

PÉLAGOS

Public-good infrastructure for sustainable ocean governance.

Pélagos builds and operates the *Fisheries Intelligence Platform (FIP)*,
the open intelligence layer for American fisheries.

PRE-SEED ROUND · \$1M · HYBRID SAFE + PRI / GRANT

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Video: Stephen Pierce / Pexels, drone aerial, fishing boats in port, Pacific Northwest · Still: Phil Evenden, Chatham Harbor, MA

WHY THIS MATTERS

Healthy fisheries sustain coastal communities.

The system that governs them runs on spreadsheets and institutional memory.

38M

AMERICANS FISH RECREATIONALLY
EACH YEAR

1.7M

JOB'S DEPEND ON COMMERCIAL &
RECREATIONAL FISHERIES

8

REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT
COUNCILS

2007

LAST MSA REAUTHORIZATION,
WORKFLOW TOOLS UNCHANGED
SINCE

Eight Regional Fishery Management Councils, NOAA Fisheries, and 50 state agencies collectively manage hundreds of fish stocks affecting billions of dollars in coastal economic activity, and the human well-being of the communities those fisheries support.

When the system runs slow, fisheries close late, allocations stay stuck, and the small fishing communities that depend on healthy stocks bear the cost.

Photo: [Bryan Smith](#) / Pexels

THE TRANSPARENCY & DATA GAP

The data exists. The infrastructure doesn't.

Council decisions, stock assessments, public comments, NEPA documents, and management actions are scattered across agency portals, static management-body websites, internal spreadsheets, and decades of institutional memory.

- There is *no unified system* for tracking how fisheries decisions are made, who participated, what science was cited, what alternatives were considered, what the public said.
- This opacity disproportionately affects *under-resourced communities*: small commercial operators, recreational anglers in fishing-dependent communities, Tribal nations, and conservation NGOs without budgets for full-time policy staff.
- Without a transparency layer, *public-comment campaigns repeat themselves*, precedent gets re-litigated, and equity gaps in who gets heard widen.

This is a structural injustice. Better infrastructure can directly address it.

Photo: Mark Stebnicki / Pexels, North Carolina oyster farm

PÉLAGOS AS PUBLIC-GOOD INFRASTRUCTURE

The open intelligence layer that makes fisheries governance legible, navigable, and equitable.

Fisheries Intelligence Platform (FIP)

The federated parent layer. Ingests, structures, and connects the public record of U.S. fisheries management, every council, every amendment, every stock assessment, every public comment, and (via crowdsourced pipelines) every fishing report posted to social media.

Six practitioner-facing products

- *Stakeholder Engagement Engine*, full-lifecycle structured interview management: outreach, scheduling, consent, recording, AI transcription & analysis, sector coverage scoring, aggregate cross-interview synthesis.
- *FMP Intelligence Tracker*, every council action from scoping through implementation, with [regulations.gov](#) / Federal Register comment ingestion, [SEDAR linkage](#), workplan tracking, and natural-language query across the full regulatory history.
- *Tournament & Harvest Monitor*, mobile catch reporting for state agencies and tournament organizers, with photo-AI species ID, real-time leaderboards, and structured harvest data that calibrates [MRIP](#).
- *NEPA Efficiency Toolkit*, boilerplate library, document-reuse intelligence, AI-drafted Environmental Assessment sections grounded in historical precedent for [Magnuson-Stevens](#) actions.
- *Vessel Intelligence & Compliance Monitor*, [AIS](#) / [VMS](#) / permit / environmental data fused into a fleet-behavior prediction and enforcement-alert engine for [NOAA OLE](#), Coast Guard, and state marine patrol.
- *Cross-Council Knowledge Exchange Forum*, structured asynchronous knowledge sharing across all eight Regional Fishery Management Councils, so each one stops independently reinventing what the others have already solved.

