

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Federal Agency Name(s): National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce

Funding Opportunity Title: Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund

Announcement Type: Initial

Funding Opportunity Number: NOAA-NMFS-NWRO-2011-2002889

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 11.438, Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery - Pacific Salmon Treaty Program

Dates: Pre-Applications are not mandatory, but highly encouraged. They must be received no later than February 9, 2011 if the applicant expects to receive any feedback from NMFS regarding completeness of its package and initial determination of compliance with minimum requirements. Final Applications should be submitted via Grants.gov and must be received no later than 11:59pm PST on March 11, 2011. For applications submitted through Grants.gov, a date and time receipt indication will be the basis of determining timeliness. The proposal must be validated by Grants.gov in order to be considered timely. PLEASE NOTE: It may take Grants.gov up to two (2) business days to validate or reject the application. Please keep this in mind in developing your submission timeline.

For those not having access to the internet, one signed original and two hard copy applications must be postmarked or received by the established due date for the program at the following address: Nicolle Hill, NMFS Northwest Region PCSRF Federal Program Officer, NMFS Northwest Region Building #1, 7600 Sand Point Way, Seattle, WA 98115. Use of U.S. Mail or another delivery service must be documented with a receipt. (Note that late-arriving hard copy proposals provided to a delivery service on or before 11:59 p.m. on the closing date for applications will be accepted for review if the applicant can document that the proposal was provided to the guaranteed delivery service by the specified closing date and time and if the proposal is received by Northwest Regional Program Office no later than 5 p.m., two business days following the closing date.)

No facsimile or electronic mail proposals will be accepted. July 1, 2011 should be used as the anticipated start date on proposals, unless otherwise directed by the NOAA Program Officer.

Funding Opportunity Description: NOAA announces the availability of Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funding (PCSRF), as authorized in the Northern Boundary and Transboundary Rivers Restoration and Enhancement Fund and Southern Boundary Restoration and Enhancement Fund (16 U.S.C. 3645 (d)(2)), to support the restoration and conservation of Pacific salmon and

steelhead populations and their habitat. The program makes funding available to the States of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California and Nevada and Federally-recognized tribes of the Columbia River and Pacific Coast for projects necessary for conservation of salmon and steelhead populations that are listed as threatened or endangered, or identified by a State as at-risk to be so-listed; for maintaining populations necessary for exercise of tribal treaty fishing rights or native subsistence fishing; or for conservation of Pacific coastal salmon and steelhead habitat. This announcement outlines the guidelines that will be used to distribute funding to eligible entities.

## FULL ANNOUNCEMENT TEXT

### I. Funding Opportunity Description

#### A. Program Objective

The PCSRF was established in Fiscal Year 2000 to address the need to protect, restore and conserve Pacific Chinook, chum, coho, pink and sockeye salmon and steelhead, and their habitat. Authorization of PCSRF was in response to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) listings of Pacific salmon and steelhead in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California as well as the effects of the harvest restrictions placed on Southeast Alaska fishers through the 1999 Pacific Salmon Treaty agreement between the United States and Canada. The PCSRF supplements existing state, tribal and federal programs to foster development of federal-state-tribal-local partnerships in salmon recovery and conservation by providing grants to the eligible states, tribal commissions, and tribes.

Under this solicitation, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) seeks applications for projects from individual eligible Indian tribes, eligible States, and representative Tribal commissions so that it can allocate the FY 2011 Federal funds for PCSRF grants on a merit basis. An applicant can only submit one application to the Federal government for PCSRF program funding. Applications requesting funding from both the representative Tribal Commission and a Tribe represented by that Commission will not be accepted.

