

**Committee on Natural Resources  
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
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Oversight Hearing

*Examining Opportunities to Improve Prevention and Response of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*

**Questions from Rep. Huffman** for Dr. Neil Jacobs, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction, performing the duties of Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere

1. What does NOAA consider its authority or responsibility to provide resources and protection for harassment and prevention response to fisheries observers?
2. NOAA's budget request for Fiscal Year 2021 requests funds to develop and maintain a workplace violence database, which the Committee fully supports. Please describe how you could use this database to track data on disciplinary corrective actions and ongoing investigations and how it could be used to identify trends in offenses.