Photo: [William Lucord](#) / Pexels, Nags Head pier, North Carolina Outer Banks

THE NETWORK-EFFECT ENGINE

Two cross-cutting layers turn the products into a platform.

Each product is sellable on its own. The cross-cutting layers are what make the whole worth more than the sum of its parts.

- *Federated Intelligence Layer*, the network-effect engine. Aggregates de-identified metadata across product deployments to produce cross-council dashboards, predictive analytics, and federal-level transparency views. As more councils deploy individual products, the intelligence layer becomes exponentially more valuable.
- *Social Media & Crowdsourced Intelligence Pipeline*, Facebook, Instagram, Reddit, and iNaturalist ingestion with NLP species/location/effort extraction. Feeds harvest calibration (Tournament Monitor), enforcement intel (Vessel Intel), sentiment landscape (Engagement Engine), and earliest-signal trend detection across the FIP.

FREE PUBLIC TIER

Core public-transparency features at no cost to advocacy NGOs, Tribal nations, journalists, and small operators.

EARNED REVENUE TIER

Paid subscriptions for councils, federal agencies, law firms, and industry associations, funding the public tier's continued operation.

Photo: [Alan Patrick](#) / Pexels, recreational/charter boat, Palm Beach, Florida

FEDERATION COVERAGE

One record, every council it touches.

Most fisheries decisions don't live inside a single council. The right whale rule, the Magnuson reauthorization, the menhaden compact, each spans three, four, eight bodies at once. The FIP indexes them that way from day one.

7,394

COMMENTS SPANNING ≥ 2 COUNCILS
MULTI-BODY ISSUES FEDERATION-
TAGGED FOR CROSS-
JURISDICTIONAL QUERIES

99

COURT CASES SPANNING ≥ 2 BODIES
NMFS CHALLENGES VISIBLE TO
EVERY COUNCIL WHOSE STOCKS
ARE AFFECTED

15

FEDERAL BILLS TOUCHING ALL 8 COUNCILS
MAGNUSON REAUTH, FORAGE
FISH CONSERVATION ACT,
RECREATIONAL FISHERIES
MGMT ACT

Worked example: the NARW vessel-strike rulemaking

5,080 public comments arrived on a single day, on a single docket, every one a near-verbatim variant of one shared template. The rule itself crosses NEFMC, MAFMC, SAFMC, and HMS jurisdiction simultaneously. In any single-council tracker, those comments would land in one bucket and be invisible to the other three. *FIP federates them: every comment is queryable from every council it affects.*

No other tracker does this. Every cross-cutting issue we ingest gets an array of body codes, `body_codes [ ]`, so the same row surfaces in every relevant council's dashboard.

Photo: Chris LeBoutillier / Pexels, North Atlantic right whale, surface feeding

THE PLATFORM ALREADY EXISTS

This is not a deck dream. It's running today.

2,427

COUNCIL ACTIONS TRACKED
AMENDMENTS,
FRAMEWORKS,
REGULATORY ACTIONS

252K

PUBLIC COMMENTS IN CORPUS
AI-CLUSTERED THEMES
& POSITIONS · 62,425
FROM REGULATIONS.GOV
ACROSS 374 DOCKETS,
THE REST FROM
COUNCIL RECORDS ·
PIPELINE HAS
ENUMERATED 568,697
MORE ACROSS 4,416
DOCKETS, INGESTING
DAILY

1,607

UNIQUE STOCK-YEAR ASSESSMENTS
34 YEARS COVERAGE ·
237+ STOCKS · SEDAR +
STOCKSMART · 3,598
UNDERLYING RECORDS

124K

DISTINCT ENTITY-TO-ENTITY LINKS
108,169 ACTION↔STOCK
·
8,031 PERSON↔TRANSCRIPT
·
5,728 MEETING ATTENDANCES
·
2,295 COMMENT↔TRANSCRIPT

- *30+ years of council deliberations* indexed and searchable, verbatim hearing transcripts broken into 3 million+ semantically-chunked passages with action and species cross-links.
- *FIP is the federated index* for the U.S. fisheries stack, designed to ingest every council, every FMP, every amendment, every SEDAR assessment, and every public-comment corpus. [See the live coverage matrix →](#)
- *SAFMC FMP Tracker* is the first public-tier demo deployment of the FIP, 11 ongoing SAFMC actions live, with real public comments, AI-summarized themes, and council-meeting linkage. Visit safmc-fmp-tracker.onrender.com to see it.