#### B. Program Priorities

The Congressionally authorized activities ("PCSRF authorized activities") that may be funded under the PCSRF program are: (1) conserving salmon and steelhead populations that are listed as threatened or endangered, or identified by a State as at-risk to be so-listed; (2) maintaining populations necessary for exercise of tribal treaty fishing rights or native subsistence fishing; and (3) conserving Pacific coastal salmon and steelhead habitat. NOAA recognizes the following projects as program priorities, consistent with these PCSRF authorized activities: (1) project proposals for the conservation of salmon and steelhead populations that are listed as threatened or endangered, that ensure limiting factors and priority actions identified in proposed or final Endangered Species Act (ESA) recovery plans are being addressed; (2) project proposals focusing on tribal treaty fishing rights or native subsistence that maximize tribal harvest opportunities consistent with the conservation and recovery of threatened, endangered and State at-risk populations, in areas where these populations occur; (3) project proposals to conserve habitat within the geographic range of ESA-listed salmon and steelhead that ensure habitat limiting factors and priority restoration actions identified in proposed or final ESA recovery plans are being addressed; and (4) project proposals to conserve habitat outside of the geographic range of ESA-listed salmon

and steelhead that address limiting factors and priority actions described in the appropriate locally-developed plans (e.g., watershed or sub-basin plans). Any project proposal that includes elements addressing planning, salmon and habitat monitoring, salmon enhancement, and outreach to affected parties must support broader work that is consistent with PCSRF authorized activities and program priorities. All proposal narratives must clearly articulate how the proposed project(s) or program will fulfill the PCSRF authorized activities and program priorities. NOAA recognizes the importance of full participation of eligible Indian tribes in the activities of the PCSRF program. Lastly, NOAA acknowledges the need to ensure a proper distribution of funding among all eligible applicants.

#### C. Program Authority

16 U.S.C. 3645(d)(2); the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010, P.L. 111-117; and the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, P.L. 111-242

### II. Award Information

#### A. Funding Availability

Up to \$80,000,000 may be available for fiscal year (FY) 2011 for projects. There are no restrictions on minimum funding request, but there is a limit of \$30,000,000, on a maximum amount requested by any recipient. Award periods may be extended to a maximum of five years.

#### B. Project/Award Period

The PCSRF program announcement is for programs and projects to be conducted by the states and tribes or tribal commissions for a 1-year or up to a 5-year period, with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2011.

#### C. Type of Funding Instrument

The funding instrument will be a grant.

### III. Eligibility Information

#### A. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are the States of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California and Nevada, and Federally-recognized tribes of the Columbia River and Pacific Coast.

#### B. Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement

State applicants are required to match or document in-kind contributions of at least 33%

of received Federal funds. Indian tribes are exempt from any cost share requirement. Matching funds consist of PCSRF projects funded totally or partially by state appropriated funds; PCSRF projects that are funded totally or partially by sub-recipient or contractor funds; or PCSRF projects funded partially by other pre-approved sources of federal funding. In-kind contributions must be applied directly to a PCSRF project in order to be considered match.

#### C. Other Criteria that Affect Eligibility

1. Eligible States will submit applications through one designated State entity identified by Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NMFS. Applications from multiple State agencies within one state will not be accepted.

2. Indian Tribes must demonstrate eligibility in their application for consideration. They may act on their own behalf when applying for PCSRF funding or may allow their representative Indian Tribal Commission to act for them through an MOU agreement with NMFS. Applications requesting funding from both the representative Tribal Commission and a Tribe represented by that Commission will not be accepted.

#### IV. Application and Submission Information

##### A. Address to Request Application Package

All application materials can be found at the grants.gov portal at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) . If an applicant does not have internet access, application materials may be requested from Nicolle Hill, NMFS Program Officer, NMFS Northwest Region Building #1, 7600 Sand Point Way, Seattle, WA 98115. NMFS' Internet website at <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov> contains additional information on PCSRF.

For further information on PCSRF, please contact Scott Rumsey, NMFS Northwest Region PCSRF Program Coordinator at (503) 872-2791. Questions regarding this announcement should be directed to Ms. Hill at (206) 526-4358 or [Nicolle.Hill@noaa.gov](mailto:Nicolle.Hill@noaa.gov) .

##### B. Content and Form of Application

1. Application Format: All pages should be numbered, single-spaced and should be composed in at least a 12-point font with one-inch margins on 8 1/2" x 11" paper.

