

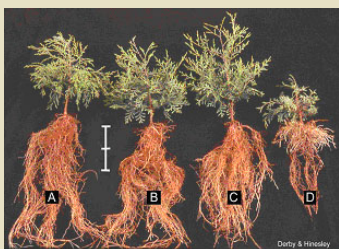


Fisheries
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Conservation



Key Partners:

- North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
- North Carolina Division of Forestry
- U.S. Geological Survey
- Dominion Power
- Southeastern Aquatic Resources Partnership



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- The Service is involved in the restoration and recovery of the Robust Redhorse sucker. The Robust Redhorse Conservation Committee was established—a consensus group with the goal of restoring the fish in the waters of Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. The Committee has thirteen signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding with more than sixty parties interested in the restoration.
- The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program has engaged in 29 habitat improvement projects, with 1,671 acres of habitat improved in 2004.
- The Environmental Contaminants Program has expertise in contaminant investigations, completing ten studies on National Wildlife Refuges from 2002 to 2004. The program performed 92 consultations on the effects of pesticides on endangered species, provided technical assistance on nine Superfund sites, and conducted 32 Clean Water Act reviews.
- The National Fish Hatchery System stocks more than 1 million fish annually to support anadromous fish restoration in the coastal rivers of the South Atlantic.
- The Project Planning Program, Refuges and Fisheries worked collaboratively with state and local governments, nongovernmental organizations, and Dominion Power to develop conservation measures for Dominion's Roanoke Rapids and Gaston hydropower project. The company will be improving flows during the spawning season for diadromous fish, rewatering a bypassed section of the river, phasing in fish passage for American eel and American shad, and reducing growing season flooding of the floodplain.
- The Albemarle-Pamlico Sound Coastal Program has been in the forefront of North Carolina fish passage efforts and technical assistance in the Neuse and Cape Fear river basins since 1991. Working with State and Federal agencies, NGOs, utilities, and private landowners, over 1100 miles of river has been opened through dam removal and the installation of fish passage devices.
- Working with partners, the Albemarle Pamlico Sound Coastal Program has restored approximately 2,500 acres of globally rare Atlantic white cedar bog and developed innovative propagation and nursery techniques to support the restoration efforts.
- The Service spearheaded the creation of the Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership (SARP), which is comprised of State and Federal partnerships that extend beyond the traditional boundaries of resource management agencies. It has established commitments by State fishery resource agencies, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and representation from the coastal Councils and Commissions to work for the benefit of the resource. The SARP now has 16 signatories, including the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

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