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**MEMORANDUM FOR ALL NWFSC PERSONNEL**

**FROM:** Deputy Science and Research Director

**DATE:** July 13th, 2018

**SUBJECT:** NWFSC Github.com Instruction

**BACKGROUND:** Github.com is a web-based application for performing software source code version control using the git version control standard. It is used heavily by leading technology and open source software advocates. NWFSC staff have expressed a strong interest in using this capability for collaborating on software and other code development with internal and external partners and sharing finished code with the public. To help meet this need, NWFSC FRAM and OMI personnel have created the attached local policy for the usage of github.com by NWFSC personnel that aligns with the overarching Department of Commerce (DOC) and NOAA github.com policies. The DOC and NOAA approved the use of github.com in 2016 and 2017 respectively. NOAA Fisheries does not have nor is expected to have a separate github.com policy in the foreseeable future.

**DECISION:** I authorize the use of github.com for NWFSC personnel in accordance with the procedures established in the attached NWFSC Github.com Instruction.

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**Attachments**

1. [NWFSC Github.com Instruction](#)