2. Title Page(s): Include the following:

a. Applicant name and Demonstration of Eligibility (Indian Tribes only for latter requirement)

- b. Funding Opportunity Title:
- c. Funding Opportunity Number:
- d. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:
- e. Program/Project Title:
- f. Program/ Project Duration:
- g. Program/ Project Contacts:
- h. Program/ Project Objectives: (Short paragraph describing the planned use of funds)
- i. Program/Project Proposal Amount: (Include federal funds, any non-federal funds, and total requested cost)
- j. Program/Proposed Project Outcomes: (Brief description of intended results)

3. Forms: Each application package must include:

- a. Form SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance
- b. Form SF-424A, Budget Information - Non-Construction Programs
- c. Form SF-424B, Assurances - Non-Construction Programs
- d. CD-511, Certification Regarding Lobbying
- e. SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities. Additionally, the CD-512

"Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying" is required to be submitted with the application package. To do this, download the form from

<http://www.cop.noaa.gov/opportunities/grants/pdf/cd512fll.pdf> . Fill out, sign, scan, and attach the form to the application package.

f. A current copy of the negotiated indirect cost rate with a Federal agency (if applicable).

4. Program or Project Narrative (25 Page Limit): Descriptive document on how the applicant intends to carry out the proposed program in support of PCSRF authorized activities and program priorities.

Program application narratives (States and Tribal Commissions) should include the following details:

- a. Program title, description and project selection methods, including how other non-PCSRF funded components are integrated with the program
- b. Description of specific objectives and approaches and how selected projects will be designed to achieve those objectives and approaches
- c. Justification for the need for the planned program/activities. Specifically describe the salmon conservation and restoration needs that are proposed to be addressed, and how the project selection process will ensure that these needs are addressed.
- d. Description of the organization's technical review process
- e. General project timelines
- f. General project locations
- g. Description of how the outcomes, results, or products will be applied and/or made available to appropriate user groups
- h. Description of how the program's project selection criteria will ensure that projects are selected and implemented that contribute to the PCSRF authorized activities and program priorities
- i. For programs within the geographic range of ESA-listed salmon and steelhead, list the specific actions identified in draft or final ESA recovery plans that the proposal will address
- j. Description of planned project effectiveness and performance monitoring, and how the monitoring activities will fit into a larger, comprehensive monitoring program
- k. Describe major accomplishments in fulfilling PCSRF authorized activities and program priorities using PCSRF funds. Include history of project funding, types of projects, and outcomes.

Please note that States and Commissions may also have individual PCSRF projects in addition to running a program. Those PCSRF projects will not be subject to the 3% administrative expense cap. The projects should be identified in the application and should include the below information:

Project application narratives (Tribes) should include:

- a. Title of each project and description of specific objectives and approaches
- b. Justification of the need for the projects. Specifically describe the salmon conservation and restoration needs that are proposed to be addressed, and how the project(s) ensure that these needs are addressed.

- c. Projected, quantifiable project outcomes
- d. Project timelines
- e. Project locations (minimum of latitude/longitude coordinates)
- f. Description of how the outcomes, results, or products will be applied and/or made available to appropriate user groups
- g. Description of how the proposed projects will contribute to the PCSRF authorized activities and program priorities
- h. For projects within the geographic range of ESA-listed salmon and steelhead, list the specific actions identified in draft or final ESA recovery plans that the proposal will address
- i. Description of planned project effectiveness and performance monitoring, and how the monitoring activities will fit into a larger, comprehensive monitoring program
- j. Description of how projects will be administered
- k. Describe major accomplishments in fulfilling PCSRF authorized activities and program priorities using PCSRF funds. Include history of project funding, types of projects, and outcomes.

5. Budget Narrative: Proposed budget and accompanying explanation, including quantified needs determination. Include an approved current negotiated indirect cost rate agreement (if applicable) and a detailed explanation of the matching share to be contributed by the applicant (States only). Each application should include a summary table of all projects/tasks or programs proposed in the grant proposal - listing each program or project title and the corresponding total cost.

