removal of tide gates, unless the project will significantly improve both habitat connectivity and fish passage to areas above the tide gate.
- Projects located above impassable barriers.
- Research studies (fish habitat assessment projects can be funded and are not considered research).
- Stand-alone long-term monitoring (this includes long-term monitoring of fish populations).
- Outreach-only projects.
- Mitigation projects.
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#### Ineligible costs

The following types of costs will not be paid for with PMEP funds:

- Pre-award costs.

- Operation and maintenance of facilities or structures. This applies to buildings and structures only and not to maintenance or construction of earthen structures.
- Actions required by existing regulatory programs (e.g. mitigation projects), except that funds may support activities under voluntary agreements that exceed regulatory requirements for conserving habitats (e.g., hydropower licensing in which the licensee enters into a voluntary agreement to restore habitat that exceeds regulatory requirements).
- Incentive payments.

## Priority Species and Priority Projects

Projects considered for funding should address science-based habitat protection, restoration, and enhancement activities that benefit fish habitat in PMEP's geographic scope. Assessment projects that fill identified data gaps about fish use and habitat will also be considered. PMEP's strategic plan recognizes the importance of juvenile rearing areas within estuaries, as well as nearshore habitats, for fish. Please review PMEP's strategic plan at [https://www.pacificfishhabitat.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Strategic-Plan-2023\\_2028-FINAL.pdf](https://www.pacificfishhabitat.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Strategic-Plan-2023_2028-FINAL.pdf) for more information about its focus and geographic scope.

PMEP is seeking project proposals that restore, enhance, and protect habitats for fish within estuarine and nearshore marine systems or that increase understanding of fish habitats in estuarine and nearshore habitats.

The nearshore habitat area is defined in [Bizarro et al. \(2022\)](#) as the coastal area from an upper limit of the landward extent that is influenced by the nearshore ecosystem (i.e., the up to the splash zone) to a -100 m water depth relative to the mean lower low water (MLLW), and excluding estuaries. Estuaries are defined in [Heady et al. \(2014\)](#) as areas where fresh and ocean waters mix and are influenced by terrestrial, freshwater and marine realms. For the purposes of this funding opportunity, they include lagoonal estuaries, bays and embayments, riverine estuaries, and the Puget Sound. Recognizing that Puget Sound is an estuary, project sponsors in the Salish Sea region should designate their project (in the Jotform application) as either estuary or nearshore referring to the focal list of species and habitats to decide which is most appropriate.

For estuary-focused projects, priority will be given to projects benefiting smaller estuarine systems defined as having an Estuary Size Class of 0-250 acres in the PMEP Estuary Explorer data tool <http://estuaries.pacificfishhabitat.org/explore>. **However, projects benefitting smaller estuaries not currently identified in the Estuary**

**Explorer tool or worthy projects that benefit larger estuarine systems will still be considered.**

PMEP has identified the following priority/focal species:

- Green sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*)
- Leopard shark (*Triakis semifasciata*)
- Bat ray (*Myliobatis californica*)
- Pacific herring (*Clupea pallasii*)
- Bay shrimp (*Crangon franciscorum*)
- Dungeness crab (*Cancer magister* or *Metacarcinus magister*)
- California halibut (*Paralichthys californicus*)
- English sole (*Parophrys vetulus*)
- Starry flounder (*Platichthys stellatus*)
- Shiner perch (*Cymatogaster aggregata*)
- Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)
- Coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*)
- Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*)
- Brown rockfish (*Sebastes auriculatus*)
- Staghorn sculpin (*Leptocottus armatus*)
- Pacific lamprey (*Entosphenus tridentatus*)

Project proposals that benefit these priority species will score higher during the proposal evaluation process. **However, worthy projects that benefit other species will still be considered.**

For nearshore-focused projects, priority will be given to assessment and restoration projects that address critical challenges to nearshore marine habitats, with a focus on habitats such as kelp forests, seagrass, and rocky reefs, and intertidal and beach spawning habitat. Projects must also clearly identify benefit to fish species.

