

Survey of Center Partners
Evaluation of the NOAA Coastal Management Fellowship Program
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),
Coastal Services Center (Center)
GEARS, Inc.

Thank you for agreeing to take part in this survey of Center partners as part of the evaluation of the NOAA Coastal Management Fellowship Program. Your answers to the following questions will help us improve our understanding of the effectiveness of the fellowship program and how it impacts state coastal zone management programs and the professional goals of fellows. We are interested in your honest opinions, both positive and negative.

This survey will take approximately 25 minutes to complete. Your participation is completely voluntary and you may withdraw from the survey or refuse to answer any question at any time. There are no negative consequences should you decide not to participate in the survey. Only GEARS evaluation staff associated with this evaluation will have access to identifying information. Your survey will be combined with other surveys and only aggregate information will be reported in findings. Your responses will be held in the strictest confidence. All survey data will be kept in a secure location at GEARS and will be protected by GEARS to the extent allowed by the law. If you have any questions about the evaluation study, you can contact the lead evaluator, Dr. Deborah Brome, by telephone at 866-858-1261.

Experience with the Coastal Management Fellowship Program

Please answer the following questions about your experiences with the fellowship program.

1. What is your office's involvement with the Coastal Management Fellowship Program?

2. Does your organization have direct contact (e.g., face to face interactions, email, and telephone conversations) with fellows once they are placed within state coastal zone management programs? Yes No

3. Does your organization have direct contact (e.g., face to face interactions, email, and telephone conversations) with state coastal zone management program fellowship mentors or programs?

___Yes ___No

4. Overall, are you satisfied with the state projects selected?

___Yes ___No

5. Overall, are you satisfied with the finalists selected?

___Yes ___No

6. Do you read *Fellow News*?

___Yes ___No

If you read *Fellows News*, what do you find is the most appealing aspect?

7. Do you use the Coastal Management Fellowship Program's web site?

___Yes ___No

If yes, can you easily find the information you are looking for?

___Yes ___No

What type of information do you seek most often?

What topics or items currently not included on the website would you find useful to have?



Ratings of Fellow and State Proposal Selection Process

Using the following rating scale, please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following aspects of the fellowship.

1= Very Dissatisfied
2= Dissatisfied
3= Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied
4= Satisfied
5= Very Satisfied
0= Don't Know

	<u>Level of Satisfaction</u>					
	1	2	3	4	5	0
Steps (i.e., process and timeline) for selecting state proposals	1	2	3	4	5	0
Criteria (i.e., rating categories and scoring system) used to evaluate state proposals	1	2	3	4	5	0
Steps (i.e., process and timeline) for selecting 12 finalists from applicant pool	1	2	3	4	5	0
Criteria (i.e., rating categories and scoring system) used to select the finalists	1	2	3	4	5	0
Matching workshop as way to select fellows from finalist pool	1	2	3	4	5	0
Amount of contact fellows have with partners	1	2	3	4	5	0



6. What suggestions do you have for improving the Coastal Management Fellowship Program?

7. Do you have any suggestions for improving the state selection process and selection criteria?

Yes No

Please describe.

8. Do you have any suggestions for improving the fellow selection process and finalist selection criteria?

Yes No

Please describe.

Thank you very much for your cooperation!

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