6. Resumes/Qualifications of Key Staff: Should not exceed two (2) pages per individual, with an additional two (2) pages allowed for single summary description of all organizations or consultants named in the application.

7. References and Appendices (2 Page Limit)

### C. Submission Dates and Times

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#### D. Intergovernmental Review

Applications under this program from state or local governments are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

#### E. Funding Restrictions

Eligibility is limited to the States of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada and California and Pacific Coastal and Columbia River tribes. Eligible tribal applicants are any federally recognized Pacific Coastal or Columbia River tribes. The States and Tribal Commissions will expend not more than 3% of the direct federal funds for administrative expenses. Administrative expenses are defined as all costs, including direct and indirect costs, incurred by the State or Commission in administering the PCSRF grant and managing the distribution of the PCSRF grant funds to sub-recipients, contractors, programs, or projects that undertake PCSRF activities. Administrative expenses include activities such as sub-agreement and contracts management and monitoring, accounting, program oversight, program support and overhead costs, and competitive funding allocation processes including the processing and administrative review of project applications and proposals. The State and Commissions' PCSRF data management program, including the PCSRF web-based project tracking data management database system (found at <https://www.webapps.nwfsc.noaa.gov/PCSRFPhaseII> ), do not fall within the administrative expenses. This includes the costs for implementing new requirements under Phase II of the PCSRF database. Individual PCSRF projects conducted directly by the States or

Commissions are not subject to the administrative expenses cap.

#### F. Other Submission Requirements

Pre-applications should be submitted electronically by e-mail to: [Nicolle.Hill@noaa.gov](mailto:Nicolle.Hill@noaa.gov). NMFS' Internet website at <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov> contains additional information on PCSRF. The full funding opportunity announcement for this program can be accessed via the Grants.gov web site at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applicants will be able to access, download and submit an electronic grant application for the PCSRF program in this announcement at <http://www.grants.gov> using the following FFO number: NOAA-NMFS-NWRO-2011-2002889.

#### V. Application Review Information

##### A. Evaluation Criteria

NOAA standardized the evaluation and selection process for its competitive assistance programs. All proposals submitted in response to this notice shall be evaluated and selected in accordance with the process set out below. In considering the funding allocation for projects and program applications, all proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria with the maximum weighted values for each category listed below for a total of 100 points maximum:

1. Importance and/or relevance and applicability of proposed project to the program goals [30 Points]: This ascertains whether there is intrinsic value in the proposed work and its relevance to the PCSRF authorized activities and program priorities. Proposals will be evaluated based on how relevant and applicable their projects or program missions are to the authorized activities and program priorities listed at I.B. Successful applicants will be those that demonstrate their proposal directly addresses the PCSRF authorized activities and program priorities.

2. Technical/scientific merit [30 Points]: This assesses whether the approach is technically sound and/or innovative, if the methods are appropriate, and whether there are clear project goals and objectives. Proposals will be evaluated on whether there is a technically sound approach to manage and implement proposed projects; whether there is sufficient information to evaluate the project or program technically; and, if so, the strengths and/or weaknesses of the project or program approach to securing productive results. Successful program and project proposals will include:

a. A description of how the applicant organization will ensure that funded projects are part of a larger program plan.

b. A description of the proposed methods used for monitoring, measuring and evaluating

the success or failure of the projects funded by the program.

c. A quantified amount of dedicated funding to monitoring activities, including salmon status and trend and habitat monitoring.

d. A description of how project details will be reported in order to track performance including: information detailing the project reporting mechanisms, the staffing resources that will be dedicated to reporting, and the specific information that will be reported.

e. A description of how the organization will communicate results of projects to target audiences.

Successful program proposals (States and Tribal Commissions) will describe the organization's selection evaluation method and allocation and implementation process for proposed projects; set forth selection priorities reflecting PCSRF authorized activities and program priorities, detail decision processes and allocation timelines; and describe how technical merit is defined and determined and how project feasibility is evaluated.