PMEP has identified the following nearshore marine focal habitats and species:

Biogenic habitats

- Kelp forests – (Bull kelp, Giant kelp and other canopy-forming kelp and understory algae)
- California mussel
- Seagrasses (e.g., eelgrass, surfgrass)
- Rockweed

Invertebrates

- Olympia oyster
- Dungeness crab
- Geoduck

- Pinto abalone
- Native clams
- Spiny lobster
- Owl limpets (and other harvested limpets)
- Sunflower star
- Ochre star

#### Fish

- Surf smelt (or other beach and nearshore spawning forage fish)
- Black rockfish (canopy kelp)
- Quillback rockfish (benthic)
- Lingcod
- Steelhead (anadromous trout)
- Chinook (Pacific salmon)
- Eulachon
- Sandlance
- Sheephead

Projects must also support at least one of the NFHP National Conservation Priorities<sup>1</sup>:

1. Conserve waters and habitats where all processes and functions are operating within their expected range or natural variation.
  2. Conserve hydrologic conditions for fish.
  3. Conserve physical and living habitats and features that support viable and sustainable species and/or populations in impacted or at-risk systems.
  4. Reconnect fragmented fish habitats.
  5. Conserve water quality for fish.
  6. Support the structure and function of FHPs.
  7. Enhance recreational, commercial, subsistence, and traditional fishing opportunities when conducting projects that conserve fish habitat.
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Access a fuller explanation of NFHP National Conservation Priorities [HERE](#).

## Project monitoring

All project proposals must include a monitoring plan. At a minimum, projects should describe the implementation monitoring plan designed to document that the project was constructed or completed as proposed. Additional effectiveness monitoring is advised, though the short timeframe available for spending PMEP funds generally does not allow use for long-term effectiveness monitoring. For a good description of the difference between implementation and effectiveness monitoring, please see

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<sup>1</sup> Conserve means restore, enhance, and protect.

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/habitat-conservation/monitoring-and-evaluation-restoration-projects>.

Project monitoring plans will be evaluated on the extent to which they:

1. Appropriately assess the biological, ecological, or other results of the PMEP funded activities.
2. Articulate adaptive management strategies if the monitoring indicates that project objectives are not being met.
3. Identify improvements to existing fish populations, recreational fishing opportunities for the local community of the fish habitat conservation project.
4. Include completion of a monitoring report, which should be submitted at project completion, describing monitoring results and conclusions.

Acquisition and assessment projects must also include a monitoring plan. These plans should include methods to monitor project progress, including evaluation of progress at key milestones, such as data collection, draft reporting, etc.

#### *Data collection*

If applicable, the spatial extent (lines and polygons) of tidally restored areas should be mapped, and spatial data (kml, kmz, shapefile, or feature class) should be provided to PMEP for inclusion in its Tidally Restored Areas data layer. See the report “U.S. West Coast Mapping of Restored Tidal Areas: Methodology, Results & Recommendations (2019)” for information about project attributes that should be reported along with spatial data.

## How to Apply

To apply for funding, complete and submit the online application at <https://form.jotform.com/261517455303150>.

Upload into Jotform either pdf or xlsx files of Appendices A, B, and C.

Xlsx templates for Appendices A, B, and C are available here:

[Appendix A Budget](#)

[Appendix B Timeline](#)

[Appendix C Metrics](#)

See below for an example of the Jotform application questions. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. The deadline for project proposal submissions into Jotform is 5:00 PM PST, Tuesday, September 15, 2026.

Notification of awards will be made in spring of 2027, and funds are expected to be awarded in the summer of 2027. Please note that this funding is linked to the federal budget.

If you have any questions, please contact the PMEP Coordinator, Joan Drinkwin, at <mailto:info@pacificfishhabitat.org> or [jdrinkwin@nrccorp.com](mailto:jdrinkwin@nrccorp.com).

## Evaluation Criteria

Projects will be evaluated by an objective review panel of PMEP partners, who will consider the following criteria. Each project will be scored up to 220 points with weights assigned as indicated below. Awards will be based mainly on project scores but other considerations, including geographic location, may influence the final funding decision.

