

**NOAA FISHERIES NATIONAL SEABIRD PROGRAM
TEAM APPROACH TO SEABIRD MATTERS**

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PURPOSE: The National Seabird Program (NSP) developed a team approach to address seabird issues within and outside of NOAA Fisheries with the greatest expertise. Three teams were formed to best advise and assist with NOAA Fisheries’ seabird responsibilities. The teams comprise members with a strong working knowledge of the team’s focus in order for the teams to collectively undertake NOAA Fisheries’ seabird issues in a comprehensive way.

OBJECTIVES: To carry out the seabird work of NOAA Fisheries and its National Seabird Program in an efficient manner that makes use of available resources in a wise and efficient way.

TEAM GUIDELINES:

- 1) Teams will take on projects/tasks/topics as they arise and/or as requested by the National Seabird Coordinator.
- 2) For specific projects and as appropriate, teams will determine the best way forward with respect to team meeting frequency, process, output/product, timeline.
- 3) Teams will report on any projects/tasks/topics at quarterly calls.
- 4) These guidelines will evolve as needed.

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