



## Survey of NOAA Fisheries Service Employees

National Response Rate: 27% (124 returned surveys from 464 recipients) Pacific Coast (CA, OR, WA, ID) Response Rate: 23% (56 returned surveys from 241)

# Note: A certain percentage of responses for most questions were left blank. These figures are not included below causing, in many cases, the percentages listed to equal less than 100%.

### RESOURCES

1. NOAA Fisheries has sufficient resources to adequately perform its environmental mission of "stewardship of living marine resources through science-based conservation and management and the promotion of healthy ecosystems."

□ <i>strongly agree</i> Pacific Coast	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ do	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ don't know		□ strongly disagree
1.8%	12.5%	10.7%	37.5%	35.7%
National .8%	11.3%	5.6%	38.7%	41.9%

2. Based on the division's role in fulfilling the mission of NOAA Fisheries, indicate whether the resource allocation for your division is: *excessive*, *adequate*, *inadequate* or *don't know*. **Please answer only for the division in which you work**.

a. Sustainable Fisheries Division					
$\Box$ excessive	🗆 adequate	🗆 inadequate	🗆 don't know		
Pacific Coast	t				
0%	0%	3.6%	12.5%		
National					
0.8%	1.6%	12.9%	11.3%		
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b. Protec	eted Resources I				
$\Box$ excessive	🗆 adequate	🗆 inadequate	🗆 don't know		
Pacific Coast	t				
0%	0%	35.7%	8.9%		
National					
0%	4%	37.1%	7.3%		
c. Habita	at Conservation	Division			
$\Box$ excessive	🗆 adequate	🗆 inadequate	🗆 don't know		
Pacific Coast	t				
0%	14.3%	44.6%	3.6%		
National					
0%	8.1%	42.7%	7.3%		

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5.	i uni unoi ucc	uppropriate resource	los to heep u	o with advan	cos m my	p1010001011.

strongly agree	 agree don't know		🗆 disagree	strongly disagree
Pacific Coast 0%	32.1%	5.4%	39.3%	19.6%
National 4.8%	33.9%	2.4%	34.7%	20.2%

#### PROFESSIONALISM

4. I feel free to openly collaborate with my scientific colleagues employed in academia or other public agencies on issues relevant to my work assignments at NOAA Fisheries.

strongly agree	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ do	n't know	disagree 🛛	strongly disagree
Pacific Coast				
14.3%	66.1%	1.8%	14.3%	3.6%
National				
21.8%	60.5%	2.4%	10.5%	4%

5. I am encouraged to actively participate in scientific professional societies and organizations.

strongly agree	🗆 agree 🗆 don't l	know 🛛 disagr	ee 🛛 strong	ly disagree
Pacific Coast				
0%	33.9%	5.4%	51.8%	8.9%
National				
6.5%	40.3%	5.6%	37.1%	9.7%

6. I am allowed to publish work in peer-reviewed scientific journals regardless of whether it adheres to agency policies and positions.

strongly agree	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ do	n't know 🛛 dis	sagree 🛛 sti	rongly disagree
Pacific Coast				
1.8%	10.7%	57.1%	21.4%	7.1%
National				
0.8%	21.8%	52.4%	16.1%	7.3%

7. Within the agency I can openly express my professional opinion about the conservation requirements of species and habitats without fear of retaliation.

$\Box$ strongly agree	🗆 agree 🗆 don 'i	t know	disagree	□ strongly disagree
Pacific Coast	-		-	
8.9%	44.6%	10.7%	23.2%	12.5%
National				
12.9%	50%	6.5%	21%	8.1%

8. Outside the agency I can openly express my professional opinion about the conservation requirements of species and habitats without fear of retaliation.

□ strongly agree	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ do	n't know	🗆 disagree	□ strongly disagree
Pacific Coast				
5.4%	32.1%	19.6%	25%	17.9%
National				
6.5%	38.7%	12.9%	21.8%	17.7%

9. I feel that I am allowed to do my job as a scientist.						
□ strongly agree	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ do	on't know	🗆 disagree	□ strongly disagree		
Pacific Coast						
1.8%	51.8%	5.4%	33.9%	3.6%		
National						

