



Electronic Monitoring and Reporting Program

Fisheries electronic data collection funding opportunity

NFWF CONTACTS

Gray Redding

Manager,

Fisheries Conservation

gray.redding@nfwf.org

202-595-2438

Willy Goldsmith

Electronic Monitoring and Reporting Field Liaison

wgoldsmith@pelagicstrategies.com

617-763-3340

PARTNER

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)



Fishing boat in San Juan Islands, Pacific Northwest

OVERVIEW

The Electronic Monitoring and Reporting grant program (EMR) is a competitive funding opportunity established by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) in 2015 with support from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The grant program funds projects that are 1) driving the incorporation of electronic technologies in fisheries data collection and 2) modernizing fisheries data management for better decision making. EMR seeks both projects that explore and pilot new technology ideas, as well as projects that implement proven fisheries technology innovations at the fishing fleet scale or across multiple fishing communities.

Since 2015, EMR has awarded more than \$1.4 million to 9 projects in West Coast fisheries, with conservation impact doubled through \$1.6 million in matching funds. Even more funding was provided prior to 2015 through NFWF's Fisheries Innovation Fund. EMR projects have supported a variety of innovations for West Coast fishing communities and partners including electronic reporting in for-hire fisheries and electronic monitoring in the groundfish fishery. NFWF aims to continue supporting high priority work on the West Coast but can only fund what we receive proposals on.

The next application window will begin in August 2023. Priorities are based on NOAA's Electronic Technologies Regional Implementation Plans, among other sources. Work in any US State or Federal fishery is eligible. The most competitive proposals will show close coordination and engagement with fishermen and often relevant agencies. Learn more and see more information on program priorities at: <https://www.nfwf.org/programs/fisheries-innovation-fund>

Electronic technologies have the potential to bring down the cost of fishery monitoring; increase the speed, reliability and transparency of fisheries data; and enable managers and fishermen to address management challenges more effectively. High quality, timely and accurate fisheries information is critical to maintaining sustainable U.S. fisheries.

ABOUT NFWF

Chartered by Congress in 1984, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) protects and restores the nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats. Working with federal, corporate and individual partners, NFWF has funded more than 6,000 organizations and generated a total conservation impact of \$8.1 billion.

Learn more at www.nfwf.org

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

1133 15th Street, NW

Suite 1000

Washington, D.C., 20005

202-857-0166