



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%