



# NOAA Regional Collaboration

*A network of NOAA employees and partners representing the agency's diverse capabilities across the country in eight geographic regions.*

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## NOAA's Need for Regional Collaboration

NOAA confronts complex challenges that are place-based, require interdisciplinary approaches and regionally tailored solutions. NOAA's Regional Collaboration Teams are positioned to facilitate collaboration at the regional level, as well as tap into resources and capabilities.

## Regional Collaboration Goals

### ***Goal 1: Address regional challenges by connecting people and resources:***

- Gather information on place based issues and impacts,
- Understand the landscape of regional providers and end-users of NOAA data and information.
- Identify data, communication, coordination, and resource gaps that could benefit from a broad NOAA response,
- Develop and support collaborative projects that close gaps and build NOAA's interdisciplinary capacity
- Convene NOAA and partners to address specific regional priorities and shared goals.

### ***Goal 2: Exchange both national and regional insights that inform action:***

- Enhance leadership understanding of regional issues,
- Provide guidance and support in the development and implementation of NOAA-wide, cross-line regional programs.
- Catalyze efforts such as regional decision-support tools, emergency response protocols, ecological forecasts, and user-friendly visualization software .
- Tailor products and services to the needs of other regions, growing our efficiency and effectiveness.

### ***Goal 3: Improve the understanding of and respect for NOAA's broad mission and regional capabilities:***

- Elevate NOAA's work through strategic partnerships
- Serve as effective and impartial liaisons to foster meaningful interaction among headquarters, regional staff, and partners. The network not only
- Assist in developing and tailoring NOAA's engagement strategies in the regions, it also
- Create and identify opportunities to build a more informed NOAA workforce.

## NOAA's Regional Collaboration Network Members

Established in 2006, NOAA Regional Collaboration is a network of NOAA employees and partners representing NOAA Line Offices and partners. The eight Regional Teams are led by senior level Regional Team Leads and full-time Regional Coordinators, supported through a National Regional Team Lead, HQ liaison and an Advisory Group representing headquarters-level Line Office Leadership. NOAA's Regional Collaboration Network is overseen by the NOAA Executive Panel. The network represents NOAA's broad mission and line office mission interests, and is connected both across NOAA and within regional and local communities.



## Regional Collaboration Vision

***A unified and regionally integrated NOAA***

## Regional Collaboration Mission

***To identify, communicate, and respond to regional needs; catalyze collaboration; and connect people and capabilities to advance NOAA's mission and priorities.***

**For more information in NOAA's Central Region**

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## ***What does Regional Collaboration look like in action?***



Thematic engagements with Congressional district staff allow NOAA to share information on the lesser known aspects of our portfolio, like ongoing research to understand ocean acidification in the Gulf of Maine.



Oversight of 150 NOAA Projects in support of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, including removal of marine debris and restoration of degraded shoreline, native fish spawning, riparian and nursery habitat.



Pacific Islands Region El Niño Coordination, including a briefing to the U.S. Pacific Command and coordinated planning of region-wide activities.



NOAA in the Caribbean Collaborative, developed to enhance collaboration among NOAA offices and partners working in the U.S Caribbean.



Support of a Tribal Meeting to engage tribes on drought and climate change, impacts, early warning systems, and planning for extremes in the Missouri Basin.



Tropical Storm Topaz tabletop exercise in the Gulf of Mexico to share preparedness, response, and recovery information across NOAA during a major event.