What no one else is doing

Beyond ingestion, the FIP runs *network-detection* on the public record, surfacing patterns that a human reading regulations.gov one comment at a time would never see.

379

36

272

106K

WHY THIS TEAM

Fisheries practitioners who built the technology themselves.

This is not a tech team learning fisheries. This is a fisheries team that built the technology.

Aaron Kornbluth

**CO-FOUNDER & CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER · BOARD CHAIR**

20+ years at the intersection of fisheries science, policy, and stakeholder engagement. Principal of akorn environmental consulting. Lead architect of the platform.

Purcie Bennett-Nickerson, JD

**CO-FOUNDER & CHIEF POLICY
OFFICER · SECRETARY**

18+ years environmental law; deep MSA / NEPA / ESA / MMPA expertise. Currently the contracted SAFMC governance reviewer. Architect of NEPNav.

Stephen "Steve" Poland

**CO-FOUNDER & CHIEF SCIENCE
OFFICER · TREASURER**

15+ years in fisheries management, stock assessment, and council process across the Atlantic and Gulf coasts (SAFMC, MAFMC, GMFMC, ASMFC, GSMFC). Industry-trusted in commercial and recreational sectors; principal of Cynoscion Environmental Consulting; drives TournamentOS design and the commercial-fisheries data architecture.

Jake Spencer

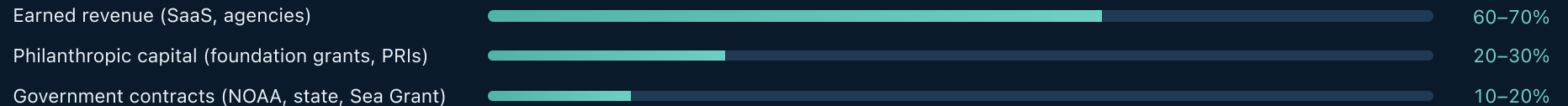
**CO-FOUNDER & CHIEF
TECHNOLOGY OFFICER**

R&D and product engineering. Partners with Aaron on the platform stack.

Video: James Anthony / Pexels, Maine fishing village · Still: Phil Evenden, Massachusetts waterfront

HYBRID FUNDING MODEL

A sustainable mission-aligned business, not a venture moonshot, not a grant-dependent NGO.



Pricing is the pressure that keeps the product useful. Foundations fund the public tier and the equity gaps; earned revenue funds the rest.

Durable revenue ceiling: \$1.5–3M ARR as a sustainable mission-aligned business, not the \$50M+ ARR a venture investor would underwrite.

Photo: [Mark Stebnicki](#) / Pexels, North Carolina working harbor

THEORY OF CHANGE & IMPACT METRICS

From philanthropic capital to healthier fisheries, measured at every step.



STAGE	WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE
<i>Inputs</i>	Philanthropic capital · founder expertise · existing platform
<i>Activities</i>	Ingest the public record of fisheries governance · surface decisions, science, and stakeholder voices in real time · train AI tools that draft NEPA documents 10× faster
<i>Outputs</i>	Public-tier users reached · underserved communities served · NEPA documents drafted · council actions made transparent · cross-council comparisons surfaced
<i>Outcomes</i>	Reduced time from science to management action · increased public participation · more defensible NEPA decisions · equity gains for under-resourced participants
<i>Impact</i>	Healthier fish stocks · more resilient coastal communities · more legitimate fisheries decisions

We do not promise stock recovery. We promise process improvement that enables stock recovery, and we measure the process improvement.

