

Application Deadline: Proposals must be received no later than 5 p.m. eastern standard time, May 1, 2006.

Address For Submitting Applications: Proposals should be submitted through Grants.Gov, following the directions in ELECTRONIC ACCESS, above.

Proposals from those that do not have access to Internet should be sent to: Geraldine Taylor, NOAA R/SG; 1315 East-West Highway, Bldg SSMC 3, Room 11828, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3283, tel. 301-713-2435.

Information Contact: Jim Murray, NOAA R/SG, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3283, e-mail jim.d.murray@noaa.gov or Hannah Campbell, NOAA/CPO, 1100 Wayne Ave, suite 1225, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Eligibility: Proposals may be submitted by institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, and State governments.

Cost Sharing Requirements: Matching funds equal to at least 50 percent of the Federal funding given by Sea Grant only must be provided. For funding provided by the Sea Grant Program, by law the matching funds must be from a non-Federal source and cannot be waived.

Intergovernmental Review: Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs.

Limitation of Liability

Funding for programs listed in this notice is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year 2006 appropriations. In no event will NOAA or the Department of Commerce be responsible for application preparation costs if these programs fail to receive funding or are cancelled because of other agency priorities. Publication of this announcement does not oblige NOAA to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds.

Universal Identifier

Applicants should be aware that, they are required to provide a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number during the application process. See the October 30, 2002 **Federal Register**, (69 FR 66177) for additional information. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or via the Internet <http://www.dunandbradstreet.com>.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NOAA must analyze the potential environmental impacts, as required by

the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for applicant projects or proposals that are seeking NOAA federal funding opportunities. Detailed information on NOAA compliance with NEPA can be found at the following NOAA NEPA Web site: <http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/>, including our NOAA Administrative Order 216-6 for NEPA, http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/NAO216_6_TOC.pdf, and the Council on Environmental Quality implementation regulations, <http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/ceq/toc/ceq.htm>.

Consequently, as part of an applicant's package, and under their description of their program activities, applicants are required to provide detailed information on the activities to be conducted, locations, sites, species and habitat to be affected, possible construction activities, and any environmental concerns that may exist (e.g., the use and disposal of hazardous or toxic chemicals, introduction of non-indigenous species, impacts to endangered and threatened species, aquaculture projects, and impacts to coral reef systems). In addition to providing specific information that will serve as the basis for any required impact analyses, applicants may also be requested to assist NOAA in drafting of an environmental assessment, if NOAA determines an assessment is required. Applicants will also be required to cooperate with NOAA in identifying and implementing feasible measures to reduce or avoid any identified adverse environmental impacts of their proposal. The failure to do so shall be grounds for the denial of not selecting an application. In some cases if additional information is required after an application is selected, funds can be withheld by the Grants Officer under a special award condition requiring the recipient to submit additional environmental compliance information sufficient to enable NOAA to make an assessment on any impacts that a project may have on the environment.

Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of December 30, 2004 (69 FR 78389), are applicable to this solicitation.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This document contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, SF-LLL, and CD-346 has been approved

by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the respective control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0046, and 0605-0001. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Executive Order 12866

This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for rules concerning public property, loans, grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)).

Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Dated: March 22, 2006.

Mark E. Brown,

Chief Financial Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico; Joint South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) and Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (GMFMC), Scientific and Statistical Committee ad hoc Sub-Committee; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a joint SAFMC and GMFMC Scientific and Statistical

Committee (SSC) ad hoc Sub-Committee meeting to address king mackerel stock identification.

SUMMARY: The SAFMC and GMFMC will hold a joint Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC) ad hoc Sub-Committee meeting to determine appropriate king mackerel mixing rates for the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico. The meeting will be held in Atlanta, GA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The workshop will take place April 13, 2006, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Double Tree Club Hotel Atlanta Airport, 3400 Norman Berry Drive, Atlanta, GA 30344; telephone: (404) 763-1600, fax: (404) 765-0200.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407-4699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407-4699; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the SSC is the body responsible for reviewing the council's scientific materials. The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council manage coastal migratory pelagics (mackerels) under a joint management plan. The two Councils will hold a joint meeting of delegates from each of their Scientific and Statistical Committees on April 13, 2006, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. During the meeting, the SSC ad hoc Sub-Committee will review materials relevant to stock identification of king mackerel.

Items for discussion include: (1) A review of documents pertaining to king mackerel stock identification and migratory unit discrimination presented to or cited by the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) 5 stock assessment workshops, (2) a review of recommendations of the SEDAR 5 Workshops pertaining to king mackerel stock identification and allocation of landings into migratory units, (3) a review of any additional research materials regarding king mackerel stock identification and migratory unit allocations since the SEDAR 5 Workshops, (4) recommendations for a stock definition for Gulf and South Atlantic migratory

units of king mackerel, and (5) recommendations for the most appropriate method for allocating king mackerel landings into the Gulf and South Atlantic migratory units. The ad hoc SSC Sub-Committee will prepare a written consensus report documenting committee discussions and recommendations for use by the South Atlantic and Gulf Councils.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the meetings.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Dated: March 22, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean; Southeastern Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) Steering Committee Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet to discuss the SEDAR schedule of events for 2006; composition of the SEDAR 10, gag grouper, Review Panel; and scheduling of management activities for 2006. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet via conference call from 10

a.m. to 12 p.m. EST on Wednesday, April 19, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be via conference call. Listening stations will be available at the following locations:

1. South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407;
2. Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; and
3. Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Carmichael, SEDAR Coordinator, SEDAR/SAFMC, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils; in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; implemented the SEDAR process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks. The SEDAR Steering Committee provides oversight of the SEDAR process and establishes assessment priorities. The Steering Committee also ensures that management activities are coordinated with assessment scheduling.

The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet April 19, 2006 to review the SEDAR assessment schedule, review planned management activities, and determine the composition of the SEDAR Peer Review Panel for SEDAR 10.

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Special Accommodations

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