



2021 NOAA Habitat Month Photo Contest

Rules and Entry Form

To celebrate Habitat Month (July), we want to share coastal and marine habitats and how people experience these special places through photographs. So we're holding the 2021 NOAA Habitat Month Photo Contest to highlight your best photos! Winning photos will be showcased on the NOAA Fisheries website.

2021 NOAA Habitat Month Photo Contest Categories:

1. **Humans in Habitat:** This category is for photographs that show people enjoying or benefiting from healthy [coastal and marine habitats](#).
2. **Habitat and Climate Change:** This category is for photographs that illustrate the effects of climate change on [coastal and marine habitats](#).

The deadline to submit your photo is Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 11:59 p.m. EDT. Winners will be announced and showcased the week of July 26, 2021.

In registering for this photo contest, you accept the following submission requirements and understand that NOAA has the right to use all submitted photos in any future media, online, and print materials. Your name will be credited with use of the photo.

Requirements

Entries not meeting the following requirements will be disqualified. Use the fillable pdf form at the end of this document, or include all the required information directly in your email submission.

- The contest is open to the public, including professional and amateur photographers, as well as NOAA and other government employees and affiliates including contractors, fellows, and interns.
- Photos should be submitted in digital (electronic) format and must be in color. Each photo must be submitted as a JPEG file. Please send full-sized, high-resolution, digital files from 1 to 8 MB (maximum).
- All entries must be in landscape/horizontal orientation. No portrait/vertically oriented photos will be accepted. All photos must be at least 850 pixels wide (1280 wide is encouraged).
- All entries must be original work. Previously published material may be entered, as long as the submission includes the date and publication in which it was published.
- There are two categories; you must select a category for each photo you enter.

- Photographers may submit up to five entries. You must submit each entry in its own unique email (only one photo per email message). In addition, an image may not be submitted more than once.
- NOAA will have unrestricted use of all submitted photos and accompanying material. You retain your rights to your photograph; however, by entering the contest, you grant NOAA (and those authorized by NOAA) a royalty-free, non-exclusive license to publicly display, distribute, reproduce, and create derivative works of the entries. Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer credit as feasible. NOAA will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses.
- All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, adjustments to color and contrast, etc.) will be disqualified.
- Images submitted must be taken in the United States or its territories.
- Please note, all submitted photos will be available for public viewing. Entrants must not infringe on the rights of any other photographer or person, including but not limited to copyright. Photographer assumes responsibility for obtaining consent from any identifiable persons appearing in their photograph prior to submission. Photographs may not be watermarked.
- If you choose to include people in your submission, you are responsible for obtaining the necessary photo releases from the individuals depicted, and must be able to provide copies of those releases to NOAA upon request.
- Do not submit images that involve the willful harassment of wildlife or damage to the environment by the photographer. Responsible wildlife photography is paramount and images that are taken unethically will be disqualified.
- Photos that contain sexually explicit, nude, obscene, violent or other objectionable or inappropriate content will be disqualified.
- This contest is being sponsored by NOAA Fisheries, Office of Habitat Conservation. NOAA shall determine entry eligibility in its sole and absolute discretion.

Results

- Results will be announced and showcased during the week of July 26, 2021.
- A panel of judges will select the winning entries.
- Winning photographs will be published on the NOAA Fisheries website and on social media. (Additional NOAA websites may also consider publishing these images.)
- There are NO monetary awards for this contest.

2021 NOAA Habitat Month Photo Contest Entry Information

Email your photo and the following required information—this required information must be included with each photo for consideration—to:

habitat_photocontest@noaa.gov

1) Contest category (select one)

Humans in Habitat

OR

Habitat and Climate Change

2) Photographer information (first and last name and email address)

3) A caption explaining what is happening in the photo (please spell out acronyms).

4) Date photo was taken (month and year, e.g. January 2020).

5) Location where the image was taken (city and state or territory—photo must be in the United States or its territories).

6) I have received consent for all identifiable people in this photograph (yes/no).

YES

NO