

# MOHF Category Objectives

- **Category 1 - Conservation of fisheries and wildlife, and habitat:** This category prioritizes projects that aim to protect, restore, and manage habitats critical to the survival of various fish and wildlife species, with an emphasis on sustaining ecological balance and biodiversity.

Possible Projects: Fish Passage Improvements, Habitat Connectivity Projects, Invasive Species Control, Wetland Restoration and Forest Management.

- **Category 2 - Acquisition and management of public lands, parks, wildlife conservation areas, and public access and outdoor recreation sites and facilities:** This category is dedicated to expanding and enhancing Maine's public lands and outdoor spaces. It supports projects that aim to acquire, develop, and manage lands and facilities that provide recreational opportunities, protect natural resources, and ensure public access to Maine's treasured landscapes.

Possible Projects: Land Acquisition for public use, Trail Development and Maintenance, Boat Launch Improvements to improve access, Wildlife Conservation Area Management, Accessibility Projects, and Park Facility Upgrades.

- **Category 3 - Conservation of endangered and threatened species:** This category is dedicated to protecting and recovering Maine's most vulnerable species and habitats. It supports projects that focus on at risk species, habitats, and eco systems.

Possible Projects: Piping Plover Nesting Site Protection, Atlantic Salmon Restoration, New England Cottontail Recovery, Bat Conservation Initiatives, Maine Endangered and Threatened Plant List, Flood Plain Natural Community Management, Federally Listed Plant and Animal Species Monitoring, and Education on At-Risk Species and Habitats.

- **Category 4 - Natural resources law enforcement and protection of public health:** This category is focused on protecting Maine's natural resources and ensuring the health and safety of the public. It supports projects that enhance the enforcement of environmental laws, promote compliance with regulations designed to protect natural resources, and address public health concerns related to environmental and outdoor activities.

Possible Projects: Wildlife Law and Code Enforcement Training, PFAS Detection and Remediation, Tick-Borne Disease Research, Water Quality Monitoring Programs, Equipment Supporting Law Enforcement and Search and Rescue Activities, and Illegal Dumping Prevention Initiatives.

For specific examples of proposal applications and/or reports, contact MOHF Secretariat