

Discussion Draft Materials – Not Final
Attachment 2

NOAA has prepared the following draft definitions for the terms “stewardship” and “co-stewardship” to inform implementation of the Joint Secretarial Order (JSO) 3403, Amendment 1.

Stewardship. Stewardship refers to NOAA activities relating to management, conservation, and preservation of Federal lands and waters, including wildlife and its habitat. These activities include the conservation and management of coastal and marine ecosystems and resources, including vegetation, fish, marine wildlife, habitats, and other resources; the conduct of scientific research to support management and services; the development of informational products and services, including weather forecasts, warnings, and climate monitoring; the protection of cultural resources; and the provision of recreational and educational opportunities associated with these resources.

Co-Stewardship. Co-stewardship broadly refers to collaborative or cooperative arrangements between Bureaus and Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations related to shared interests in Federal lands and waters. Collaborative and cooperative arrangements can take a wide variety of forms. These may include, for example, sharing technical expertise; combining the capabilities of Bureaus and Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations through cooperative agreements or other means to improve resource management and advance the responsibilities and interests of each; and incorporating Tribal knowledge, experience, and perspectives in NOAA’s management of these resources.