



California Salmon Strategy for a Hotter, Drier Future

California is working to save salmon.

To restore populations of salmon amidst hotter and drier weather exacerbated by climate change, Governor Newsom announced California's first strategy to protect the iconic fish species.

California's Salmon Strategy specifies the **six priorities** and **71 actions** to build healthier, thriving salmon populations in California.

CALIFORNIA'S SIX PRIORITIES:



1.

Remove Barriers and Modernize Infrastructure for Salmon Migration



2.

Restore and Expand Habitat for Salmon Spawning and Rearing



3.

Protect Water Flows and Water Quality in Key Rivers at the Right Times to Support Salmon



4.

Modernize Salmon Hatcheries



5.

Transform Technology and Management Systems for Climate Adaptability



6.

Strengthen Partnerships

California needs thriving salmon runs.

Salmon are central to religions, creation stories, the health and subsistence of California Native Tribes, the nourishment of soils and forests, and a multi-million-dollar fishing industry. Many hardworking people make a living catching and selling salmon.

But after 10 years of rapidly intensifying drought and more extreme weather, salmon are not doing well.

“Salmon are an integral part of our shared history in California. Some of my youngest memories were of seeing the iconic fish up close with my father when I was growing up – an experience all Californians deserve. We’re doubling down to make sure this species not only adapts in the face of extreme weather but remains a fixture of California’s natural beauty and ecosystems for generations to come.”

- Governor Gavin Newsom

Healthy year-after-year salmon runs provide more than an opportunity for subsistence, recreational, and commercial fishing – all of which are vitally important to California’s people and economy on their own. Healthy returns also enable entire cultures and ways of life, some extending back to time immemorial, and will ensure that all future Californians have the opportunity to experience the state’s diverse biology.



**Just as California needs salmon,
salmon need us.**