



# Vermont

## NOAA Works to Improve Vermont's Coastal and Marine Areas

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) acts for the Secretary of Commerce as a federal trustee** under the Superfund Act to protect and restore natural resources in coastal and marine areas. NOAA trust resources in Vermont include American shad, Atlantic salmon, American eel, and dozens of other species and their supporting habitats (e.g., tidal wetlands). NOAA's stewardship also safeguards our nation's waterways and coastal activities, ranging from safe navigation and marine transportation to recreational activities along navigable waters.

## Cleaning up and Restoring Sites in Vermont

**The Office of Response and Restoration's Coastal Protection and Restoration Division (OR&R/CPRD) partners with other agencies and responsible parties** to ensure that waste site cleanups not only reduce risk but also restore natural resources and improve the quality of the environment. NOAA Coastal Resource Coordinators get involved early in site cleanups to:

- ensure that ecological assessments and the entire cleanup process evaluate and mitigate any risk to sensitive species and habitats;
- incorporate environmental restoration into cleanup actions;
- monitor the successful recovery of trust resources and habitats; and
- reduce the need for expensive re-evaluations.

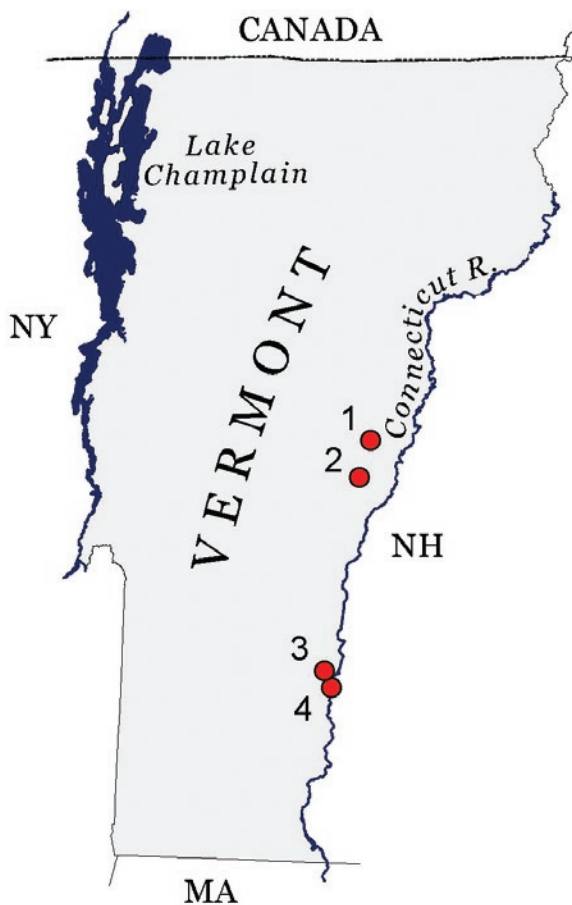
Because CRCs help make site-cleanup and restoration decisions in coastal regions, everyone saves time and money by avoiding litigation and duplication of effort. Responsible parties benefit from an early resolution of liability for damage to natural resources. Best of all, we can address environmental threats sooner, increasing the chances for effective protection, recovery, and restoration of coastal and marine resources and their habitats.

## Areas of Special Concern in Vermont...

**Atlantic salmon** historically spawned in the **Connecticut River**. NOAA, EPA, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the State of Vermont are trying to ensure that the river habitat is protected from hazardous waste site contaminants. For example, a combined state and federal program has restored initial Atlantic salmon runs in the Connecticut River. The

## Protecting and Restoring Coastal and Marine Resources

*NOAA's Coastal Protection and Restoration Division (CPRD) program protects and restores natural resources in marine and coastal environments that are affected by hazardous waste sites. NOAA Coastal Resource Coordinators (CRCs) work with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the State of Vermont, and other trustee agencies to identify risks to natural resources, recommend site cleanups that protect habitat and wildlife, and design projects to restore injured resources and habitats.*



### Waste Sites

1. Ely Copper Mine
2. Elizabeth Mine
3. Old Springfield Landfill
4. BFI Sanitary Landfill (Rockingham)

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*Our goal: healthy, productive coastal ecosystems, fisheries, and marine mammals in Vermont and the U.S.*

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program includes planting hatchery-reared, young salmon in the upstream tributaries of the Connecticut River watershed to help re-establish the native spawning runs.

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