



## Regional Coordination Request for Funders & Researchers of Offshore Wind Fisheries Research & Monitoring

To promote regional coordination of fisheries and offshore wind research and monitoring initiatives, ROSA is requesting that both:

- **Funders** require the following activities for the research they fund by describing these expectations in requests for proposals and contract/grant scopes of work.
  - **Researchers** include the following activities in their proposals to demonstrate regional coordination via ROSA.
1. Researchers and Funders are strongly encouraged to align their topic areas and proposed research within a regional context by reviewing
    - a. the [ROSA FishFORWRD database](#) to ensure proposed work is non-duplicative and leverage ongoing research and data collection
    - b. the [ROSA Offshore Wind Project Monitoring Framework and Guidelines](#) to promote standardized approaches and integration with other research.
  2. Funders are strongly encouraged to include a data management component in their solicitations, prompting researchers to consider the full lifecycle of offshore wind fisheries data.
    - a. A sample Pre-Award Data Management & Sharing Plan (DMSP) used by ROSA for our RFP application phase can be found on our [Regional RFP webpage](#). A more detailed Post-Award DMSP is in development.
    - b. When available, researchers shall follow data governance guidance for applicable methods from the [ROSA Data Governance Program](#) when developed.
  3. At project kickoff ROSA requests:
    - a. Researchers [submit project information](#) to FishFORWRD, review its accuracy, and provide updates every 6 months and at the project end.
    - b. Researchers submit upon request coordinates of any sensors, sampling stations, or other research activities to ROSA for inclusion in the [RWSC Research Planning Map](#).
    - c. Researchers share with ROSA the project DMSP and/or the following data information including a list of the specific data being collected, where those data are being stored and secured, frequency with which data/metadata are to be uploaded to digital repositories (recommended no less than annually), any access constraints, and who can be contacted about data use.



4. Researchers provide annual project progress updates upon request to the ROSA Advisory Council or relevant Topic Area Committees.
5. ROSA recommends that funders encourage researchers to partner with the fishing industry to promote a more inclusive and collaborative approach to offshore wind fisheries research. Meaningful partnership could include:
  - a. Fishing industry participation in project development
  - b. Fishing industry representation on project teams and project advisory boards
  - c. Use of local fishing vessels in deployments
  - d. Collaboration with fishing industry to validate and interpret research results