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NOAA Fisheries Equity and Environmental Justice

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NOAA Fisheries National EEJ Strategy

NEWS

NOAA Fisheries Releases Final Equity and Environmental Justice Strategy

May 22, 2023

Agency to incorporate equity and environmental justice into the vital services we provide to all communities.

[Feature Story](#) | [National](#)



More Information

- > [Final Equity and Environmental Justice Strategy \(PDF, 41 pages\)](#)
- > [Final Equity and Environmental Justice Strategy—Spanish \(PDF, 41 pages\)](#)

Recent News

VIDEO

[Climate Change and Marine Animals: A Conservation Challenge](#)
[National](#)



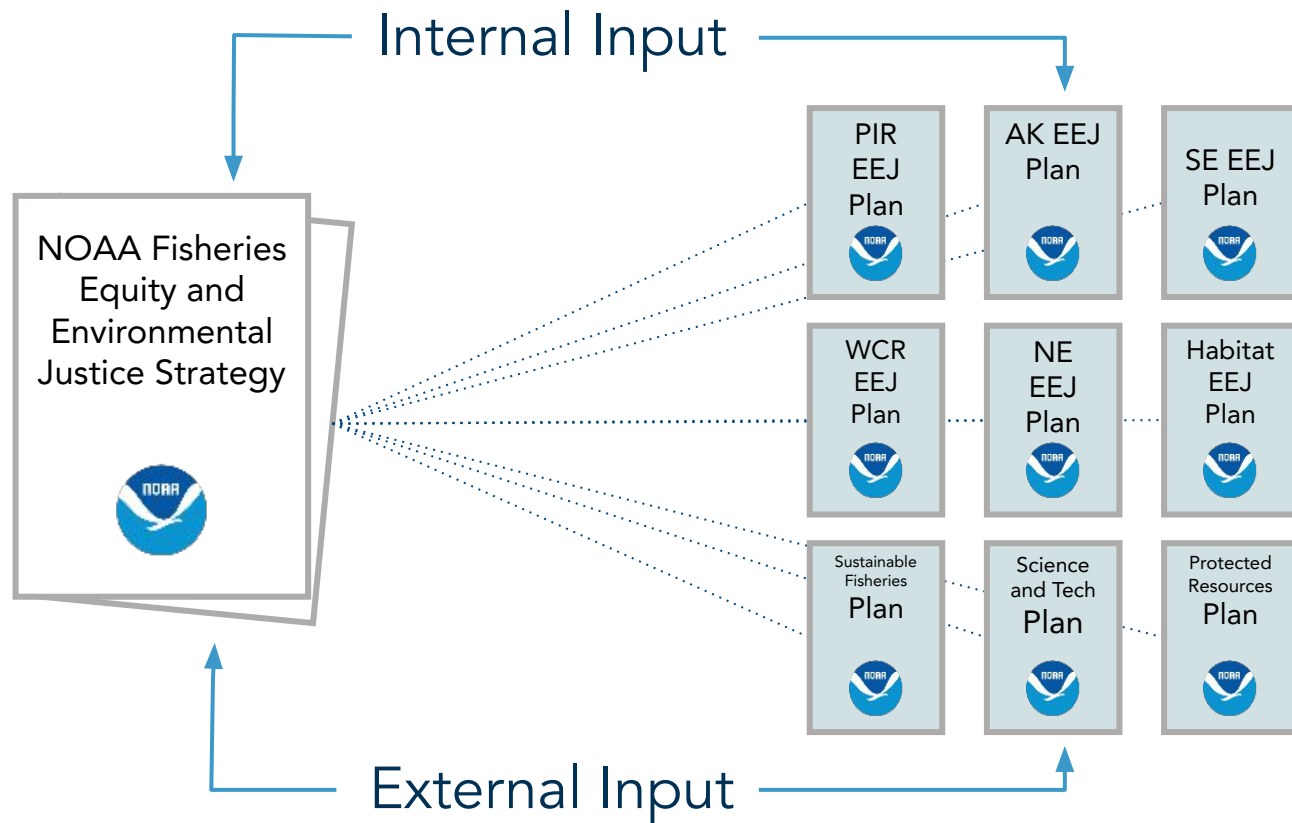
FEATURE STORY

[Celebrating Seaweed by the Seashore](#)
[New England/Mid-Atlantic](#), [National](#)



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Strategy and Implementation



What is Ocean Equity?



