



SAFMC Citizen Science Project Idea Portal: DRAFT Questions

Please complete the form to share your citizen science project idea with the SAFMC’s Citizen Science Program. The information gathered in this form will be used to inform the citizen science research priorities which are updated every two years and guide the types of projects the Program supports and pursues. Projects developed under the SAFMC’s Citizen Science Program typically do not include payment to fishermen.

NOTE: Drop down menus, radio buttons, etc. will be used in the online form to make it easier for stakeholders to submit ideas.

- **Name:**
- **Email:**
- **City:**
- **State:**
- **Phone:**
- **Association with fishery (check all that apply):**
 - Private Recreational
 - Commercial
 - For-Hire
 - Wholesale/Dealer/Retail
 - Non-governmental organization
 - Scientist/Researcher
 - Other (list)
- **What is the purpose of the project (e.g. the ‘what’ and the ‘why’)?**
- **Provide a brief description of the project idea (5-7 sentences).**
- **Does the project fit under one or more of the [Council’s Citizen Science Research Priorities?](#)**
 - Yes
 - No
 - I’m not sure

If yes, check which priority it addresses. (Check all that apply.)

Age sampling – for example, collection fish otoliths	Fishing infrastructure – for example, recording data about locations of current or closed infrastructure (docks, tackle shops, bait stores, etc.)	Observations in Managed Areas – for example, recording observations of species, fish length, videos/photos in managed areas
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Maturity information – for example, collection fish gonads	Historic fishing photos – for example, providing or helping analyze historic fishing photos	Rare or data limited species – for example, recording encounters with unusual or rarely encountered species
Discard information – for example, recording information on released fish such as length of fish, depth caught, reason for discard	Fishery oral histories – for example, sharing information on how fisheries have operated and changed overtime	Movement and migration – for example, fish tagging programs
Genetic sampling – for example, collection of fish fin clips	Oceanographic /Environmental /Weather Conditions – for example, recording information about the environment (temperature, etc.)	Shark Depredation – for example, recording observations and details about shark depredation

- **Have you spoken with a researcher/scientist about your project idea? If so, who? If not, would you like to?**
- **Have you spoken with an industry partner (e.g. fisherman, wholesale, dealer) about your project idea? If so, who? If not, would you like to?**
- **Who would the target volunteers be for this project? (Check all that apply.)**
 - Commercial fishermen
 - For-hire fishermen
 - Recreational fishermen
 - Wholesale/Dealer/Retail
 - General Public
 - Other (list)
- **How much time do you think the project would take to complete?**
 - 1 year
 - 2-3 years
 - 3+ years
 - I'm not sure
- **How much do you think the project would cost?**
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DISCUSSION QUESTION FEEDBACK

How often and long should the project portal tool be deployed?

Citizen Science Operations Committee recommendations:

- Keep tool open year-round, but only check/respond to submissions quarterly
- Can encourage submissions during specific timeframe through promotion
- Provide clear language on when staff will be reviewing submissions

What feedback should be provided to stakeholders that submit ideas? Are there different options that could be considered based on the resources available?

Citizen Science Operations Committee recommendations:

- Stakeholders get automatic email response when submissions are received clearly stating when responses will be reviewed by staff
- Ideally would want to individually contact everyone who has submitted an idea via email or phone call, but will depend on the number received and capacity of staff