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2021 Marine Aquaculture Pilot Projects RFP Questions & Answers 07/30/21

- 1) *Would observing changes in gamefish behavior around fish cages be a good fit for the PSMFC Pilot Aquaculture grant?*

A: Yes, this project proposal will be considered it supports addressing a regulatory concern.

- 2) *My question is about scope and eligibility. When I read the 5 points of the scope of work, it seems like the grant is meant to fund the farming itself or government certification of the farming side of aquaculture, not so much the processing of the raw product into a secondary or tertiary product, when the seaweed/shellfish gets to a processing plant. But when I looked at the 2020 FAQs - Question #11, it seems like this grant would actually help cover expenses to pilot a new processing technique for an independent processor.*

Do you know if purely funding the processing side of aquaculture would be eligible under this grant?

A: Yes, a proposal as you have outlined would be considered.

- 3) *My questions are about the form of the submission. First, should individual files be submitted as pdf or Word files or both?*

We have structured our submission with Appendices covering things like resumes and letters of support (e.g., Appendix IV: Letters of Support). Since an appendix is composed of multiple files, should these be submitted individually or as one zipped file for letters and another for resumes?

A: Proposals may be submitted in either Word or PDF formats. Zipped files for appendices would be appreciated.