

TABLE 1. HATCHERY AND GENETIC MANAGEMENT PLANS AND LEAD MANAGEMENT AGENCIES.—Continued

Eagle Creek NFH Winter Steelhead	USFWS
Warm Springs NFH Warm Springs River Spring Chinook Salmon	USFWS
Touchet River Endemic Summer Steelhead	WDFW/ USFWS
Walla Walla River Summer Steelhead Lyons Ferry Hatchery Stock	WDFW/ USFWS

As specified in the July 10, 2000, ESA 4(d) rule for salmon and steelhead (65 FR 42422), NMFS may approve an HGMP if it meets criteria set forth in § 223.203 (b)(5)(i)(A) through (K). Prior to final approval of an HGMP, NMFS must publish notification announcing its availability for public review and comment. The notice of availability of the ten USFWS HGMPs was published on January 14, 2003 (68 FR 1819) and closed on February 13, 2003.

National Environmental Policy Act requires Federal agencies to conduct an environmental analysis of their proposed actions to determine if the actions may affect the human environment. The proposed action is to approve the 10 HGMPs submitted by the USFWS. The proposed hatchery programs would propagate and release approximately 25.2 million salmon and steelhead in the Columbia River basin. In the draft EA currently available for public comment, NMFS considered the effects of this action on the physical, biological, and socioeconomic environments. NMFS is seeking public input on the scope of the required NEPA analysis, including the range of reasonable alternatives and associated impacts of any alternatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Announcement of Funding Opportunity to submit proposals for the South Florida Ecosystem Research and Monitoring Program (SFP) FY04

AGENCY: National Centers for Coastal Ocean Sciences/Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research/Coastal Ocean Program (NCCOS/CSCOR/COP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Funding Availability for financial assistance for project grants and cooperative agreements.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that NCCOS/CSCOR/COP is soliciting 1-year and 2-year proposals to support coastal ecosystem studies in South Florida including Florida Bay, Florida Keys, the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS), and adjacent coastal waters. It will provide support for the NOAA South Florida Program and the FKNMS. The overall goal of this Announcement is to fund high priority research and long term observational data collection needed to predict the impacts of Everglades restoration on the South Florida coastal ecosystem and to fulfill NOAA commitments to the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration effort and the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. Funding is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year 2004 and 2005 Federal appropriations. It is anticipated that projects funded under this announcement will have a March 1, 2004 start date.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of proposals at the COP office is 3 p.m., local time July 16, 2003. (Note that late-arriving applications provided to a delivery service on or before July 16, 2003, with delivery guaranteed before 3 p.m., local time on July 16, 2003, will be accepted for review if the applicant can document that the application was provided to the delivery service with delivery to the address listed below guaranteed by the specified closing date and time; and, in any event, the proposals are received in the NCCOS/CSCOR/COP office by 3 p.m., local time, no later than 2 business days following the closing date.)

ADDRESSES: Submit the original and 15 copies of your proposal to Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research/

Coastal Ocean Program (N/SCI 2), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1305 East-West Highway, SSMC4, 8th Floor Station 8243, Silver Spring, MD 20910, attention SFP 2004.

NOAA and Standard Form Applications with instructions are accessible on the following COP Internet Site: <http://www.cop.noaa.gov> under the COP Grants Information Section, Part D, Application Forms for Initial Proposal Submission.

Forms may be viewed and, in most cases, filled in by computer. All forms must be printed, completed, and mailed to NCCOS/CSCOR/COP with original signatures. If you are unable to access this information, you may call COP at 301-713-3338 to leave a mailing request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Technical Information. Larry Pugh, SFP 2004 Program Manager, NCCOS/CSCOR/COP, 301-713-3338/ext 160, Internet: larry.pugh@noaa.gov.

Business Management Information. Leslie McDonald, NCCOS/CSCOR/COP Grants Administrator, 301-713-3338/ext 155, Internet: Leslie.McDonald@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

Background information on the NOAA South Florida Program, including descriptions of presently funded projects, results, data management, and programmatic infrastructure (including small boat access and policy) can be found at <http://www.aoml.noaa.gov/ocd/sferpm>.

Background information on the Florida Bay and Adjacent Marine Systems Interagency Science Program, including the Program Management Committee (PMC), Scientific Oversight Panel (SOP), copies of the annual science conference abstracts, workshop reports, and present Strategic Science Plan, can be found at <http://www.aoml.noaa.gov/flbay>.

Background information regarding Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary can be found at <http://www.fknms.nos.noaa.gov>.

Background information regarding South Florida Ecosystem Restoration (SFER) in general can be found at <http://www.sfrestore.org>, while the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), Florida Bay/Florida Keys Feasibility Study, and RECOVER's South Estuaries Monitoring and Assessment Plan to which the projects funded herein are anticipated to contribute to can be found at <http://www.evergladesplan.org>.