Summary of NOAA Support of NFHAP

Since 2006, NOAA has committed to NFHAP through its in-kind contributions of staff and technical assistance and by using existing funding to support national and partnership NFHAP activities that match NOAA's mission.

NOAA provides leadership to NFHAP at the national level by:

- serving on the NFHAP Board,
- providing management and policy support to the Board executive team,
- providing science and technical leadership for the development and execution of the coastal assessment of the 2010 Status of Fish Habitats Report
- engaging other Federal agencies through the Federal Caucus, and
- supporting NFHAP communications initiatives.

NOAA has also actively engaged in the development and implementation of coastally-focused partnerships through staff support in our regional offices and by providing funding for activities like strategic planning workshops and partnership coordination. In addition, NOAA has supported on-the-ground habitat protection and restoration projects with several coastal partnerships. Since 2006 NOAA's support of projects has totaled close to $1.5 million.

<u>NOAA NFHAP support since 2006</u>:

Project support: $1.5 million

Science and Data support: $616,000

National and Regional NFHAP coordination and staff support: 16 staff in part-time capacity

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