

Requirements and Lobbying," and the following explanations must be provided:

1. *Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension.* Prospective participants (as defined at 15 CFR part 26, section 105) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies;

2. *Drug-Free Workplace.* Grantees (as defined at 15 CFR part 26, Section 605) are subject to 15 CFR part 26, subpart F, "Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies;

3. *Anti-Lobbying.* Persons (as defined at 15 CFR part 28, section 105) are subject to the lobbying provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, "Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions," and the lobbying section of the certification form prescribed above applies to applications/bids for grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts for more than \$100,000, and loans and loan guarantees for more than \$150,000, or the single family maximum mortgage limit for affected programs, whichever is greater.

4. *Anti-Lobbying Disclosure.* Any applicant institution that has paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit an SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR part 28, appendix B.

5. *Lower-Tier Certifications.* Recipients shall require applicant/bidder institutions for subgrants, contracts, subcontracts, or other lower tier covered transactions at any tier under the award to submit, if applicable, a completed Form CD-512, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying" and disclosure form, SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Form CD-512 is intended for the use of recipients and should not be transmitted to NIST. SF-LLL submitted by any tier recipient or subrecipient should be submitted to NIST in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

#### **Name Check Reviews**

All for-profit and non-profit applicants will be subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any individuals associated with the applicant have been convicted or are presently facing, criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury, or other matters which

significantly reflect on the applicant's management honesty or financial integrity.

#### **Preadward Activities**

Applicants (or their institutions) who incur any costs prior to an award being made do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal assurance that may have been provided, there is no obligation on the part of NIST to cover pre-award costs.

#### **No Obligation for Future Funding**

If an application is accepted for funding, DOC has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with that award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of NIST.

#### **Past Performance**

Unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for funding.

#### **False Statements**

A false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds, and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

#### **Delinquent Federal Debts**

No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either:

1. The delinquent account is paid in full.
2. A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or
3. Other arrangements satisfactory to DOC are made.

#### **Indirect Costs**

No Federal funds will be authorized for Indirect Costs (IDC); however, an applicant may provide for IDC under their portion of Cost Sharing. (For additional information refer to the "Evaluation of Applicant Institution's Cost Sharing (30%)" section of this notice under Evaluation Criteria.

The total dollar amount of the indirect costs proposed in an application under this program must not exceed the indirect cost rate negotiated and approved by a cognizant Federal agency prior to the proposed effective date of the award or 100 percent of the total proposed direct costs dollar amount in the application, whichever is less.

#### **Purchase of American-Made Equipment and Products**

Applicants are hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the greatest practicable extent, to purchase American-made equipment and products with funding provided under this program.

#### **Federal Policies and Procedures**

Recipients and subrecipients under the Materials Science and Engineering Laboratory Program and the Physics Laboratory Program shall be subject to all Federal laws and Federal and Departmental regulations, policies, and procedures, applicable to financial assistance awards. The SURF program does not directly affect any state or local government.

Applicants are reminded of the applicability of Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

#### **Executive Order Statement**

This funding notice was determined to be "not significant" for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Dated: February 10, 1998.

**Robert E. Hebner,**

*Acting Deputy Director.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

##### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

##### **Federal Approval of the Georgia Coastal Management Program**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) approved the Georgia Coastal Management Program (GCMP) on January 26, 1998, pursuant to the provisions of section 306 of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1455 (CZMA). The GCMP is prescribed in the Georgia Coastal Management Program and Final Environmental Impact Statement (P/FEIS) published on December 5, 1997.

Georgia is the 32nd state to receive Federal approval of its coastal management program. Georgia submitted a proposed coastal program to NOAA in April 1997. Upon reaching a preliminary decision that the program met the requirements of the CZMA, and

in order to meet its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act, NOAA published the Georgia Coastal Management Program and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (P/DEIS) for public review on September 5, 1997. NOAA published the P/FEIS including public comments on the P/DEIS and responses to those comments on December 5, 1997. NOAA has also fulfilled the responsibilities under the Endangered Species Act through consultations with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The GCMP is the culmination of several years of development by the State of Georgia, in consultation with interest groups, the general public, Federal agencies, and NOAA. The GCMP consists of numerous state policies on diverse coastal management issues which are prescribed by statute and other legal mechanisms and made enforceable under state law. The GCMP will improve the decision making process for determining appropriate coastal land and water uses in light of resource consideration and increase public awareness of coastal resources and processes. The GCMP will increase long term protection of the state's coastal resources, while providing for sustainable economic development.