1. The extent to which the project will result in:
  - a. Broad ecological benefit.
  - b. Increased fish populations in a manner that leads to recreational fishing opportunities for the public.
  - c. Increased public access to land or water for fish and wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities, including visual access.
  - d. Advancement of the conservation of fish and wildlife species that have been identified by a state agency as species of greatest conservation need.
  - e. Where appropriate, advancement of the conservation of fish and fish habitats under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) and other relevant federal law and state wildlife action plans.
2. The extent to which the proposed project:
  - a. Relates to/aligns with PMEP priorities.
  - b. Fulfills a local or regional priority that is directly linked to PMEP's Strategic Plan OR addresses an emerging issue or tests new restoration techniques. Please review PMEP's strategic plan at [https://www.pacificfishhabitat.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Strategic-Plan-2023\\_2028-FINAL.pdf](https://www.pacificfishhabitat.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Strategic-Plan-2023_2028-FINAL.pdf) for more information about its focus and geographic scope.

- c. Addresses the national conservation priorities established by the NFHP. For a full description of NFHP goals and objectives, see [The National Fish Habitat Action Plan, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition](#).
  - d. Is supported by the findings of PMEP's or NFHP's habitat assessment and aligns, or is compatible with, other conservation plans, such as species recovery plans.
  - e. Addresses the causes and processes behind the decline of fish or fish habitats.
  - f. Promotion of strong and healthy fish habitats so that desired biological communities are able to persist and adapt to stressors such as sea level rise and increase frequency and intensity of storms.
  - g. Demonstrated results within a reasonable timeframe.
  - h. Effectively engages partners with federal, state, and local governments, Indian tribes, and private entities.
  - i. Identifies appropriate monitoring and evaluation measures and criteria that are compatible with national measures. See details on monitoring plans above.
  - j. Is cost-effective.
    - (A) Provides a well-defined budget linked to deliverables and outcomes.
    - (B) Leverages other funds to implement the project.
  - k. Includes an outreach or education component that includes the local or regional community.
3. The capabilities and experience of project proponents.

## Scoring Matrix

Criteria	Considerations	Considerations	Scoring	Weighting	Total score
Overall Ecological Benefits	<p>Does the project address the ecological processes affecting fish habitats? does it restore those processes?</p> <p>Does the proposal identify how the project will perform under future potential sea level rise and more frequent and intense storms and how it will contribute to ecological resilience over time? Did the applicants cite appropriate models, assessments, or scientific studies they have used to develop their project?</p>	<p>Does the proposed assessment project improve our understanding of the threats to fish habitat posed by sea level rise and increased frequency and intensity of storms? Does it fill a management need? Builds understanding of restoration technique effectiveness?</p>	1-10	3	30
Measurable Goals & Objectives	<p>Are the goals and objectives of the project measurable? Are the metrics directly related to improving/restoring fish habitat?</p>	<p>Are the goals and objectives of the project measurable? Are the metrics directly related to improving/restoring fish habitat?</p>	1-10	2	20
Fishing nexus	<p>Does the project improve opportunities for recreational fishing. Does it benefit fished species or improve fishing access? Does it improve habitat for commercially fished species?</p>	<p>Does the project focus on recreationally or commercially fished species? Will the project lead to better management for the benefit of recreational or commercial fishing?</p>	1-10	1	10
Public Access (10)	<p>Does the project create or improve public access, including visual access for the public?</p>	<p>Does the project create or improve public access, including visual access for the public?</p>	1-10	1	10
Priority (10)	<p>Is the project identified as a regional plan priority or local plan priority?</p>	<p>Does the assessment fill identified data gaps about fish use and habitat identified by PMP or other organizations?</p>	1-10	2	20

