

**NSIN/NGA Global Fishing Forecast Grand Challenge  
CONOPS Submission Guidelines**

***Proposal Round, Phase 1: Written Notional CONOPS Requirements***

- a. Text document submitted as PDF
- b. Not to exceed 4 pages total with one page dedicated to graphics
- c. Notional CONOPS title
- d. Assigned 5 Letter Team Code (points will be deducted if CONOPS includes any other team identifiers)
- e. Notional CONOPS of the solution: A description of the solution, including methods and system information (data, software, algorithms, etc.), with sections addressing each of the CONOPS scoring criteria: (1) Capability; (2) Data, Methods, Dissemination; and (3) Innovation and Commercialization
- f. An annotated graphic/schematic, illustrating the CONOPS
- g. Conclusion summarizing at a minimum, the solution; what qualifies it as novel; its feasibility with current resources, or its feasibility with the addition of resources, including such things as data, infrastructure, and labor; and rationale for why the U.S. Government should invest in additional R&D to realize the solution
- h. Cited references
- i. 1-inch margins all around
- j. Single spaced
- k. 12-point Times New Roman font
- l. No more than 2 columns of text per page
- m. No links to external websites
- n. Written in English
- o. Define all acronyms
- p. Use clear, concise, and grammatically correct language

q. Use scientific/evidence-based language

***Pitch Round, Phase 2: Presented CONOPS Requirements***

Finalists will submit no more than three static “content” slides for illustration to support their presentations according to the below guidelines:

- PDF
- Horizontal presentation format, 16:9
- Author name(s), affiliation(s), and email address(es)
- Slide 1: Notional CONOPS (which may include a schematic/graphic)
- Slide 2: Methods and Results
- Slide 3: Benefits for the U.S. Government
- Additional cover and/or end slide is optional