**CAP Fish HLIs Data Policy, Data Use Agreement and Data-Sharing Agreement** (updated 2024)

This Data Use Agreement (DUA) and Data-Sharing Agreement (DSA) policy apply to the Coordinated Assessments Partnership (CAP) data sets that have passed quality assurance (QA) and that are accessible from the CAP Fish High Level Indicators (HLI) queries and the StreamNet API. The CAP Fish HLIs data are publicly available/accessible[[1]](#footnote-2) with DUA acknowledgement.

The CAP HLIs data sets, including indicator and metric level data, are in a StreamNet Program database that is hosted on a secure Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission server. The StreamNet steering and executive committees have reviewed this DUA/DSA. Streamnet steering and executive committee meetings are the appropriate venues to discuss any changes or concerns that participants may have about data sharing and access.

Specific webpage(s) on the StreamNet Program website will be maintained for the CAP Fish HLI data queries, the StreamNet API, and associated informational pages including those containing the Data Exchange Standard (DES) documents.

The CAP data exchange standards (DES) available on the StreamNet website outline the metadata required for each indicator or metric record that is submitted. Metadata should inform appropriate data use and sufficient information to cite the entity-level work that went into producing the dataset. All agencies and tribes that provide data directly or in collaboration with another are identified within the metadata of the record and included when downloaded from StreamNet HLI queries.

All users accessing these data will be presented with the DUA requiring agreement before access to the site is granted.

**Data Use Agreement**

IMPORTANT! BE SURE TO CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THIS DATA USE AGREEMENT (DUA). YOU WILL BE ASKED TO REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THE DUA. YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO ACCESS OR USE THESE DATA UNLESS AND UNTIL YOU ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THIS DUA.

In order to access or use these datasets you agree that:

1. You acknowledge that these data are dynamic and may be updated at any time.

2. You will properly credit data providers and contributors when using data and will follow reputable standards for the use and interpretation of scientific information. Dataset citations should include a dataset descriptor including HLI type, year or range of years, names of entities that provided or contributed to the data (ContactAgency, SubmitAgency, OtherDataSources), protocol and methods location, source of data (Coordinated Assessments Partnership Fish HLIs via www.streamnet.org), and version (date of data download).

3. Data contributors have provided links to the metadata and associated publications that may discuss the limitations and proper use of the data. It is your responsibility to understand and comply with these restrictions if you use the data.

4. Before publication you will contact the appropriate data contributors (data owners have 90 days to respond to data publication reviews) and maintain a record of contact prior to significant use of data in any publication in order to:

a. verify data use limitations and context for data through metadata records.

b. secure appropriate permissions prior to submission for publication by sending requests to data owners and notifying the data publishers or peer review team.

c. arrange appropriate acknowledgements, citations, and/or authorships.

5. Failure to comply with the requirements may result in denial of access to data files in future requests. You will be notified of any accusations of failure to comply and have opportunities to defend your action to ensure continued access.

6. StreamNet will endeavor to design and maintain access to these data under these terms, however PSMFC/StreamNet does not accept any liability for this DUA or for any compliance failure or for the use or misuse of any data accessed through this data exchange.

7. Data contributors, StreamNet PSMFC, and Bonneville Power Administration accept no responsibility or liability for the accuracy of these data or for the uses and/or interpretations.

**Data Sharing Agreement**

Information provided by Data Compilers should adhere to the current version of the Data Exchange Standards that are available from the [StreamNet Program website](https://www.streamnet.org/). These documents outline the required metadata, with the primary goals to ensure appropriate use and attribution for the extensive amount of work that goes into providing this data at the entity level.

Data compilers who upload data should ensure that all agencies and tribes that contributed to the dataset are acknowledged by:

* 1. identifying the data submitting organization in the “SubmitAgency” field.
	2. identifying the entity with primary responsibility for questions in the “ContactAgency" field.
	3. listing all the organizations that provided data or expertise used to calculate the values for this record in the “OtherDataSources” field. If there is more than one additional entity, separate the entries with the bar character “ | “.

The expectation is that these data have been derived, quality checked, and generally collected through the expenditure of public funds. The Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) steps undertaken by each data provider may differ, but in general will be similar to the QA/QC described in the 2022 StreamNet Quality Assurance and Quality Control Plan (or subsequent plan versions) that is available on the StreamNet website (https://www.streamnet.org/qaqc\_final-7feb2022/).

The Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Library, as operated by Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC), is available as a repository to maintain stable links to any publications and records used in developing the data and provided as metadata references for appropriate use guidance. MonitoringResources.org, as operated by Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP) is a resource for documenting or reusing methods and protocols in a standardized format.

1. Publicly available data are generally available to the public and are available on a non-exclusive basis under the terms described in the DUA (https://www.lawinsider.com/dictionary/publicly-available-data) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)