EQUAL INPUTS = UNEQUAL

- Access
- Chance of success
- Outcomes



EQUITABLE INPUTS = MORE EQUAL

- Access
- Chance of success
- Outcomes



Underserved Communities

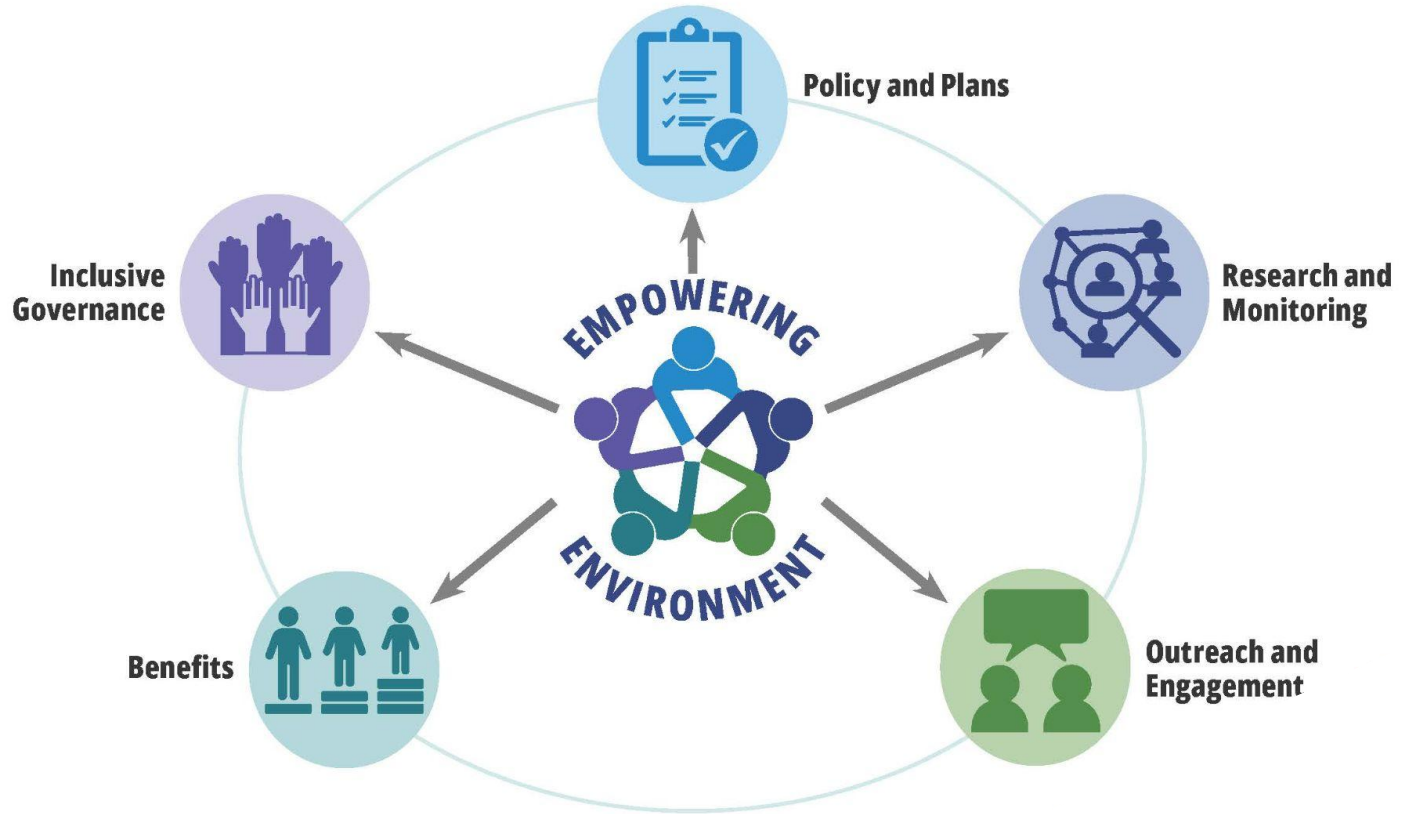
- Women and girls;
- Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and other persons of color;
- Religious minorities;
- LGBTQ+ persons;
- Persons with disabilities;
- Persons in rural or urban areas;
- Persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality

