

Subject **Release of NOAA Fisheries Recovering Threatened and Endangered Species FY 2019–2020 Report to Congress**  
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Good Morning,

Today, NOAA Fisheries announced the availability of the latest comprehensive report on *Recovering Threatened and Endangered Species FY 2019-2020* ([Link to Webstory](#)). This report summarizes efforts to recover all domestic and transnational species under NOAA Fisheries' jurisdiction from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2020 and highlights progress made on recovery efforts for the nine species identified in the *Species in the Spotlight* initiative, including **Central California Coast coho salmon**. The Endangered Species Act provides a critical safety net. We are beginning to see the success of our efforts, but more work needs to be done.

Our *Species in the Spotlight* initiative, launched in 2015, has been a success in raising awareness, increasing partnerships, and marshaling resources to help stabilize the decline of nine marine species at risk. We renewed the initiative in 2021 and released Priority Action Plans for 2021-2025.

In this report, we also highlight nine partners whose exceptional efforts have made a profound difference for the *Species in the Spotlight*. Our *Partners in the Spotlight* deserve special recognition for their incredible conservation efforts. Please learn more about their efforts at our [website](#). **San Mateo Resource Conservation District** has been named the Central California Coast coho salmon Partner in the Spotlight. The San Mateo Resource Conservation District has focused their restoration efforts on conserving salmonids and their habitat, especially coho salmon, over the last decade. They have demonstrated a remarkable ability to foster new, and strengthen existing, partnerships with public and private landowners.

All of our species listed under the ESA are valuable and vulnerable. NOAA Fisheries will continue to protect and recover all of the ESA species we are responsible for in collaboration with our partners. Please reach out with any questions or comments.

Thank you,  
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