Eight new shellfish restoration projects were funded through the TNC/NOAA Community-based Restoration Program in 2005. A hallmark of each of these projects is that they incorporate ecological monitoring to measure and document ecosystem services, a key objective of restoration projects funded through the TNC/NOAA partnership. Examples of ecological parameters being monitored as part of these projects include species diversity within spawner sanctuaries, shellfish size and biomass, vertical relief and physical reef structure, and water clarity and seston removal by shellfish. Another important aspect of these projects is that each represents a collaborative effort between The Nature Conservancy and state, federal and academic partners that bring critical skills and resources to achieve the restoration goals.

- Oysters and blue mussel restoration, Great Bay, NH (Jay Odell; jodell@tnc.org)
- Hard clam restoration in Long Island estuaries, NY (Carl LoBue; clobue@tnc.org)
- Intertidal oyster reefs and eelgrass restoration, Virginia Coast Reserve (Barry Truitt; btruitt@tnc.org)
- Oyster reef restoration and population enhancement, Piankatank River, VA (Mark Bryer; mbryer@tnc.org)
- Intertidal oyster reefs in the Indian River Lagoon, FL (Anne Birch, abirch@tnc.org)
- Intertidal oyster reef restoration in Grand Bay NERRS, MS (Nicole Vickey; nvickey@tnc.org)
- Cultch veneer on breakwaters for shellfish restoration, Grand Isle, LA (Cindy Brown, cbrown@tnc.org)
- Olympia oyster restoration, Netarts Bay, OR (Dick Vander Schaaf; dvanderschaaf@tnc.org)

These projects add to the growing list of projects that TNC is pursuing with partners around the U.S., with a goal of returning and documenting ecosystem impacts.

### Looking Ahead

**New references worth reviewing**

New Shellfish Restoration Fact Sheet from The Nature Conservancy. Available in pdf format at: [www.nature.org/marine/](http://www.nature.org/marine/) under “What’s New?”

**Upcoming Events**