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Building a Data Ecosystem in the U.S. Caribbean

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Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management Technical Advisory Panel (EBFM TAP)
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Our work: Connecting data with people and purpose through convening, facilitation, policy engagement, and targeted project support.

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Net Gains' 2021 Vision: A Data-Driven Fisheries System for the U.S.

4 core elements:

- Easy reporting
- Trusted, timely data for decision making
- Technology that performs and is widely available
- Improved data literacy, governance, and management capacity





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Past projects have explored...

- Community data-sharing platforms
- Pathways for incorporating industry and electronic monitoring data into stock assessments and science
- Regulatory frameworks to support tech innovation
- Improving interoperability among electronic monitoring service providers
- Legal and policy agreements for data sharing
- Regional experiences with for-hire electronic reporting
- User-centered reporting design





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The questions we ask when looking at a data ecosystem:

What questions does the data system need to answer? Can it do so efficiently and easily?

How have you characterized the users and use cases?

What data are necessary to reach that goal, both creating the plan and monitoring it?

- Do you have a current data inventory/catalog?
- Have you mapped data flows?
- Who are your data stewards and data nodes?
- What are the data gaps?





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Discussion

How are you thinking about this group's work fitting into the larger Caribbean data ecosystem?

What people and processes could connect useful data with the Council's needs?

What challenges have you faced in the data-gathering process? What could be done to make existing data more: findable, accessible, interoperable, reusable?





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Thank you!

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