



## PACIFIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

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### 2022-2023 Marine Aquaculture Pilot Projects RFP Questions & Answers 10/31/2022

1) *The fund clearly specifies projects must be located in marine/estuarine environments. However, one of our ideas involves the culture of shrimp-seaweed-salicornia in pond systems which would have implications for the shrimp industry worldwide. Would the culture of animals and seaweeds in ponds using marine water in coastal systems fit within the scope of the fund?*

A: Yes

2) *Regarding indirect costs, our federally negotiated rate is 38.5% -- is that acceptable or does the Commission have a cap on indirect costs?*

A: The Commission does not place a cap on indirect costs.

3) *Regarding letters of support, is there a recommended number to include?*

A: No more than 5 letters please.

4) *I am looking to apply to the RFP for the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission. I am researching land based recirculating artificial marine aquaculture (multitrophic). I noticed that "the primary location of the proposed projects must be in the marine waters/estuarine environment." For my research I am in a building away from the ocean. Does this lower my chances of being funded?*

A: If the project has applications that can be applied to *marine waters/estuarine environment* it would be considered.

5) *We are currently in the process of obtaining our own lease but are farming and processing under other permit holders for this 2022-2023 season. Does operating on other permits disqualify our proposal? If not what documentation is required other than the permits? Is an operations agreement required?*

- *Does operating on other permits disqualify our proposal?* **No.**
- *Is an operations agreement required?* **Yes. we would need to see documentation that the project site is intended to be used for your project.**

6) *Is it safe to assume that answers to previous award year questions are still valid?*

A: Yes, all previous answers are valid.

7) *Is it beneficial to submit multiple proposals? Or is it preferred to clump them into one larger proposal at which the committee can choose to award a smaller amount?*

A: The maximum amount for each proposal is \$125,000. Proposals over the \$125,000 amount will likely not be considered.

8) *Given the 3-page proposal limit, is it acceptable when citing literature to give the author's last name/year within the proposal, but not provide a literature cited section at the end of the proposal as it would take up ~ ½ page?*

A: Citations do not count against the 3-page limit. You can add an additional page/pages for citations.