Successful project proposals (Tribes) will describe the specified approaches to achieving the project objectives, including timelines, geographic areas and methods.

3. Overall qualifications of applicants (15 Points): This ascertains whether the applicant possesses the necessary education, experience, training, facilities, and administrative resources to accomplish the project. The organization and its management will be evaluated. The principal investigator and other personnel, including subcontractors and consultants participating in the project or program will be evaluated in terms of related experience and qualifications.

Successful applications will include the following:

a. Details about the organization's administrative resources, credibility, financial stability, business management systems, capability to comply with federal requirements, history of strong performance in the management of federal funds, and knowledge and demonstrated history of federal cost principles compliance and sub-recipient fiscal monitoring (if applicable).

b. Applicants should illustrate that their organization has the appropriate management authority to implement actions identified in the proposal.

c. Applicants should describe how they adhered to past reporting requirements including reporting data into the PCSRF database, and how they resolved database reporting issues, inconsistencies or missing metrics, if applicable.

4. Project costs [25 Points]: Proposals will be evaluated on their budget to

determine if it is realistic and commensurate with the program or project needs and time-frame. Successful proposals will include:

a. A needs statement which summarizes the extent, severity or prevalence of funding needed in the serving geographical area to meet the PCSRF program priorities. The needs statement should be supported by evidence and described quantitatively (i.e. miles/acres of habitat needing restoration; number or extent of ESA listed Pacific salmon or Pacific salmon at risk; stocks important for tribal treaty fishing rights or native subsistence fishing, etc.). The needs statement will also address the recipients other source of funding for proposed programs and projects.

b. A detailed budget by program or project level which also itemizes the proposal level and overall level of administrative and overhead costs.

c. A budget detail identifying a minimum of 10% proposed budget for monitoring, either comprehensive project effectiveness monitoring or status and trend monitoring, as part of a comprehensive program. Individual project proposals should specify costs for monitoring project-level implementation and effectiveness.

d. State applications must provide a budget detail which identifies the minimum matching or in-kind requirements of 33% of Federal funds requested.

5. Outreach and education [0 Points]: Outreach and education, as defined in section IV.B.4.g. (States and Tribal Commissions) and IV.B.4.f. (Tribes), will be evaluated under section V.A.2.e.

## B. Review and Selection Process

Upon receipt of an application, an initial administrative review will be conducted to determine compliance with requirements and completeness of the application. The application will need to meet the following minimum requirements to be considered for funding:

1. Applicant is eligible to apply
2. Received application by deadline
3. Application is complete and includes all mandatory forms
4. Matching requirements are met (State Only)
5. Administrative programmatic costs are not exceeded (State and Commissions Only)

Individual evaluations comprised of at least three (3) or more private and public experts will independently evaluate the applications and score them using the evaluation criteria set forth above. No consensus advice will be given. The reviewer' ratings will be averaged to produce a rank order of the proposals. Technical reviewers will be required to certify that they do not have a conflict of interest and that they will maintain confidentiality of the applications.

Panel Review: After the projects have been evaluated and ranked, the Agency will solicit comments and input on funding recommendation from a panel of at least three (3) federal full-time employees comprised of the NMFS Alaska Region, Northwest Region and Southwest Region. The Agency will provide the panelists with a summary of the technical review evaluations, and, the rank order of the proposals.

### C. Selection Factors

The Assistant Administrator for NMFS will be the Selecting Official. The Selecting Official will review the rank order, funding recommendations and comments from the Panel Review Committee and determine the recipients to be funded and how much funding shall be awarded to each selected recipient. In making the final selections, the Selecting Official will award in rank order unless the proposal is justified to be selected out of rank order based upon one of the selection factors below:

1. Availability of funding.
2. Balance/distribution of funds:
  - a. Geographically
  - b. By type of institutions
  - c. By type of partners
  - d. By research areas
  - e. By project types
3. Whether this project duplicates other projects funded or considered for funding by NOAA or other federal agencies.
4. Program priorities and policy factors as set forth in the Full Funding Opportunity Sections I.A. and B.
5. Applicant's prior award performance. (Accomplishments related to PCSRF goals.)

