



NEW JERSEY PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

ACFHP works to restore and conserve fish habitat in NJ and along the Atlantic Coast.

SHELL RECYCLING PROGRAM - ENDORSED



PROBLEM: Coastal development has significantly polluted NJ's bays and wildlife within.



ENHANCE: Hard Rock Casino in Atlantic City and Dock's Oyster House donated oyster and clam shells to NJ Marine Fisheries Administration. After the shells bake in the sun for 6 months, to rid any contaminants, the shells will be added near the last self-sustaining oyster beds in NJ. Oysters need a hard substrate to land on in order to establish and grow. The healthy oyster population will increase habitat and lead to cleaner water in the Mullica River.

PROJECT LED BY: The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Shellfisheries, Atlantic City Hard Rock Cafe, Jetty Apparel, Jetty Rock Foundation, ReClam the Bay, Inc., Stockton University, and Rutgers Cooperative Extension are involved in making this effort a success.

DAM REMOVALS ON THE PAULINS KILL - FUNDED

PROBLEM: The Columbia Dam, Paulina Dam, and the County Line Dam have prohibited the safe passage of migratory fish species for 100+ years.

RESTORATION: Restored **45** miles of river and enhanced water flow. Improved habitat for species such as American shad, river herring, sea lamprey, American eel, and more. Improved water quality led to healthier marshes for birds and mussel biomass.

WHAT'S NEXT? Reinforce the 30-acre floodplain surrounding the site with native plants to reduce erosion.



BEFORE





AFTER

ACFHP'S PRIORITY HABITATS IN NJ



Submerged Aquatic Vegetation

Tidal Vegetation

Riverine Bottom

Marine and Estuarine Shellfish Beds

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