- Subsistence fisheries
- Processors
- Crew

- American Samoa
- Guam
- CNMI
- Puerto Rico
- USVI



EEJ Core Areas



EEJ Engagement Phase 1

★ Begin conversations on

- Preferred methods
- Best season/timing
- Best locations
- Best ways to solicit feedback



Included initial feedback in Draft Plan by April 1, 2024

★ Expand conversations

- Hold Hub meetings in key locations
- Gather community feedback
- Compile/document EEJ concerns



Incorporate additional feedback in Alaska Implementation Plan by December 31, 2024

EEJ Engagement Phase 2





EEJ in the Alaska Region



Questions We Have Been Asking

- How can we improve science and management for sustainable fisheries, protected resources, and marine ecosystems to better serve communities?
- What types of information regarding our science and management are you interested in receiving from us?
- How can we best provide that information to you (e.g., emails, publications, presentations)?





EMPOWERING ENVIRONMENT

- Hire community liaisons
- Support local partners



ENGAGEMENT

- Meet communities where they are
- Increase two way communication



POLICY & PLANS

- Consider disproportionate and cumulative burden of fishing regulations



BENEFITS

- Remove inequitable barriers to federal funding and opportunities



RESEARCH

- Measure social and cultural impacts
- Incorporate LKTK
- Support co-production of science

INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE

- Engage communities throughout the decision making process
- Be transparent



Community Feedback



Where are we headed next?

- Utqiagvik
- Sitka
- Fairbanks



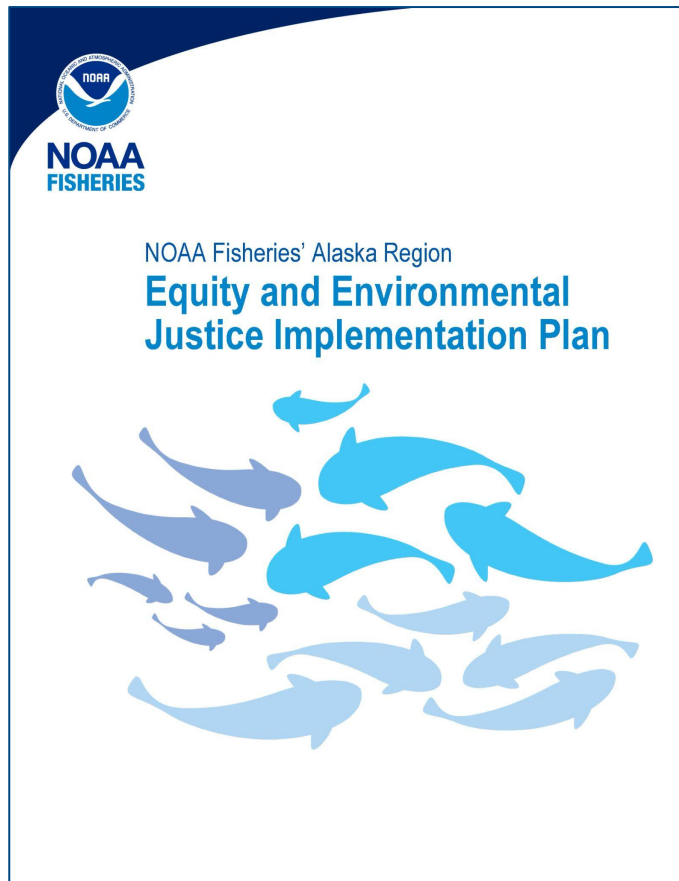
Link to our Alaska Implementation Plan:
<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/s3/2024-08/AK-EEJ-Implementation-Plan.pdf>

We are looking for
your feedback on this
document

How to Submit Feedback

Send via email to:

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We would like to hear from you!

Email feedback on EEJ Plan to

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Thank you for your time today

