

knowledge related to the project and contribution and relevance of the proposed work.

3. A description of all funding sources (including revenues derived from the sale of the species harvested under the research quota set-aside) and funding needs. This element of the proposal must include the amount of research quota set-aside, in pounds, requested for each species and the expected funds to be generated by the sale of those species, as well as the expected funds to be allocated to the researcher and any involved fishing vessel.

4. A budget that includes a breakdown of research costs, including, labor, vessel, permit, equipment, supplies, and overhead, as applicable. Applicants must submit a Standard Form 424 (Application for Federal Assistance), including a detailed budget using Standard Form 424A, (Budget Information-- Non-Construction Programs), Standard Form 424B (Assurances - Non-Construction Programs), Commerce Department Form CD-511, (Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters: Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying), and if applicable, Standard Form SF-LLL (Disclosure of Lobbying Activities). Copies of these Standard Forms may be found on the Internet in a PDF version at <http://www.ofa.noaa.gov/grants>.

5. A list of any Federal or state regulations that the applicant needs to have waived and a brief justification for such a waiver. Applicants are urged to discuss with state fisheries agencies any proposed landings in their state(s). Note that requests for waivers of any state regulations will be forwarded to the appropriate state agency(s). NOAA cannot guarantee that state agencies will accede to any particular request.

6. Supporting documents, including resumes, letters of intent for vessels to participate in research activities, and any relevant contracts.

M. Final Reports and Data Submission

NOAA will require project researchers to submit to NOAA, with a copy for the Council, semi-annual progress reports and a final completion report describing their research project results, and other acceptable deliverable(s), in a timeframe that is specific to the type of research conducted. The format of the report may vary, but must contain:

1. A brief summary of the completion report (200-word or less abstract);
2. A description of the issue/problem that was addressed;
3. A detailed description of methods of data collection and analyses;

4. A discussion of results and any relevant conclusions presented in a format that is understandable to a non-technical audience. This should include benefits and/or contributions to management decision-making.

5. A list of entities, firms, or organizations that actually performed the work and a description of how the work was accomplished; and

6. A detailed final accounting of all funds used to conduct research, including generation of project income resulting from sale of research set-aside quota. The financial information must be submitted on Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Standard Form-269 (Financial Status Report). Copies of this Standard Form may be found on the Internet in a PDF version at <http://www.ofa.noaa.gov/grants>. Projects designed to collect new data for inclusion in NMFS or ACCSP databases must submit the data in electronic format with appropriate documentation. Certain databases will have highly specific requirements as to required fields and content. Applicants must agree to provide newly collected data in a format acceptable to the administrators of the receiving databases.

N. Other Requirements

The Council staff will bear the primary responsibility for the evaluations of impacts associated with the proposed research, including analysis of any requested regulatory waivers. However, applicants proposing research and/or compensation fishing that goes beyond the scope of analysis provided by the Council staff in the Council's annual specification packages may be required to submit all information necessary for a Supplemental Environmental Assessment to obtain an EFP from NMFS. Should an applicant be required to submit a request for an EFP to NMFS, such submission should be received by NMFS at least 60 days before the requested start date of the proposed research to allow for additional review and analysis. A final decision on the applicant's grant request for research quota will not be made until NMFS has approved the applicant's EFP request.

If any part of the proposed research activities occur in state waters, successful applicants, as a condition of project approval, will be required to provide NMFS with a copy of written documentation to demonstrate that the applicant has contacted the concerned state fishery management agency or agencies for any required state authorization. Also, successful applicants will be required to provide

NMFS with a copy of written documentation to demonstrate that the applicant has contacted the concerned state(s) fishery management agency or agencies with respect to the need for any required state authorization(s) for any planned commercial landings. Information on identity of state fishery management agencies is available from NMFS (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

O. Other Requirements of Recipients

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification of Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of October 1, 2001 (66 FR 49917), as amended by the **Federal Register** notice published on October 30, 2002 (67 FR 66109), is applicable to this solicitation.

P. Disposition of Unsuccessful Applications

If an application is not selected, NOAA will return the proposal and related documents to the applicant.

Q. Other

DOC/NOAA supports cultural and gender diversity in our programs and encourages women and minority individuals and groups to submit applications.

DOC/NOAA encourages applications from members of the fishing community, and applications that involve fishing community cooperation and participation.

Classification

Prior notice and opportunity for public comments are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for this notice concerning grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)).

Because a general notice of proposed rulemaking as specified in 5 U.S.C. 553, or any other law, was not required for this action, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, are not applicable.

Applications under this program are subject to the provisions of Executive Order "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

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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