6.5%	54%	4%		27.4%	4%	
MISSION				1	1 1	
10. NOA				pulations and	habitats t	hat need protection, such as
	-	lered for ESA-list	-	. 1.		1 1.
	□ <i>strongly agree</i> Pacific Coast	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ don'	t know	🗆 disagree	$\Box$ stro	ngly disagree
	1.8% National	30.4%	5.4%	39.3	3%	21.4%
	2.4%	30.6%	11.3%	36.3	3%	16.1%
	b. Marine mamm	als				
	□ <i>strongly agree</i> Pacific Coast	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ don'	t know	🗆 disagree	□ stro	ngly disagree
	1.8% National	10.7%	78.6%	7.19	%	0%
	1.6%	19.4%	56.5%	15	3%	4%
	c. Depleted fish					
	strongly agree Pacific Coast	🗆 agree 🗆 don'i	t know	🗆 disagree	$\Box$ stro	ngly disagree
	0% National	25%	37.5%	25%	0	10.7%
	2.4%	24.2%	29%	27.4	4%	14.5%
11. NOA	A Fisheries effective a. ESA-listed spe		populat	ions and habit	ats it has i	dentified as at risk, such as
	□ <i>strongly agree</i> Pacific Coast	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ don'	t know	🗆 disagree	$\Box$ stro	ngly disagree
	1.8% National	17.9%	3.6%	46.4	4%	28.6%
	1.6%	20.2%	11.3%	43.:	5%	20.2%
	b. Marine mamm	als				
	□ <i>strongly agree</i> Pacific Coast	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ don'	t know	🗆 disagree	$\Box$ stro	ngly disagree
	1.8% National	5.4%	69.6%	17.9	9%	3.6%
	1.6%	14.5%	47.6%	25%	6	7.3%
	c. Depleted fish s	stocks				
	□ <i>strongly agree</i> Pacific Coast	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ don'	t know	🗆 disagree	□ stro	ngly disagree
	0% National	10.7%	33.9%	44.0	5%	7.1%
	2.4%	15.3%	25%	42.7	7%	11.3%
12. NOA	A Fisheries effective a. ESA-listed spe		overy of	populations a	nd habitat	s that are at risk, such as
	□ strongly agree	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ don'	t know	🗆 disagree	□ stro	ngly disagree

□ <i>strongly agree</i> Pacific Coast	🗆 agree 🗆 don't	know 🗆 disag	ree 🗌 strong	gly disagree
0%	5.4%	8.9%	48.2%	35.7%
National 1.6%	11.3%	15.3%	41.9%	26.6%

b. Marine mammals					
$\Box$ strongly agree	🗆 agree 🗆 don 'i	know 🗌 disag	gree 🛛 strong	gly disagree	
Pacific Coast					
0%	7.1%	75%	10.7%	3.6%	
National					
0.8%	12.1%	54%	21%	7.3%	
c. Depleted fish s	stocks				
$\Box$ strongly agree	🗆 agree 🗆 don 'i	know 🗆 disag	gree 🛛 strong	gly disagree	
Pacific Coast					
0%	8.9%	39.3%	35.7%	10.7%	
National					
1.6%	16.1%	29%	33.9%	13.7%	

13. I trust NOAA Fisheries decision makers to make decisions that will protect marine resources and ecosystems.

□ strongly agree	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ do	n't know	🗆 disagree	□ strongly disagree
Pacific Coast				
0%	14.3%	7.1%	39.3%	37.5%
National				
0.8%	24.2%	4%	40.3%	28.2%

14. NOAA Fisheries is moving in the right direction.

□ strongly agree	🗆 agree 🗆 don 't	know 🗌 disagi	ree 🛛 strong	gly disagree
Pacific Coast				
0%	10.7%	17.9%	42.9%	26.8%
National				
1.6%	25.8%	10.5%	40.3%	19.4%

#### POLITICS

15. I know of cases where high-level U.S. Department of Commerce administrators or appointees have inappropriately altered NOAA Fisheries determinations.

$\Box$ strongly agree	🗆 agree 🗆 dor	ı't know	🗆 disagree	□ strongly disagree
Pacific Coast				
33.9%	28.6%	30.4%	3.6%	0%
National				
27.4%	30.6%	29%	9.7%	0%

16. I know of cases where high-level administrators or appointees from other federal departments or agencies (e.g. OMB, CEQ, USDA, DOD, DOI, ACE) have inappropriately influenced NOAA Fisheries determinations.

strongly agree	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ do	n't know 🛛 a	lisagree 🛛 🗆 s	strongly disagree
Pacific Coast				
25%	35.7%	35.7%	0%	0%
National				
20.2%	34.7%	41.1%	0%	0.8%

17. I know of cases where members of Congress have inappropriately influenced NOAA Fisheries determinations.

□ <i>strongly agree</i> Pacific Coast	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ do	on't know 🗆 disc	agree	strongly disagree
5.4%	23.2%	60.7%	8.9%	0%
National 12.9%	29%	46%	8.9%	0%

18. I know of cases where state, tribal or local governments/elected officials have inappropriately influenced NOAA Fisheries determinations.

□ strongly agree	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ do	n't know 🛛 dis	sagree 🛛 .	strongly disagree
Pacific Coast				
8.9%	32.1%	53.6%	0%	0%
National				
11.3%	27.4%	57.3%	0%	0%

19. I know of cases where commercial interests have inappropriately induced the reversal or withdrawal of NOAA Fisheries scientific conclusions or decisions through political intervention.

□ strongly agree	🗆 agree 🗆 don	t know □ di	isagree 🗍 .	strongly disagree
Pacific Coast				
14.3%	28.6%	53.6%	0%	0%
National				
18.5%	34.7%	43.5%	0%	0%

20. I know of cases where non-governmental environmental interests have inappropriately induced the reversal or withdrawal of NOAA Fisheries scientific conclusions or decisions through political intervention.

