

## Electronic Monitoring and Reporting Grant Program

### Overview for Prospective Applicants

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) is soliciting proposals for its [Electronic Monitoring and Reporting \(EMR\) Grant Program](#), which will award grants that catalyze the implementation of electronic technologies (ET) for fisheries catch, effort, and/or compliance monitoring, and improvements to fishery information systems in U.S. fisheries. NFWF anticipates awarding up to \$3.8 million through this solicitation, with most awards falling between \$200,000 and \$500,000. Matching contributions from non-federal sources (cash and in-kind) must equal or exceed the requested amount (i.e., a 1:1 match). **Proposals are due on Monday, October 16, 2023 by 11:59 pm ET.** NFWF will host an informational webinar to provide details on this opportunity on Thursday, August 24, 2023, from 3:00-4:00 pm ET: [Register here](#).

### Program Priorities:

The EMR Grant Program is focused on two major priorities:

- 1) **Electronic technology in fishery data collection:** Improve reporting and monitoring of fisheries, including but not limited to assisting commercial and recreational fisheries with planning, developing, and executing effective EMR strategies.
- 2) **Modernize data management systems** in order to reduce costs and improve consistency, interoperability, quality, and/or usability of electronically-collected information.

Proposals should address these priorities by either: a) Scaling up proven electronic technologies/data management systems to broaden impacts; or b) Developing, testing, and/or piloting innovative solutions and approaches to known fisheries and data management challenges. *Note: The EMR Grant Program is not designed to fund ongoing administration of EMR programs to satisfy a fishery's regulatory requirements.*

NFWF's priority fisheries include the Gulf of Mexico reef fish fishery, the New England groundfish fishery, the West Coast groundfish fishery, and the Alaska halibut and groundfish fisheries; *however*, other fisheries are fully eligible and have a strong history of receiving funding. If applicable, proposals should explain how projects will address NOAA Fisheries' regional ET priorities as outlined in the [ET Regional Implementation Plans](#).

### Eligibility:

- Eligible projects include those focused on U.S. state and federal fisheries, including tribal, commercial, recreational, or for-hire sectors.
- Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, state government agencies/interstate commissions, local/municipal governments, Tribal governments/organizations, educational institutions, commercial (for-profit) organizations, and international organizations.
- Ineligible applicants include U.S. Federal government agencies, including Regional Fishery Management Councils, and unincorporated individuals.

### Questions? Contact NFWF's EMR Program Liaison:

For this EMR application cycle, NFWF is working with **Willy Goldsmith of Pelagic Strategies** to assist prospective applications with project scoping, identifying partners, and technical/logistical support through the grant application process. Please reach out to Willy by email at [wgoldsmith@pelagicstrategies.com](mailto:wgoldsmith@pelagicstrategies.com) or by phone at (617) 763-3340 with any questions about this grant opportunity or the application process.