

## 2004 WEST COAST COOPERATIVE RESEARCH

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission received 25 proposals for 2004 West Coast Cooperative Research Request for Proposals. Each proposal was independently reviewed by a minimum of 12 people. The following criteria and evaluation weightings were used for evaluating proposals:

- (a) Scientific Merit: Intrinsic scientific value of the proposed work and the likelihood that it will lead to fundamental advancements, new discoveries or will have substantial impact on progress in that field;
- (b) Research Performance Competence: The capability of the investigator and collaborators to complete the proposed work as evidenced by past research accomplishments, previous cooperative work, timely communication, and the sharing of findings, data, and other research products;
- (c) Relevance: Likelihood that the research will make substantial contributions or develop products leading to improved management of coastal resources;
- (d) Technical Approach: The proposed work has focused science objectives and a complete and efficient strategy for making measurements and observations in support of the objectives. The approach is sound and logically planned throughout the cycle of the proposed work;
- (e) Level of Industry Participation.
- (f) Costs: Adequacy of the proposed resources to accomplish the proposed work and the appropriateness of the requested funding with respect to the total available funds.

Reviewers were instructed to give each proposal a score based on a scale of:

- (1) Excellent
- (2) Very Good
- (3) Good
- (4) Fair
- (5) Poor

These scores were compiled and average scores were provided to a review committee made up of 7 persons chosen by Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission. This committee discussed the top ranked 10 proposals, which represented \$1,052,582 in requested funds. These reviewers also had an opportunity to discuss any other solicited proposal that was not part of the top 10.

**With the research funds that were available for this project, we are currently able to fund the 5 top-ranking proposals.** Should more money become available, we will fund as many additional projects as possible.

1. Collaborative Trap Survey for Rockfishes (*Sebastes* spp.), Greenling (*Hexagrammos* spp.) and Cabezon (*Scorpaenichthys marmoratus*) in untrawlable, Nearshore Habitats in Oregon and California - [PDF](#)
2. Tag and Release Nearshore Groundfish from Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessels - [PDF](#)
3. Industry/Science Independent Abundance (CPUE) Trap, Hook & Line Survey Research Design Meeting - [PDF](#)
4. Quantifying rockfish (*Sebastes* spp.) bait selectivity in the Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*) and sablefish (*Anoplopoma fimbria*) longline fishery off the coast of Washington, USA. - [PDF](#)
5. Assessing Canary Rockfish (*Sebastes pinniger*) Using Alternative Survey Methodologies - [PDF](#)