Criteria	Considerations	Considerations	Scoring	Weighting	Total score
National/ federal strategies	Does the project address NFHP National conservation Priorities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect and maintain intact and healthy aquatic systems</li> <li>• Prevent further degradation of fish habitats</li> <li>• Reverse declines in quality and quantity of aquatic habitats to improve overall health of fish and other aquatic species</li> <li>• Increase quality and quantity of fish habitats that support a broad natural diversity of fish and other aquatic species</li> </ul>	Does the project address NFHP National conservation Priorities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect and maintain intact and healthy aquatic systems</li> <li>• Prevent further degradation of fish habitats</li> <li>• Reverse declines in quality and quantity of aquatic habitats to improve overall health of fish and other aquatic species</li> <li>• Increase quality and quantity of fish habitats that support a broad natural diversity of fish and other aquatic species</li> </ul>	1-10	1	10
Project Alignment w/ PMEP Objectives	For estuary focused projects, does the project benefit smaller estuarine systems defined as having an Estuary Size Class of 0-250 acres? For nearshore focused projects, does it address critical challenges to nearshore marine habitats, with a focus on habitats such as kelp forests, seagrass, rocky reefs, biogenic structure (e.g., sand dollar beds, tube worm reefs), and intertidal and beach spawning habitat. Does it address PMEP goals: Protect, restore, and enhance fish habitat in estuaries and nearshore marine systems?	Does the assessment increase understanding of fish habitats in estuarine and nearshore habitats?	1-10	2	20
Focal Species Benefits	Does the project benefit PMEP focal species/habitats and USFWS priority species?	Does the project benefit PMEP focal species/habitats and USFWS priority species?	1-10	2	20
Project Readiness	Will the project be completed in less than three years? Is the component that PMEP will fund clearly described? Are necessary	Will the project be completed in less than three years? Is the component that PMEP will fund clearly described? Are necessary	1-10 Projects that can	1	10

Criteria	Considerations	Considerations	Scoring	Weighting	Total score
	permits in place? Is funding in place to complete the project if PMEP awards funding?	permits in place? Is funding in place to complete the project if PMEP awards funding?	be completed sooner will be scored higher.		
Monitoring plan	<p>Does the proposed monitoring appropriately assess the biological, ecological, or other results of the PMEP funded activities? Does it effectively measure the project goals and objectives? Does the monitoring plan articulate adaptive management strategies if the monitoring indicates that project objectives are not being met?</p> <p>Is the implementation of the project also effectively monitored?</p> <p>Will the monitoring plan identify improvements to existing fish populations, recreational fishing opportunities, and the overall economic benefits* for the local community? Has the applicant included information calculating the economic benefit of the project to the local community? Is this economic benefit significant and appropriate related to the cost of the project?</p> <p>Does the project proposal include</p>	<p>Does the proposed monitoring appropriately assess the biological, ecological, or other results of the PMEP funded activities? Does it effectively measure the project goals and objectives? Does the monitoring plan articulate adaptive management strategies if the monitoring indicates that project objectives are not being met?</p> <p>Is the implementation of the project also effectively monitored?</p> <p>Will the monitoring plan identify improvements to the overall economic benefits* for the local community? Has the applicant included information calculating the economic benefit of the project to the local community? Is this economic benefit significant and appropriate related to the cost of the project?</p> <p>Does the project proposal include completion of a monitoring report, which will be submitted at project completion,</p>	1-10	2	20

Criteria	Considerations	Considerations	Scoring	Weighting	Total score
	completion of a monitoring report, which will be submitted at project completion, describing monitoring results and conclusions?	describing monitoring results and conclusions?			
Matching funds (10)	Does the sponsor provide greater than 1:1 non-federal match? Is there other cost-share documented?	Does the sponsor provide greater than 1:1 non-federal match? Is there other cost-share documented?	>/=3:1 - 10 2:1 - 5 1:1 - 0	1	10
Cost Effectiveness	Is the budget clear and justified. Is the project cost effective? Do the measures of success justify the cost of the project? Are the costs realistic? Is any indirect costs reasonable? Does the sponsor anticipate cost increases?	Is the budget clear and justified. Is the project cost effective? Do the measures of success justify the cost of the project? Are the costs realistic? Is any indirect costs reasonable? Does the sponsor anticipate cost increases?	1-10	1	10
Outreach and Community Support	How will the project be publicized and how will its results be disseminated? Does the project include public outreach about fish habitat restoration? How direct is the outreach? Does it include project tours, press, social media campaigns?  Does the project include diverse partnerships? Is the community supportive of the project?	How will the project be publicized and how will its results be disseminated? Will the assessment be published and disseminated? Is there a plan to disseminate the results?  Does the project include diverse partnerships? Is the community supportive of the project?	1-10	2	20
Project Management	Has the project sponsor completed similar projects successfully? Is this a continuation of an earlier PMEP funded project? Does the sponsor have adequate technical expertise, qualifications, and capacity to carry out the project?	Has the project sponsor completed similar projects successfully? Is this a continuation of an earlier PMEP funded project? Does the sponsor have adequate technical expertise, qualifications, and capacity to carry out the project?	1-10	1	10
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## Appendix A: Budget Sheet Template

Please attach budget sheets in .xlsx or .pdf format to your application. If using .xlsx, please send one file with two clearly marked sheets within the file. One sheet should outline the detailed project budget and the other should outline funding sources and status of that funding. See below for example formats to follow.

