

funding, based on the number of MARFIN Panel members recommending the proposal for funding. If there are ties in the rankings, those ties will be distinguished by the peer review score. The Regional Administrator also receives the MARFIN Panel members' individual comments.

The Regional Administrator, in consultation with the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, determines the projects to be recommended for funding. Though rarely used, the Regional Administrator has an option to make a selection that falls outside the MARFIN Panel's order of preferred funding on the following grounds: for geographic diversity, if not enough projects have addressed a priority, or because of duplication with other funded grants within NOAA. The Regional Administrator will justify in writing any such selection.

The exact amount of funds awarded, the final scope of activities, the project duration, and specific NMFS cooperative involvement with the activities of each project are determined in pre-award negotiations between the applicant, the NOAA Grants Office and the NMFS Program Office. Projects must not be initiated by recipients until a signed award is received from the NOAA Grants Office. Substantial involvement is described as collaboration, participation, or intervention by NMFS in the management of the project. Whether the funding instrument is a grant or a cooperative agreement will be determined by whether there is substantial involvement in the project. A cooperative agreement will be used if NOAA shares responsibility for management, control, or direction with the recipient.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices - Successful applications generally are recommended within 150 days from the date of publication of this notice. The earliest start date of awards average 90 days after each project is selected and after all NMFS/applicant negotiations of cooperative activities have been completed. The earliest start date of awards is about 200 days after the date of publication of this notice. Applicants should consider this selection and processing time in developing requested start dates for their applications. Unsuccessful applications will be returned to the applicant.

2. Administrative Requirements - If you are selected to receive a grant or cooperative agreement, you must:

- Manage the day-to-day operations of the project, be responsible for the

performance of all activities for which funds are granted, and be responsible for the satisfaction of all administrative and managerial conditions imposed by the award.

- Keep records sufficient to document any costs incurred under the award, and allow access to these records for audit and examination by the Secretary of Commerce, the Comptroller General of the United States, or their authorized representatives; and, submit financial status reports (SF 269) to NOAA Grants in accordance with the award conditions.

3. Reporting - Successful applicants will be required to:

- Submit semiannual project status reports on the use of funds and progress of the project to us within 30 days after the end of each 6-month period. You will submit these reports to the individual identified as the NMFS Program Officer in the funding agreement.

- Submit a final report within 90 days after completion of each project to the NMFS Program Officer. The final report must describe the project and include an evaluation of the work you performed and the results and benefits in sufficient detail to enable us to assess the success of the completed project. We will provide you with formats for the semiannual and final reports.

- In addition to the final report, we request that you submit any publications printed with grant funds (such as manuals, surveys, etc.) To the NMFS Program Officer for dissemination to the public.

We are committed to using available technology to achieve the timely and wide distribution of final reports to those who would benefit from this information. Therefore, you are encouraged to submit final reports in electronic format, in accordance with the award terms and conditions, for publication on the NMFS MARFIN Home Page. You may charge the costs associated with preparing and transmitting your final reports in electronic format to the grant award.

This notice contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The use of Standard Forms 424 and 269 has been approved by OMB under the respective control numbers 0348-0043 and 0348-0039. The use of the MARFIN Project Budget and MARFIN Project Summary have been approved under the control number 0648-0175.

Public reporting burden for each of the two MARFIN forms is estimated to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources,

gathering and maintaining the data needed and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the NMFS Southeast Regional Office, State/Federal Liaison Office (see ADDRESSES).

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

VII. Agency Contact(s)

For questions regarding the application process, you may contact: Ellie Francisco Roche, Chief, State/Federal Liaison Office, (727) 570-5324, or at Ellie.Roche@noaa.gov.

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AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The National Sea Grant College Program published a document in the **Federal Register** of March 26, 2003, concerning applications to be submitted for a Fellowship program initiated by the National Sea Grant Office (NSGO), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The document contained incomplete information. The full notice can be found at: <http://www.nsgo.seagrant.org/Knauss/2004/FRN.html>.

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