

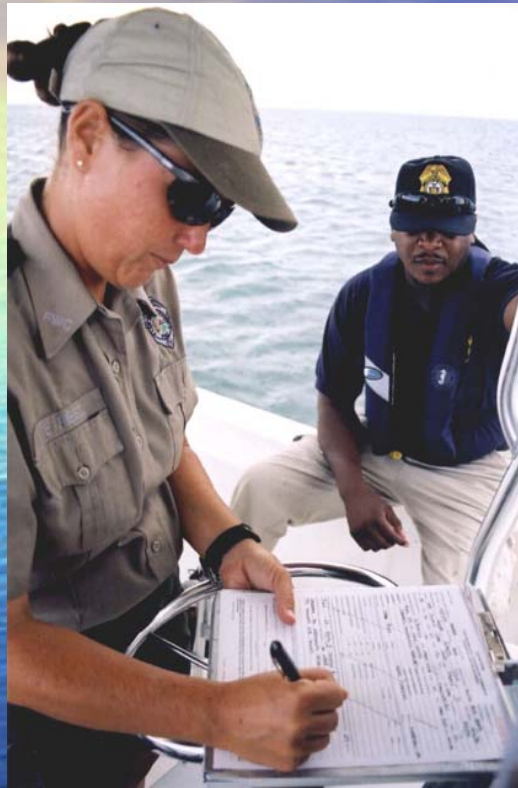
Cooperative Enforcement Program



NMFS

Office for Law Enforcement

Mission



Cooperative Enforcement aims to increase federal maritime conservation enforcement while simultaneously strengthening state marine conservation enforcement resources.



JEAs

Joint Enforcement Agreements are the actual vehicle through which the state agrees to conduct specific work on behalf of the federal government, in exchange for a corresponding level of financial support.



- **25 coastal state/ territorial partners**
- **Entering fourth year of funding in FY 05**
- **Over \$36M dispensed to partner agencies of which \$14M has been used to purchase enforcement equipment**
- **261,891.5 hours of federal work funded**

Cooperative Enforcement Program Funding Priorities

- **Enforcement work addressing Federal Priorities**
 - **Priorities established by NOAA NMFS Regions in cooperation with Fishery Management Councils, State Marine Commissions, and other stakeholders**
- **OLE strives to craft agreements that allow for the enforcement of state priorities to be conducted simultaneously with the enforcement of federal priorities**

FY05 Participation Letter

- Solicitations for the fourth cycle of Cooperative Enforcement funding were sent out last month.
- Congress has support our program with \$14.25M for distribution in FY 05.
- Our FY 05 funding was once again designated as “three year funding.”

JEA changes in FY 05

- Although the JEA is a static document, one primary change has been included this year.
- We have implemented a standardized costing policy which will more clearly define what is being funded and at what cost.
- It will support a more consistent application of funding between agreements and will assist in the development of the budget/financial plan for each JEA.

Uniform Reporting Software

- With your assistance we have developed a uniform/standardized reporting software program.
- This web based reporting program will provide us with accurate and consistent performance measures to showcase our successes.
- We urge you to implement the use of this software as soon as is possible.
- Our plan is to require its use in FY 06.

Funding Allocation and Submission Process

- The solicitation letter includes guidelines to determine general levels of funding eligibility for each Partner.
- Eight factors are considered in arriving at the final funding level.
- The submission process is outlined in the letter and is similar to prior years.
- You will need to submit a new JEA along with a proposed Operations and Expense Plan.

Conserve and Protect our Nation's Marine Resources

- Your mission – Our mission – the underlying foundation of our Partnership.
- Together, we are making a difference!
- Thank you – and we look forward to working with you in this fourth cycle of our Cooperative Enforcement Program.

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