DETAILED PROJECT BUDGET							
PROJECT NAME							
	# Units	Unit	Unit Price	PMEP funds Requested	Matching Funds	Cost Share	Total Project Cost
A. PERSONNEL SERVICES (add rows for each item/person)							
B. FRINGE BENEFITS							
C. TRAVEL							
D. EQUIPMENT							
E. SUPPLIES							
F. CONTRACTUAL							
G. CONSTRUCTION							
H. OTHER							
I. TOTAL DIRECT CHARGES							
J. INDIRECT CHARGES							
TOTAL COST							

MATCHING FUNDS	
PROJECT NAME	

Funder	Funding type (federal, state, Local, other, program income)	Match or Cost Share?	Cash	In-kind	Status S, P, U (secured, pending, unknown)	Anticipated Award Date	Total
Total							



Appendix C. Metrics (enter only numbers in the last column. Do not alter any other columns or cells)

Project Type	Project Subtype	Project Technique	Output Measure	Measure Type	Measure Type # (numbers only)
Habitat Treatment	Aquatic Connectivity	Aquatic Connectivity	Number of barriers removed or upgraded	#	
			Length of habitat reconnected	miles	
			Area of habitat reconnected	acres	
		Fish Screening	Number of structures modified or installed	#	
	Invasive Species Control/ Management	Invasive Species Removal	Name(s) of species controlled or removed	text (list)	
			Number of barrier installations to prevent invasives	#	
			Length of habitat treated for invasives	miles	
			Area of habitat treated for invasives	acres	
	Water quality	Water quality improvements	Length of habitat treated for water quality or pollution	miles	
			Area treated for water quality	acres	
	Ecological Function and Process	Vegetation Planting	Length of vegetation planted	miles	
			Area of vegetation planted	acres	
			Number of habitat installations	#	

Project Type	Project Subtype	Project Technique	Output Measure	Measure Type	Measure Type # (numbers only)	
		Structure Modification or Installation	Length of habitat installations	miles		
			Area of habitat installations	acres		
		Habitat Condition Improvement	Length of habitat restored or enhanced	# miles		
			Area of habitat restored or enhanced	# acres		
	Hydrologic Flow	Streambank Stabilization	Increase in flow	annual cfs		
			Decrease in flow	annual cfs		
			Timeframe for flow changes	# years		
		Channel Reconfiguration	Length of channels created or reconfigured	# miles		
	Habitat Conservation	Land Acquisition	Land Acquired or Leased	Area acquired/leased	# acres	
		Habitat Protection	Habitat Protection	Length of habitat protected	# miles	
Habitat Protection			Area of habitat protected	# acres		
Outreach and Education	Outreach and Education	Outreach/Education Event	Number of outreach or education events held	#		
			Type of outreach or education events held	text (list)		
			Number of people reached in education or outreach events	#		
		Engagement	Number of tribal communities engaged	#		

Project Type	Project Subtype	Project Technique	Output Measure	Measure Type	Measure Type # (numbers only)
			Number of underserved or rural communities engaged	#	
Engineering and Design	Engineering and Design	Project Engineering and Design	Number of project designs developed	#	
Assessment and Research	Assessment and Research	Assessment	Number of assessments	#	
			Length of habitat assessed	# miles	
			Area of habitat assessed	# acres	
		Research	Number of publications or reports developed	#	
			Number of research studies conducted	#	
			Number of datasets or data tools developed	#	
Monitoring	Monitoring	Monitoring Programs	Number of monitoring frameworks developed	#	
			Length of habitat monitored	# miles	
			Area of habitat monitored	# acres	
			Monitoring timeframe	# years	

## Appendix D. Jotform Application



Appendix D. Jotform Application (example only - this form must be filled out and submitted online)

## PMEP Application for project funding - FY2027

Please complete and submit this online application to be considered for funding from PMEPE and its partners for FY2027.

See the RFP for instructions at: <http://www.pacificfishhabitat.org/funding-opportunities/>

Please direct questions to [info@pacificfishhabitat.org](mailto:info@pacificfishhabitat.org).

