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NOAA Seeks Research Proposals for 2009 Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program Funding

NOAA Fisheries Service is now accepting proposals for funding under the Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program, which provides federal support for fisheries research and development projects on U.S. commercial and recreational fisheries. Applications are due October 1, 2008.

Research priorities for 2009 include mitigating risks posed to Northern right whales by entanglement in fishing gear, aquaculture development, reducing or eliminating problems that limit the use of harvested resources owing to disease, human health hazard or other quality problems, improving what we know about the socioeconomics of fishing, and conservation engineering projects to reduce or eliminate bycatch or harmful interactions between fishing operations and protected species..

Funding for potential projects depends upon the availability of fiscal year 2009 appropriations. Grants will be awarded competitively. To view the full announcement, including specifics on eligibility, access to application forms and the process for submitting proposals, go to: <http://www.Grants.Gov>, and use the following federal funding opportunity number: NMFS-FHQ-2009-2001464

The objective of the Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program is to address the needs of fishing communities in optimizing economic benefits within the context of rebuilding and maintaining sustainable fisheries.

NOAA understands and predicts changes in the Earth's environment, from the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun, and conserves and manages our coastal and marine resources. Visit <http://www.noaa.gov>.

NOAA Fisheries Service is dedicated to protecting and preserving our nation's living marine resources and their habitat through scientific research, management and enforcement. NOAA Fisheries Service provides effective stewardship of these resources for the benefit of the nation, supporting coastal communities that depend upon them, and helping to provide safe and healthy seafood to consumers and recreational opportunities for the American public.