Video: [Derrick Smith / Pexels](#), drone aerial of coastal grass · Still: [Jonathan David](#), salt marsh waterways, Virginia

A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD

Right now, the best-resourced voice wins. That isn't how the process is supposed to work.

Federal fisheries law promises every American a seat at the table, the small-boat captain in Sneads Ferry, the charter operator in Destin, the Tribal nation, the family processor. In practice, the players who can afford full-time lobbyists and lawyers see the record clearly. Everyone else is reading it through a keyhole.

The gap is access to information, not the right to participate

- *The well-funded already have this.* Large industry associations and national NGOs run staff whose entire job is tracking dockets, decoding amendments, and timing comments. Pélagos doesn't take that away, it gives the same vantage point to the people who can't hire it.
- *Same record, same tools, no gatekeeper.* The free public tier puts the full regulatory history, plain-language summaries, and natural-language search in the hands of independent fishermen, Tribal resource managers, journalists, and rural coastal communities, at no cost.
- *This is a both-sides value.* A working waterman keeping more of his catch, a community defending its livelihood, and a citizen who wants government to be legible all want the same thing here: a process that's open, honest, and not rigged toward whoever has the deepest pockets.

Transparency isn't partisan. A fairer hearing for the small operator and a more legitimate, defensible decision for the agency are the same outcome, and Pélagos delivers both.

Equity here means equality of access to the public record, not redistribution of fishing rights. The fish, the quotas, and the law don't change; who can see and engage the process does.

Photo: [Quang Nguyen Vinh](#) / Pexels, independent commercial fisherman hauling nets at dawn

FEDERAL TAILWIND

NOAA is asking Congress for funding to build exactly this.

From NOAA's FY 2027 Operations, Research, and Facilities budget request, Program Increase Exhibit 13.

"Scope options for programmatic permits and consultations, and AI tool development, in collaboration with Federal agency partners and IT professionals ... develop and test AI tools to facilitate aquaculture permitting ... deploy the AI tools in one additional region annually; assess these tools and conduct necessary upgrades and maintenance."

, Department of Commerce / NOAA, Program Increase for 2027, Exhibit 13

What this signals to funders

- *Federal demand is on the record.* NOAA itself is putting AI-for-permitting in front of Congressional appropriators, a public commitment that this is the direction the agency is going.
- *Pélagos is positioned to be the partner, not the competitor.* NOAA's request asks for *Federal agency partners and IT professionals* to scope the work. We are already inside the entire fisheries-management ecosystem with running infrastructure.
- *Aquaculture permitting is a beachhead.* The same NEPA / programmatic-permit machinery applies to FMP amendments, EFH consultations, and ESA Section 7, the entire fisheries regulatory stack.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, NOAA Operations, Research, and Facilities, FY 2027 Program Increase request, Exhibit 13.

Video: [D Goug / Pexels](#), American flag against blue sky

FUNDER PARTNER PROFILE

We are not cold-calling. The team has already won grants from these funders.

Across the four co-founders' prior work, this team has secured \$13M+ in named, documented awards from organizations whose portfolios align directly with Pélagos' mission. Receipts, not rapport.

Documented prior awards (Aaron, lead or co-lead)

PROGRAM	FUNDER	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT · YEAR
<i>Supporting Oyster Aquaculture & Restoration (SOAR)</i>	Builders Initiative + NOAA	~\$12M	Pew + TNC partnership · 2020–2023
<i>Forage Fish Conservation</i>	R.K. Mellon Foundation	\$500K	The Pew Charitable Trusts
<i>Atlantic Menhaden Strategic Plan</i>	Campbell Foundation	\$50K	The Pew Charitable Trusts
<i>NOAA ProTech IDIQ, Fisheries / Oceans / Weather</i>	NOAA	IDIQ contract win	Parymon Corp · akorn supported capture

