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Pacific Cod Fishery Disaster Research RFP Questions & Answers 05/02/2022

1. I am working collaboratively with another investigator and the proposed work would address two of the focal areas: 1) Expanded early life history studies to focus on spatial-temporal variation in stock reproductive output, survival processes, and how these vary with changes in climate and 2) Resolving stock spatial structure, migration patterns, and connectivity based on new genetics/genomics approaches. Each focal area would be led by a PI from a different institution, but we envision that these studies would be closely linked. Would PSMFC prefer two separate proposals or one, larger proposal?

A: One larger proposal would give the reviewers a better picture of the entirety of the project, so one proposal would be preferred.

2. Is there a cap on proposal budgets or anticipated number of projects that PSMFC intends to fund?

A: No, there is no cap on proposal budgets, however the reviewers/scorers will be responsible for making sure the project budgets are reasonable when compared to the scope of the project.

3. Will you allocate all 5.9 million research dollars immediately or will there be some in reserve for either the potential increases to existing projects or a second RFP?

A: Due to the timeframe for the expiration of these funds, PSMFC is planning on allocating the entire \$5.9 million in research funds immediately if possible.

4. In the budget, please advise how to buffer against fluctuating fuel costs and vessel charter rates. We are proposing three years of survey work and need contingencies in case the charter vessel rate increases, fuel costs fluctuate, or the vessel breaks contract and we need to charter someone else who is more expensive. Shall we request the maximum cost projected for fuel and vessel charter, thinking we may reallocate or give unused monies back to PSMFC? Or is there an option for a 'change order' if we need to charter another vessel during future years that is more expensive?

A: Since PSMFC is looking to allocate the full \$5.9 million, it would be preferable if you inflated your estimates to cover contingencies. There is no guarantee that there would be any funds available for a "change order".

5. I want to clarify the eligible applicants section of the RFP. Are local governments eligible to apply? I notice "state agencies" are listed, but local governments are not explicitly included.

A: Local governments are eligible to submit proposals.