# **Attachment A**

# **The National Aquatic Resource Surveys Data Analysis Innovation Challenge**

**Phase 1: Intent to Participate Requirements**

## **Requirements:**

1. Applicants who plan to submit a project to the National Aquatic Resource Surveys (NARS) Data Analysis Innovation Challenge must submit an intent to participate to NARS-challenge@epa.gov. EPA suggests submitting an intent to participate by 11:59 PM ET on May 31, 2022.
	1. For information on Phase 2 of the Challenge, see Attachment B.
2. The intent to participate shall be no more than one page including the elements identified in Section “B” below.
	1. Letters of support from faculty advisors and other researchers may be included and do not count against the page limit.
	2. Font and formatting requirements
		1. Use Calibri or Times New Roman font size 11 or 12.
		2. Ensure that margins are ½ inch or larger on all sides.
		3. Submit as a Word or PDF document.

## **Intent to Participate Elements**

1. Planned title of the Research Report/Project
2. Author/Co-Author(s) and their affiliation
3. The NARS dataset(s) that will be used in the research
4. Short synopsis of your hypotheses/questions and planned objectives. This synopsis should provide EPA sufficient information to understand your project goals.
5. Intended Prize Category (this can be changed as part of the final submission)
6. Whether you are submitting as a student/student team or not

**See the Challenge Announcement for Additional Details**