6. Partnerships and/or Participation of targeted groups.

D. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

Unsuccessful applicants will be notified through Grants Online. The NOAA Grants Officer will issue the grant award, Form CD-450, which is the authorizing financial assistance award document. Funding is expected to begin during July 2011 for most approved awards, subject to the availability of funds. July 1, 2011 is to be used as the proposed start date on awards, unless requested by recipient and otherwise directed by the NOAA Grants Officer.

VI. Award Administration Information

A. Award Notices

The notice of award is signed by the NOAA Grants Officer and is sent to the appropriate business office of the recipient organization.

To enable the use of a universal identifier and to enhance the quality of information available to the public as required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, to the extent applicable, any proposal awarded in response to this announcement will be required to use the Central Contractor Registration and Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System and be subject to reporting requirements, as identified in OMB guidance published at 2 CFR Parts 25, 170 (2010),

[http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr25\\_main\\_02.tpl](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr25_main_02.tpl) ,

[http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr170\\_main\\_02.tpl](http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr170_main_02.tpl) .

B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

The recipient and any sub-recipients must, in addition to the assurances made as part of the application, comply and require each of its contractors and subcontractors employed in the completion of the project to comply with all applicable statutes, regulations, executive orders (EOs) Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circulars, terms and conditions and approved applications. Department of Commerce (DOC) Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions, will apply to all PCSRF award recipients. The website is:

<http://oam.eas.commerce.gov/docs/GRANTS/DOC%20STCsMAR08Rev.pdf> . Special award conditions may be added or amended over the DOC standard terms.

Requirements per 15 CFR parts 14 and 24

The recipients must comply with Executive Order 12906 regarding any and all geospatial data collected or produced under grants or cooperative agreements. This includes

documenting all geospatial data in accordance with the Federal Geographic Data Committee Content Standard for digital geospatial data. The Program uses only the existing NOAA Federal financial assistance awards package.

#### Pre-award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the Federal Register notice of February 11, 2008 (73 FR 7696) are applicable to this solicitation.

#### Limitation of Liability

Funding for programs listed in this notice is limited to Fiscal Year 2011 appropriation. In no event will NOAA or the Department of Commerce be responsible for proposal preparation costs if this program fails to receive funding or is cancelled because of other agency priorities. Publication of this announcement does not oblige NOAA to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds. Recipients and sub recipients are subject to all Federal laws and agency policies, regulations and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards.

#### Universal Identifier

Applicants should be aware that, they are required to provide a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number during the application process. See the October 30, 2002 Federal Register, (67 FR 66177) for additional information. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or via the Internet [http://www.dnb.com/us/duns\\_update/](http://www.dnb.com/us/duns_update/).

#### National Environmental Policy Act

NEPA and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) require that an environmental analysis be completed for all major Federal actions significantly affecting the environment. NEPA applies to the actions of Federal agencies and may include a Federal agency's decision to fund non-Federal projects under grants and cooperative agreements. NOAA must analyze the potential environmental impacts, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for each project which seeks NOAA funding. Detailed information on NEPA can be found at the following NOAA NEPA website: [www.nepa.noaa.gov](http://www.nepa.noaa.gov), including our NOAA Administrative Order 216-6 for NEPA, [www.nepa.noaa.gov/NAO216\\_6.pdf](http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/NAO216_6.pdf), and the Council on Environmental Quality implementation regulations, [http://ceq.hhs.doe.gov/nepa/regs/ceq/toc\\_ceq.htm](http://ceq.hhs.doe.gov/nepa/regs/ceq/toc_ceq.htm). Consequently, as part of all project application packages, applicants are required to provide detailed information on the activities to be conducted, locations, sites, species and habitat to be affected, possible construction

