

# **FMA A-Team Manual**

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# Welcome!<sup>1</sup>

This is the manual for the Analytical Services Program in the Fisheries Monitoring and Analysis Division at NOAA's Alaska Fisheries Science Center<sup>2</sup>.

FMA's Analytical Services Program provides scientific products to support the management of marine ecosystems and commercial fisheries.

This manual is intended to provide an overview for Program staff and others about how we do our work, and our expectations. It is also a space to document institutional knowledge and for important information about procedures and available resources. If you have suggestions for additions or changes, please contact the Analytical Services Program Manager, Jason Jannot (jason /dot/ jannot /at/ noaa /dot/ gov). Alternatively you can [make a pull request, or submit an issue to the Github repo](#).

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<sup>1</sup>This manual is a collaborative effort of the FMA A-Team, with input from AFSC FMA Division staff.

<sup>2</sup>Jeepers, that's a mouthful! Let's just abbreviate from now on - acronym definitions are here

# Introduction

The FMA Analytical Services Program adheres to NOAA's mission of [Science, Service, and Stewardship](#).

Background on the history, science, and management of Alaska fisheries and the North Pacific Observer Program can be found in [Appendix A - Alaska Fisheries Background](#)

In short, the mission of the Analytical Services Program is to use fishery-dependent data collected by the FMA, in conjunction with other data sources collected by various agencies, to create scientific products that inform fisheries management and science.

The Big Picture describes our culture and philosophy in more detail.

The FMA Analytical Services Program was a team for many years prior to becoming a fully-fledged program in May 2023. Internally, we informally refer to ourselves as the A-Team.

## Who We Are

As of 2024, the Analytical Services Program consists of