**Deadline for submitting proposals is 5 pm PST Tuesday, September 15, 2026.**

**You may create a draft of this application, save it, and come back to it later. However, we strongly suggest you save a copy of your answers in a separate file.**

### Project Overview

**Name of project \***

**Requesting organization \***

**Total amount of funding requested from PMEPE \***

**Project location description \***

For example: Grays Harbor Estuary, Washington

**Latitude of project \***

Please use decimal degrees. Example: 46.960

**Longitude of project \***

**Datum of lat/long coordinates \***

Example: WGS 1984

**Name of individual submitting application \***

 

First Name

Last Name

**Submitter's email \***

example@example.com

**Submitter's phone number \***

(000) 000-0000

**Name of project manager (if different from above)**

 

First Name

Last Name

**Project manager's email**

example@example.com

**Project manager's phone number**

(000) 000-0000

**Organization's address \***

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

### Description of requesting organization (250 words) \*

Brief summary of your organization. Please also include a description of your organization's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion or how your organization incorporates diversity into its work.

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## Summary information

### Project category

Please Select

Note that research projects are not eligible for NFHP funding. Assessments of fish habitats are eligible.

### PMEP region \*

Please Select

### Habitat type \*

Please Select

### Brief project description (100 words) \*

Example: The Hanson Tidelands Restoration project will restore floodplain habitat connectivity to 270 acres of a working ranch providing juvenile rearing habitat to Coho salmon. Project sponsor will replace two failing tidegates, remove one tidegate, reconstruct 19,000 ft of tidal channels, construct 36,000 ft of livestock exclusion fencing, and plant 7,000 native hardwoods and shrubs. Implementing a cooperative Water Management Plan will maximize the effectiveness of new tidegates, improving control for summer grazing. The project is a high priority tidegate removal identified through The Nature Conservancy Optipass tidegate prioritization model which considers climate change.

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**Project metrics narrative (500 characters) \***

Provide a brief narrative description of the measurable metrics your project will achieve. Note any metrics that are not included in the Appendix C.

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## **Social and Ecological Benefits**

**Problem being addressed (1500 characters) \***

Describe the problem being addressed by the project and why the project is necessary to address this problem. Note any local or regional plans that point to the need for the project. If this project addresses a new or emerging issue, explain the rationale behind the project approach and methods (described above).

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**Biological and ecological benefits (1500 characters) \***

Please describe the project's overall benefits. Explain how the project restores, enhances or protects estuarine and nearshore marine fish habitat. Describe how the project restores, enhances, or protects habitat-forming processes, ecological functions and connectivity. Note how the project benefits PMEP focal species.

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**Fishing opportunities (1500 characters) \***

Describe how the project benefits fish or invertebrate populations in a manner that leads to improved recreational, tribal, or commercial fishing opportunities.

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## Project performance metrics

Upload Appendix C Project Metrics file and provide a brief narrative of your project's metrics and any notable metrics not included in the Appendix.

## Project Design and Methods

### Public access - (1500 characters) \*

Describe how the project increases public access. Public access includes visual access as well as physical access. Please describe to what extent your project improves, sustains, or provides public access on an ongoing basis, for cultural purposes, or during special events. Include information about how access is provided to historically marginalized community members.

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### For estuary projects: Size Class

Please Select

### Project methods and approach (1500 characters) \*

Brief description the activities or methods used to achieve objectives of the project (1,500 characters or less). List your project objectives. Objectives are meant to be realistic targets or benchmarks that, if achieved, resolve the project need. Objectives are written in an active tense and use action verbs such as construct, **Is your project associated with a mitigation project? If so, please describe. (250 words)**

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survey, train, establish, repair, conduct, provide. Describe what stage of the project PMEP funded is needed for, the activities or methods you will use to achieve the stated objectives, and how the methods demonstrate sound design, appropriate procedures, and accepted fish and wildlife conservation or management principles.

