

Dear Colleagues,

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We're writing to share that the Fisheries Leadership & Sustainability Forum (Fisheries Forum) is concluding our program at the end of this month. We are proud to celebrate a decade of partnership with the federal fisheries management community.

Your support encouraged the Fisheries Forum to evolve in new and exciting directions over the years. Our program was founded in 2008 with the mission of providing policy-neutral support to the federal fisheries management process. From our early days of convening council members for our semi-annual "forums," the Fisheries Forum grew to become a trusted facilitator, convener, and thought partner to the regional fishery management councils and NOAA Fisheries. Our body of work includes more than 35 forums, regional and national workshops, and other collaborations, and we have been privileged to work with every council and NOAA Fisheries region.

While our program has reached its conclusion, we are honored to have worked with a community of dedicated professionals committed to helping the council process function at its best. The past ten years have brought many changes to the federal fisheries management process, and it has been exciting to witness the innovation and creativity of the councils in response to these changes. We hope a lasting impact of the Fisheries Forum's work will be a connected and forward-looking network of managers and scientists that stand ready to tackle the challenges of the future.

We are thankful to our funders, collaborators, and our institutional partners for their support. We would also like to acknowledge our former staff members who contributed their energy and vision to bring the Fisheries Forum concept to life. Finally, on a personal note, we want to thank you for contributing your experience, ideas, and expertise to help the Fisheries Forum program succeed. The passion and commitment you bring to your work has been the most rewarding part of our experience leading this program.

The summary from our 2018 Forum: Learning, Evaluation, and Planning is [available online](#). Our archived website and materials from past projects will continue to be available at www.fisheriesforum.org, and our personal contact information is below.

It has been a pleasure working with you, and we hope our paths cross again!

Warm regards,



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