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Cook Inlet Salmon Disaster Research Projects RFP Questions and Answers

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1. *Q: Can you clarify whether these funds are meant only for Cook Inlet, or both Cook Inlet and the Y-K region.*

A: Although the 2012 Salmon Disaster funding was appropriated to address the Salmon Disaster in the Cook Inlet and Yukon-Kuskokwim regions, this particular round of funding for research projects is only to address projects in the Cook Inlet. The Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Sustainable Salmon Initiative (AYK-SSI) released an RFP in the Spring of 2015, utilizing research funds from this Disaster grant, that addressed research projects in the Y-K area.

2. *If our project is funded, when is the ending date for funds to be spent?*

A: The federal grant that will be funding these projects expires on August 31, 2018.

3. *Q: When must the final report be provided?*

A: The final report must be provided within the 90 day window for closeout of the federal award, so within 90 days after August 31, 2018.

4. *Q: Are federal agencies eligible for these research funds?*

A: Although federal agencies are generally not eligible to receive federal grant funds, exceptions may be made if the recipient federal agency and the awarding federal agency have a Memorandum of Understanding stating that they may transfer funds between them. In this case, PSMFC may consider a proposal from a federal agency if they provide PSMFC with a copy of the MOU between the agency submitting the proposal and NOAA.

5. *Q: Can a federal agency take the lead in a collaborative research project under this grant?*

A: See the answer to question #4.

6. *Q: The wording on Theme 5 of the RFP isn't clear. There may be words missing. The last sentence says, "In addition, research proposals requesting support to Chinook Salmon Stocks would be welcome."*

A: Theme 5 has been updated and the sentence in question has been moved just after Theme 6. It now reads, "In addition, research proposals requesting support to examine available data and test for potential shifts in the phenology or ocean distribution patterns of Cook Inlet Chinook salmon stocks would be welcomed." A version of the RFP has been posted to the PSMFC website as of October 8, 2015. It may be downloaded at <http://www.psmfc.org/cook-inlet-chinook-salmon-disaster-research?pid=131>.