### **Alignment with PMEP and NFHP Objectives**

**Results dissemination - describe activities designed to disseminate project results (1500 characters) \***

Describe plans to disseminate results of the project including the plan to develop project reports and monitoring reports. Describe if you will share project results at events and through professional channels. , including the production and dissemination of final monitoring reports. Describe how you will share spatial data with PMEP for inclusion in PMEP’s estuary and nearshore data layers.  
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### **Project Location Uploads**

**Does the project support PMEP's Goal to restore, enhance, and protect resilient estuarine, and nearshore marine fish habitat? \***

- Yes
- No

**List fish species benefited by the project. (250 words) \***

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**PMEP Estuary Focal Species benefitted by project (check all that apply) \***

- Green sturgeon
- Leopard shark
- Bat ray
- Pacific herring
- Bay shrimp
- Dungeness crab
- California halibut
- English sole
- Starry flounder
- Shiner perch
- Steelhead
- Coho salmon
- Chinook salmon
- Brown rockfish
- Staghorn sculpin

**PMEP Nearshore Focal Species and Habitats benefitted by project (check all that apply) \***

- Kelp forests – (Bull kelp, Giant kelp and other canopy-forming kelp and understory algae)
- California mussel
- Seagrasses (e.g., eelgrass, surfgrass)
- Rockweed
- Olympia oyster
- Dungeness crab
- Geoduck
- Pinto abalone
- Native clams
- Spiny lobster
- Owl limpets (and other harvested limpets)
- Sunflower star
- Ochre star
- Surf smelt (or other beach and nearshore spawning forage fish)
- Black rockfish
- Quillback rockfish
- Lingcod
- Steelhead
- Chinook (or other Pacific salmon)

- Sandlance
- Sheephead

**Monitoring plan (1500 characters) \***

Provide a summary of monitoring and evaluation plan. If available, include information on timeline for monitoring and/or evaluation. Describe your monitoring plan. What metrics or criteria will you use to evaluate the success of your project? How will you monitor for ecological outcomes in the short and long term? How will you modify your project if monitoring shows your outcomes are not being met? Will any of your monitoring involve monitoring for juvenile fish or fish habitat associations?

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**List any species adversely affected by the project and explain how they are affected. (250 words) \***

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**National Fish Habitat Partnership (NFHP) Goals (select all that apply) \***

- Priority 1: Conserve waters and habitats where all processes and functions are operating within their expected range or natural variation.
- Priority 2: Conserve hydrologic conditions for fish.
- Priority 3: Conserve physical and living habitats and features that support viable and sustainable species and/or populations in impacted or at-risk systems.
- Priority 4: Reconnect fragmented fish habitats.
- Priority 5: Conserve water quality for fish.
- Priority 6: Support the structure and function of FHPs.
- Priority 7: Enhance recreational, commercial, subsistence, and traditional fishing opportunities when conducting projects that conserve fish habitat.

**Are all permits in place for this project? \***

- Yes  No

**Will the portion of your project that PMEP may fund be completed within two years? \***

- Yes  No

## Permits status (250 words)

List permits needed, their status, and date of expected receipt (status: received, applied for, pending, not yet applied)  
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## Total amount of Funding Requested from PMEP \*

\$0.00

## Budget

## Project Readiness

### What percentage of the overall project funding is secured? What percentage is pending? \*

### Do you have 1:1 non-federal matching funds for this project?

- Yes
- No
- Still exploring options

### Total matching funds for proposed project. \*

\$0.00

### Total Project Cost \*

\$0.00

### Will this project be fully funded if PMEP funds are received?

- Yes
- No

**Waiver of matching funds. (500 words) \***

Describe and justify why 1:1 matching funds should be waived for your project. Include below the amount of matching funds you can provide.

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**Budget narrative. (500 words) \***

Describe and justify requested budget items and costs identified on the budget table. Provide sufficient information to show cost effectiveness.

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**Technical Expertise of project sponsor (1500 characters) \***

Describe the technical expertise for this project. (include key staff and contracted companies and their qualifications).

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**Outreach - describe project outreach and education (1500 characters) \***

Describe outreach and education activities associated with this project. Describe any engagement with and involvement of community members (including historically marginalized community members) in planning or implementing the project.

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**Partners (comma separated) and Community Support (500 words) \***

List major project partners and their roles. For example, list name of partner organization and their role (funder, technical advisor, landowner, etc.). Include here a brief description of community support for the project.  
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**Project Management**

**Previous project experience (500 words) \***

List up to 5 projects completed by the project sponsor or project team.0/500