

<i>NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE PROCEDURE 02-110-24</i> Effective on: July 1, 1994	
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Protected Resources Management Conservation of Threatened and Endangered Species	
Policy for Information Standards Under the Endangered Species Act	
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<i>SUMMARY OF REVISIONS:</i> This policy was previously classified as ‘MOAs/MOUs/Cooperative Agreements/inter-Agency Cooperative’ (PDS number 02-301-07). The is a joint policy with FWS regarding the Endangered Species Act, so the policy has been renewed under the policy directive that establishes the framework for NMFS ESA implementation (02-110).	
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Date _____	

I. Introduction

This is NMFS’ policy on how to provide criteria, establish procedures, and provide guidance to ensure that decisions made by NMFS under the authority of the ESA, as amended represent the best scientific and commercial data available.

II. Objective

This policy is intended to complement the current public review processes prescribed by sections 4(b)(4)(6) and 10(a)(2)(B) of the ESA and associated regulations in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

III. Guidance

The July 1, 1994 Federal Register Notice *Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and*

Plants: Notice of Interagency Cooperative Policy on Information Standards Under the Endangered Species Act, published by Fish and Wildlife Service and NMFS (<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/1994/07/01/94-16022/endangered-and-threatened-wildlife-and-plants-notice-of-interagency-cooperative-policy-on>), is NMFS' official policy. That Notice should be cited when referencing this policy.