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Today, NOAA Fisheries announced our intent to develop a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for projects funded by NOAA's Saltonstall-Kennedy Research and Development Program. Also known as S-K, the program funds approximately \$10M in fishing industry projects annually. All financial assistance awards under S-K are considered "Major Federal Actions" under the National Environmental Policy Act. The PEIS is being developed to consolidate the NEPA process, resulting in a more efficient review process and a more robust analysis of the S-K program.

To inform the process, NOAA Fisheries will hold three virtual public scoping meetings to solicit comments from a range of stakeholders. To ensure all of our stakeholders have an opportunity to provide comments, the agency will hold three separate virtual meetings—one to include the Eastern and Central U.S., the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico; one for the West Coast and Alaska; and one for the Western Pacific. The details of the public scoping period and request for comments are included in the Federal Register notice. They are also posted on the NOAA Fisheries website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/event/public-scoping-meetings-saltonstall-kennedy-research-and-development-program>. Your assistance in helping spread the word on this opportunity for public input is welcome.

If you have any questions regarding the development of the PEIS or this call for public comment, please contact [Cliff Cosgrove](#) in our Office of Management and Budget in headquarters.

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