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To: All Shasta River Spawning Gravel Evaluation and Enhancement Plan RFP Respondents

From: Michael Arredondo, Grant and Contracts Specialist

Subject: RFP Questions and Answers

Attached to this memo is a list of all questions received for the Shasta River Spawning Gravel Evaluation and Enhancement Plan Request for Proposals and the answers to these questions. If anyone has additional questions, please direct them to me at michael_arredondo@psmfc.org.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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- Q: Is there an adequate source of existing aerial photography for the project area or does it require hiring a firm to fly and photograph the river system?
- A: At this time California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is uncertain if there is adequate aerial photo coverage available for use on this project. All applicants should budget for an aerial survey of the river. If it is determined that there is existing coverage this budget element will be deleted.
- DFG has 2008 LIDAR data for the Shasta River. This will be available for use on this project.
- Q: Is there an existing database of landowners with contact information that can be obtained for coordination of access?
- A: DFG has a copy of the County's tax assessor database/GIS image and will assist in coordinating access with landowners.
- Q: It seems coordination with the Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District would be essential - should this be included in the scope of work?
- A: Yes, coordination with the Shasta Valley RCD should be addressed in the scope of work.
- Q: In Task 4. the RFP asks for the assessment of habitat availability and use in the river "based on the knowledge of current salmonid populations" - if coho salmon are presently depleted in the basin, won't this result in an under-representation of habitat conditions for recovery of this species?
- A: This should read, "Habitat availability based on current knowledge of areas currently being used by salmonids". DFG will assist in identifying these areas.
- Q: What is/are the target species that spawning is being assessed for? The assumption is that it's Chinook and coho salmon, but this is not specified in the RFP.
- A: Yes, this assumption is correct. The target species are Coho and Chinook.

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Q: Is there a limit on the overhead rate that may be included in the budget?

A: No, there is no limit to the overhead rate, but keep in mind that the overall funding available for this project will be roughly \$200,000. The higher the overhead rate, the less funding that will be available to those providing direct services.

Q: What is the source of funding for this project, i.e. where is the funding coming from?

A; The grant that is funding this project is the 2006 Klamath River Salmon Disaster grant that was awarded to PSMFC by the federal National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).