Aligned funder portfolios for the Pélagos round

- *Builders Initiative*, already a major SOAR funder; direct continuity into Pélagos' aquaculture / public-tier thesis.
- *Schmidt Sciences / Schmidt Marine Technology Partners*, ocean tech with public-good thesis; demonstrated interest in AI-for-conservation infrastructure.
- *Walton Family Foundation, Oceans Initiative*, sustainable fisheries; coastal community resilience; demonstrated funding of governance-improvement work.
- *Bloomberg Philanthropies, Vibrant Oceans Initiative*, fisheries data, transparency, government capacity-building.
- *Pisces Foundation · Resources Legacy Fund*, fisheries policy, environmental governance, community-level engagement.
- *NOAA Sea Grant / National Sea Grant program*, academic and government partnerships; the science-synthesis layer aligns directly.
- *Closer-in / family-office partners*, for SAFE-shaped philanthropic capital that combines mission alignment with light-touch financial return.

Purcie Bennett-Nickerson (BNEC), Stephen Poland (Cynoscion), and Jake Spencer bring additional grant and contract receipts from prior environmental-law, fisheries-management, and engineering work; full founder-by-founder breakdown available on request.

ROADMAP

**Y1 harden the platform. Y2 scale public access.
Y3 durable hybrid revenue + national footprint.**

PHASE	MILESTONES
<i>Months 1–6</i>	Lock down platform reliability (SOC 2, public-tier hosting). Free public access to FishTrack AI and SciencePulse for verified Tribal nations, advocacy NGOs, and small operators.
<i>Months 7–12</i>	First two council licensing partnerships (target: SAFMC + MAFMC). NEPANav private beta with 5–10 council/agency partners.
<i>Months 13–24</i>	Public tier reaches scale. Council coverage to all 8 regions at depth-parity. First federal contract.
<i>Year 3+</i>	Durable hybrid revenue model. International scoping (Caribbean RFMO, Canadian DFO partnerships). Open data partnerships with academic researchers.

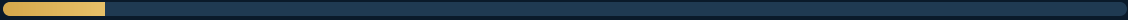
Photo: [Stephen Pierce](#) / Pexels, Coos Bay, Oregon

USE OF FUNDS

Two tranches: a \$146K bridge for Months 1–6, plus \$854K for the 18-month build-out, \$1M total.

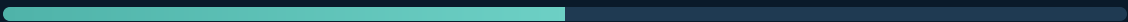
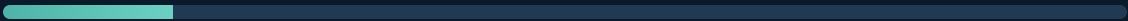
Tranche 1: Bridge (\$146K, Months 1–6)

Covers immediate team time, formation, and the data-source / architecture work that's already running. The bridge lets us close the main round from a position of strength, not exhaustion.

Team compensation (4 co-founders)		\$87,000
Legal & incorporation (Delaware C-Corp, founder agreements)		\$13,500
IP, patent & trademark filings		\$13,000
Infrastructure & tooling (interim platform ops)		\$7,050
Travel & business development (council outreach)		\$8,000
Sales & marketing		\$4,500
Contingency (10%)		\$13,305
TOTAL: Bridge		\$146,355

Tranche 2: Main close (\$854K, 18-month runway)

Itemized spend totals \$509K across Months 7–18 (Team comp \$377K · Legal/IP \$28K · Infra \$27K · Travel/BD/marketing \$32K · Contingency \$45K). The remaining \$345K is runway buffer to carry through Month 24, weather one slipped quarter, and hire a second engineer when the first paid council partnership signs.

Team (founder comp, FT engineer M9, subs)		~50%
Public-tier infrastructure (AI, hosting, accessibility)		~15%

THE ASK

\$1M total

\$146K bridge + \$854K main close. Pre-seed, hybrid structure: SAFE-shaped capital and/or program-related investments / grants.

