



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.
- Identify and fill data, communication, coordination, and resource gaps.
- Develop and extend NOAA's interdisciplinary capacity to improve regionally tailored cross-line office activities.

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

- Enhance leadership understanding of regional issues and the interconnectedness of NOAA expertise.
- Search, gather, integrate, and disseminate information.
- Provide guidance and support of NOAA-wide, cross-line regional programs.

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

- Foster interaction among NOAA and with partners by serving as effective liaisons.
- Elevate awareness and value of NOAA in the region.
- 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

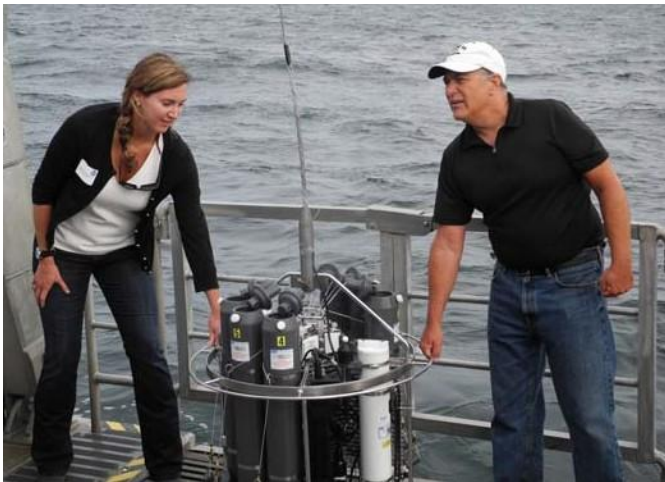
Regional Collaboration Mission

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 on NOAA Regional Collaboration

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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 Meetings 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.