



August 19, 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Richard W. Spinrad
Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere
and NOAA Administrator
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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FROM: Arthur L. Scott, Jr.
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Evaluation of NOAA Fisheries Grantees' and Subrecipients' Use
of Pandemic Relief Funds (#2022-434)

We are initiating an evaluation of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries grantees' and subrecipients' use of pandemic relief funds. Our objective is to determine whether NOAA Fisheries grantees and subrecipients accounted for and expended pandemic relief funds provided under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act and subsequent funding authorizations in accordance with federal laws and regulations.

We contracted with the Institute for Defense Analysis—an independent firm—to perform this evaluation. My office will oversee the progress of the evaluation to ensure that it is performed in accordance with quality standards for inspection and evaluation and contract terms.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaisons to schedule an entrance conference to discuss our evaluation objective and scope in further detail. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 577-9547 or Monica Adamo, Director for Acquisition and Grants, at (202) 750-5045.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this effort.

cc: Janet Coit, Assistant Administrator for NOAA Fisheries and Acting Assistant Secretary of
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