- *\$146K bridge* covers Months 1–6: team time, formation, IP, and interim platform ops while we close the main round. Bridge dollars roll into the main close on the same SAFE/PRI terms.
- *\$854K main close* on a YC post-money SAFE at \$8–10M cap for traditional investors, or PRI/grant structure on equivalent economics for foundation funders.
- *Co-investment welcome*, actively seeking a lead and 2–3 mission-aligned co-investors.

What this funding buys

18 months of platform operations · public-tier expansion · first two council partnerships executed · NEPANav in private beta with real council users · Series Seed-readiness (\$1.5M+) by Month 18 with real council revenue in hand.

RISKS & MITIGATIONS

The honest version.

Foundations and investors both spot platitudes faster than venture associates do.

RISK	MITIGATION
<i>Adoption risk, council/agency procurement is slow.</i>	Three of four founders work inside the council system today. Purcie's active SAFMC contract is the warm-start. We are not cold-calling our way in.
<i>Single-customer concentration, early agency contracts.</i>	Deliberately balancing SaaS, agency, and licensing revenue from Day 1, with the public tier as a non-revenue but credibility-building user base.
<i>AI accuracy and trust, NEPA drafting.</i>	NEPANav is positioned as draft-assistance, not autonomous generation. All output is human-reviewed; council staff retain editorial control. We publish our evaluation methodology.
<i>Founder time, three of four founders run other consulting firms.</i>	Wind-down timelines tied to revenue inflow. Founder agreements in flight with counsel; written allocations transparent to funders.
<i>Data licensing, vessel-tracking AIS.</i>	Actively scoping commercial-clean alternatives (Spire, MarineTraffic). We do not ship products dependent on non-commercial-only data sources.
<i>Regulatory political risk, NOAA priorities shift.</i>	Platform value compounds across administrations. Under-resourced communities and small operators benefit regardless of who runs NMFS.
<i>Third-party AI-vendor dependency, a model could be restricted, repriced, or deprecated (e.g. the June 2026 federal export-control action on a frontier model).</i>	No dependency on any single frontier or export-controlled model, the platform runs on widely-available, general-purpose models (Anthropic for reasoning, OpenAI for embeddings) plus our own AWS archive. We are centralizing model calls behind one provider interface so any component can be swapped for an alternate or open-weight vendor as the market shifts. Critically, the source corpus lives in our own cloud, not a vendor silo, so our defensible asset survives any model change.

WHY NOW / WHY US

Three things have to be true at once. They are.

CONDITION 01

The data is finally tractable.

NOAA, the eight Regional Fishery Management Councils, every regional stock-assessment program (SEDAR, NEFSC, SEFSC, AFSC, NWFSC, PIFSC, SWFSC), the interstate marine fisheries commissions (ASMFC, GSMFC, PSMFC), and the 23 coastal state agencies have all moved enough public records online that a comprehensive index is feasible for the first time.

CONDITION 02

AI capabilities are ready.

Domain-specific summarization, NEPA drafting, and cross-council pattern detection have moved from research demos to production reliability in the last 18 months.

CONDITION 03

The political environment demands transparency.

Across administrations, fisheries decisions face pressure to be more legible and more participatory. The platform is not a partisan asset.

And: the team has the receipts. Council seats held, NEPA documents drafted, contracts executed, codebase built. We are not pitching a plan. We are pitching an operating utility, and the partners to scale it.

Photo: Mark Stebnicki / Pexels, North Carolina oyster farm at coastal pier

FEDERAL READINESS POSTURE

Built with federal procurement, security, and data-handling constraints in mind from day one.

The FIP is designed for the compliance envelope agency partners actually operate in.

Compliance roadmap

Honest stance: we are a four-person team at pre-seed. We have not paid for a SOC 2 audit yet. We have *made architecture choices today* that keep every gate below within reach as the funding arrives and the customer demands materialise. Specific dates will be set against a real customer commitment, not back-fit to a deck.