activities, and any environmental concerns that may exist (e.g., the use and disposal of hazardous or toxic chemicals, introduction of non-indigenous species, impacts to endangered and threatened species, aquaculture projects, and impacts to coral reef systems). Program applications should, to the best extent, provide what they know about their projects at the time of submitting their grant applications. In addition to providing specific information that will serve as the basis for any required impact analyses, applicants may also be requested to assist NOAA in drafting of an environmental assessment, if NOAA determines an assessment is required. Applicants will also be required to cooperate with NOAA in identifying feasible measures to reduce or avoid any identified adverse environmental impacts of their proposal. The failure to do so shall be grounds for not selecting an application. In some cases if additional information is required after an application is selected, funds can be withheld by the Grants Officer under a special award condition requiring the recipient to submit additional environmental compliance information sufficient to enable NOAA to make an assessment on any impacts that a project may have on the environment.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act.

This collection of information contains requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The use of Standard Forms CD-346, 424, 424A, 424B and SF-LLL has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under control numbers 0605-0001, 0348- 0043 (4040-0004), 0348-0044 (4040-0006), 0348-0040, 0348-0046 and 0605-0001. 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 requirements of the PRA unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

#### Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review)

Applications under this program from state or local governments are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

#### Executive Order 12866

It has been determined that this notice is not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

#### Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

## Administrative Procedures Act and Regulatory Flexibility Act

Prior notice and comment are not required under 5 U.S.C. 553, or any other law, for rules relating to public property, loans, grants, benefits or contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)). Because prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. et seq.) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required and has not been prepared.

### C. Reporting

Award recipients will be required to submit financial and performance (technical) reports. Performance reports will be created from the PCSRF tracking database found at <https://www.webapps.nwfsc.noaa.gov/PCSRFPhaseII> . Financial and performance reports are to be submitted electronically through the NOAA Grants Online system on a semi-annual basis unless the applicant does not have internet access, in which case hard copy submissions will be accepted. All financial reports are routed directly to the NOAA Grants Officer. Performance reports are routed to the assigned NOAA Federal Program Officer. Final progress reporting through the PCSRF database and NOAA Grants Online is due 90 days after the award expiration. The final report shall serve as an overall evaluation of the recipient's success in achieving the goals and objectives of the approved project(s) and programs, specifically describing the work that was performed and its resulting benefit to pacific coastal salmon as described in its proposal and grant application. The level of detail should allow for NOAA's assessment of the overall success of the project.

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 includes a requirement for awardees of applicable Federal grants to report information about first-tier subawards and executive compensation under Federal assistance awards issued in FY 2011 or later. All awardees of applicable grants and cooperative agreements are required to report to the Federal Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) available at [www.FSRS.gov](http://www.FSRS.gov) on all subawards over \$25,000.

## VII. Agency Contacts

For further information on PCSRF, please contact Scott Rumsey, NMFS Northwest Region PCSRF Program Coordinator, at (503) 872-2791. Questions regarding this announcement should be directed to Nicolle Hill, NMFS Northwest Region PCSRF Federal Program Officer, at (206) 526-4358 or [Nicolle.Hill@noaa.gov](mailto:Nicolle.Hill@noaa.gov) .

## VIII. Other Information

## Permits and Approvals

A grant award under this funding announcement does not imply any authorization of incidental take of listed species under the ESA. Section 7 consultations will be undertaken by NMFS on projects and activities that may adversely affect ESA listed species. The recipient will obtain necessary permits on any projects and will provide all necessary information to NMFS for ESA consultation, including stipulations in each sub-agreement that the activity should not commence unless and until an ESA consultation has been completed and all necessary permits have been granted.

## Freedom of Information Act

U.S. Department of Commerce regulations implementing the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) are found at 15 C.F.R. Part 4, "Public Information." These regulations set forth rules for the Department regarding making requested materials, information, and records publicly available under the FOIA. Applications submitted in response to this Federal Funding Opportunity may be subject to requests for release under the Act. In the event that an application contains information or data that the applicant deems to be confidential commercial information which is exempt from disclosure under FOIA, that information should be identified, bracketed, and marked as "Privileged, Confidential, Commercial or Financial Information." Based on these markings, the confidentiality of the contents of those pages will be protected to the extent permitted by law.