



**THE WHITE HOUSE**

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Congratulations to the members of the Salmon in the City Stewardship Team on receiving the Coastal America 2007 Partnership Award for your work to restore and protect our Nation's coastal environment.

The vibrant beauty of our oceans, lakes, and rivers is a blessing to our country, and we have a responsibility to care for our waterways and their diverse plant and animal life. Across our country, we continue to make progress in protecting our natural heritage and safeguarding our environment through responsible stewardship of the land. My Administration remains committed to protecting our coastal environment, and we are proud to work with State and local governments, the private sector, and non-profit organizations to ensure the effective conservation of our national treasures.

I appreciate the Salmon in the City Stewardship Team for your commitment to conserving our natural resources and protecting our coastal environment. Your dedicated efforts help keep America beautiful for future generations and build a cleaner, safer, and healthier environment for people everywhere.

Laura and I send our best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a long, sweeping underline.