CONTROL	PATH	TODAY
<i>SOC 2</i>	Type I scoping on the seed-funding milestone path; Type II auditor engagement contingent on first paid council contract.	Architecture decisions today (encryption at rest, role-based access, audit logging) are SOC 2 compatible.
<i>FedRAMP, Tailored / Li-SaaS</i>	Authorization sponsor sought through agency partnership conversations; pursued only when a federal customer requires it.	Single-tenant deployment option, US-region cloud, and audit logging keep the FedRAMP path open.
<i>Section 508 / WCAG 2.1 AA</i>	Public-tier conformance is a non-negotiable for the free public tier.	Production code targets WCAG 2.1 AA; full audit prior to public launch.
<i>Privacy Act / SORN posture</i>	Per-deployment SORN review where any PII is collected (Stakeholder Engagement Engine).	Engagement Engine is opt-in, consent-tracked, and PII-segregated by design.
<i>NIST SP 800-171</i>	Self-assessment scoped for when council pre-decisional content (CUI) first enters the system.	Currently no CUI in scope; control list drafted.
<i>Records retention</i>	Aligned with NOAA Directive 205-12 and council records schedules.	Archive and audit-log architecture already designed.

Data-handling architecture

- *Public tier*, only data already in the public domain (regulations.gov, Federal Register, council briefing books, SEDAR public assessments, FOSS landings, FishWatch). No restriction; no isolation needed.

CATEGORY VALIDATION

The category has been validated, but not for fisheries.

Federal labs are productizing AI for environmental review. None are doing it for fisheries.

In 2025, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) launched *PermitAI™*, a Department of Energy-backed platform applying large language models to NEPA environmental reviews for energy infrastructure. Its tool suite (SearchNEPA, ChatNEPA, CommentNEPA, WriteNEPA, EngageNEPA) targets exactly the workflow the FIP targets.

CAPABILITY	PERMITAI (PNNL / DOE)	FIP (PÉLAGOS)
Statutory framework	NEPA	Magnuson-Stevens
Corpus	EIS / EA (energy infrastructure)	FMPs, amendments, SEDAR, briefing books
Comment analysis	CommentNEPA, pre-commercial	FMP Tracker AI Themes, deployed, citable
Stakeholder engagement	EngageNEPA, in development	SAFMC Interview System, operational
Regulatory drafting	WriteNEPA, commercializing 2026	FMP amendment auto-draft, roadmap
Evaluation framework	NEPABench / DraftNEPABench (open)	FMPBench (planned, MAPLE-derived)
Status	Licensing partners being courted	Council deployments live

PermitAI validates the category. Fisheries is a defensible vertical they are not coming for. We track their open evaluation frameworks (MAPLE v2, DraftNEPABench, BSD-licensed) and plan to adapt them into a fisheries-specific benchmark suite.

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A more legible system for everyone who depends on it.*

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Video: [Jaxon Matthew Willis](#) / Pexels, drone over fishing pier at sunrise, South Carolina · Still: [Erik Mclean](#), foggy fishing vessel, New England coast

How material enters the corpus, with provenance.

Every document is license-gated, deduplicated, dual-stored, and traceable: from raw source to a provenance-cited answer in the FIP AI chat.



01 · SOURCES

The governance record →

Federal Register, the 8 councils, interstate commissions, SEDAR, NOAA, regulations.gov, and the peer-reviewed literature. Alongside the documents, a structured layer of 6.7 million federal statistical facts: NOAA FOSS seafood foreign trade by product, partner country and US customs district back to 1972, plus BLS, Census, BEA, HUD, CDC and EPA series keyed to coastal counties.



02 · FETCH

Resilient capture →

Per-source ingesters pull the originals. Headless-browser and Wayback fallbacks defeat 403s, blocks, and link rot.



03 · LICENSE GATE

Commercial-safe by design

A default-deny rights check at ingest, plus a per-document copyright-language scan. Public-domain, per-item, or blocked.

Copyright-gated

