

National Observer Program Leadership

NOAA Fisheries Sponsors

Deputy Assistant Administrator
for Regulatory Programs

Director of Office of
Science & Technology

Chief Science
Advisor

Program Manager

Serves as liaison between NOPAT and NOAA Leadership and manages operations of the NOP. Staff includes bycatch and observer safety experts.

Safety Advisory Committee

Advises the NOPAT on observer safety, health, and welfare. Members represent regional observer programs, NOAA's General Counsel and Office of Law Enforcement, and the U.S. Coast Guard. Contractors with relevant technical expertise may also be named to the SAC.

NOP Advisory Team (NOPAT)

Sets policy and budgetary direction for the NOP. Members include representatives from NOAA Fisheries HQ offices, Regions, and Science Centers, as well as a U.S. Coast Guard liaison.

NOAA Fisheries HQ	Office of Science and Technology	Office of Sustainable Fisheries	Office of Protected Resources	Office of Law Enforcement		
Regional Offices	Alaska	Greater Atlantic	Pacific Islands	Southeast	West Coast	
Science Centers	Alaska	Northeast	Northwest	Pacific Islands	Southeast	Southwest
General Counsel for Fisheries	General Counsel for Enforcement and Litigation			U.S. Coast Guard (liaison)		

Regional Programs

Each regional Observer Program is responsible for monitoring different species and gear types. Click on the shaded area of the map to learn more about each region's work.