NOAA approval of the GCMP makes the state eligible for federal financial assistance for program administration and enhancement under sections 306, 306A, 308 and 309 of the CZMA (16 U.S.C. Secs. 1455, 1455a, 1456a, and 1456b). Georgia has submitted an application for \$731,250 in FY 1997 Federal CZMA funds which are available for Georgia. These funds will generally be used to assist the state in administering the various state authorities included in the GCMP, as well as be used to fund local management efforts.

NOAA approval of the GCMP also makes operational, as of the date of this Federal Register Notice, the CZMA federal consistency requirement with respect to the GCMP (16 U.S.C. 1456; 15 CFR Part 930). Therefore, as of today, direct federal activities occurring within or outside the Georgia coastal zone that are reasonably likely to affect any land or water use or natural resources of the Georgia coastal zone must be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the GCMP. In addition, activities within or outside the Georgia coastal zone requiring a federal license or permit listed in the P/FEIS, and federal financial assistance to state agencies and local governments, that are reasonably likely to affect any land or water use or natural resource of the

Georgia coastal zone must be consistent with the enforceable policies of the GCMP.

Chapter 5 of the P/FEIS identifies the enforceable policies of the Georgia program. Chapter 8 of the P/FEIS identifies federally licensed or permitted activities subject to the federal consistency requirements. Chapters 4 and 8 of the P/FEIS, as well as the CZMA regulations at 15 CFR Part 930, provide specific procedures to be used in the Federal/State coordination process.

**ADDRESSES:** For further information please contact Joshua Lott at (301) 713-3117, ext. 178; or via fax at (301) 713-4367; or via the Internet at josh.lott@noaa.gov.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Administration)

Dated: February 6, 1998.

**Nancy Foster,**

*Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Strategic Plan for Fisheries Research

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the availability of the Strategic Plan for Fisheries Research. Section 404(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) requires the Secretary of Commerce to develop, triennially, a strategic plan for fisheries research for the subsequent 5 years.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the Plan should be directed to Mark Chandler, Research, Analysis, and Coordination Division, Office of Science and Technology, NMFS, NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Phone (301) 713-2363. FAX: (301) 713-1875

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Chandler or Carolyn Brown at (301) 713-2363.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 404(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act requires the Secretary of Commerce to

publish in the **Federal Register** a strategic plan for fisheries research for the 5 years immediately following the plan's publication. Pursuant to Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements, the Plan addresses 4 major areas: (1) Research to support fishery conservation and management; (2) conservation engineering research; (3) research on the fisheries; and (4) information management research. Additionally, the Plan contains a limited number of priority objectives for each of these areas; indicates goals and timetables; provides a role for commercial fishermen in such research; and provides for collection and dissemination of complete and accurate information concerning fishing activities.

In 1997, NMFS published a *Strategic Plan for NOAA Fisheries*. The Plan was developed in a comprehensive manner, with substantial public involvement, including 16 public meetings. The present Strategic Plan for Fisheries Research is based upon and entirely consistent with the NMFS Strategic Plan. It is a subset of the all-encompassing NMFS Strategic Plan, focusing on science research activities. The objectives found under the *Major Fishery Research Goals and Objectives* section of the subject document can be matched with strategies in the NMFS Strategic Plan. In addition, the strategies, goals, and objectives of the Strategic Plan for Fisheries Research are wholly consistent with the 1993 *NOAA Strategic Plan: A Vision for 2005*.

The scope of the present document is solely fisheries research to support the Act. It does not include the regulatory or enforcement components of the NMFS mission. The document covers current fisheries research and how NMFS aims to improve its research under current and projected NMFS budgets.

Dated: January 23, 1998.

**William W. Fox, Jr.**

*Director, Office of Science and Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Notice of Public Hearing on Individual Fishing Quotas

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