□ strongly agree	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ do	on't know 🛛	disagree	strongly disagree
Pacific Coast				
3.6%	5.4%	46.4%	28.6%	12.5%
National				
4%	8.9%	40.3%	32.3%	11.3%

#### SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY.

21. NOAA Fisheries strives to incorporate balanced independent peer review in validating scientific findings.

□ strongly agree	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ do	n't know 🛛 d	isagree 🛛 🗆 st	rongly disagree
Pacific Coast				
8.9%	46.4%	10.7%	28.6%	3.6%
National				
9.7%	53.2%	12.1%	20.2%	2.4%

22. I believe NOAA Fisheries routinely makes determinations using its best scientific judgment, even when political pressure is applied.

□ strongly agree	🗆 agree 🗆 do	n't know	🗆 disagree	strongly disagree
Pacific Coast				
3.6%	30.4%	8.9%	35.7%	17.9%
National				
4.8%	38.7%	6.5%	33.9%	12.9%

23. I have been directed to inappropriately exclude or alter technical information from a NOAA Fisheries scientific document.

$\Box$ frequently	$\Box$ occasionally	$\Box$ seldom	$\Box$ never	$\Box$ not applicable
Pacific Coast				
1.8%	12.5%	16.1%	62.5%	3.6%
National				
0.8%	8.9%	12.1%	67.7%	7.3%

24. I have been directed, for non-scientific reasons, to refrain from making findings that are protective of species.

□ <i>frequently</i> Pacific Coast	$\Box$ occasionally	$\Box$ seldom	$\Box$ never	$\Box$ not applicable
5.4%	14.3%	19.6%	57.1%	1.8%
National 2.4%	18.%	12.1%	56.5%	8.1%

25. I have been directed by NOAA Fisheries decision makers to provide incomplete, inaccurate or misleading information to the public, media or elected officials.

$\Box$ frequently	$\Box$ occasionally	$\Box$ seldom	never	$\Box$ not applicable
Pacific Coast				
0%	8.9%	7.1%	75%	7.1%
National 0%	6.5%	9 7%	74.2%	7.3%
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#### **CAREER SATISFACTION**

26. I believe that scientists would find a career at NOAA Fisheries rewarding.

□ <i>strongly agree</i> Pacific Coast	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ do	$n$ 't know $\Box$ dis	sagree 🗌 st	rongly disagree
7.1%	35.7%	14.3%	30.4%	8.9%
National 7.3%	43.5%	17.7%	22.6%	6.5%

27. Over the past few years my personal job satisfaction at NOAA Fisheries has

$\Box$ increased	$\Box$ decreased	$\Box$ stayed the same	$\Box$ no opinion
Pacific Coast			
12.5%	53.6%	30.4%	3.6%
National			
22.6%	46%	26.6%	4%

28. I feel that NOAA Fisheries values my professional expertise and applies it to achieve the greatest scientific benefit to agency decisions.

strongly agree	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ do	n't know 🛛 c	disagree 🛛 🗆 s	trongly disagree
Pacific Coast				
5.4%	37.5%	16.1%	32.1%	8.9%
National				
6.5%	41.9%	9.7%	29.8%	11.3%

29.	My office supervisor will stand behind staff who put forth scientifically defensible positions that may be
	politically controversial.

□ strongly agree	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ do	n't know 🛛 di.	sagree 🛛 str	rongly disagree
Pacific Coast 17.9%	30.4%	12.5%	19.6%	17.9%
National 16.9%	39.5%	10.5%	16.1%	14.5%

30. NOAA Fisheries upper-management will stand behind staff who put forth scientifically defensible positions that may be politically controversial.

□ <i>strongly agree</i> Pacific Coast	$\Box$ agree $\Box$ do	on't know 🗆 di	sagree 🗌 str	rongly disagree
0%	19.6%	19.6%	39.3%	21.4%
National 2.4%	25%	15.3%	39.5%	16.1%

31. Morale within NOAA Fisheries is:

□ excellent	$\Box$ good	$\Box$ fair	$\Box$ poor	$\Box$ extremely poor	□ don't know
Pacific Coast					
0%	12.5%	35.7%	30.4%	17.9%	1.8%
National					
2.4%	24.2%	28.2%	28.2%	13.7%	1.6%

32. My current position at NOAA Fisheries is:

□ Management/Su	pervisory	□ Non-Supervisory/Staff
Pacific Coast		
8.9%		87.5%
National		
12.1%		84.7%
33. My current g	rade level is:	
□ 7	□ 9-12	□ 13-15
Pacific Coast		
3.6%	69.6%	21.4%
National		

61.3%

34. The integrity of the scientific work produced by NOAA Fisheries could best be improved by:Essay Response: 60.5%Pacific Coast62.5%37.5%National

32.3%

60.5% 39.5%

3.2%