

# Informational Webinar

## 2019 Highly Migratory Species Research Federal Funding Opportunity

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# Outline

- Intro to Sea Grant
- Research priorities for this opportunity
- Basic information for this opportunity
- Tips for applying

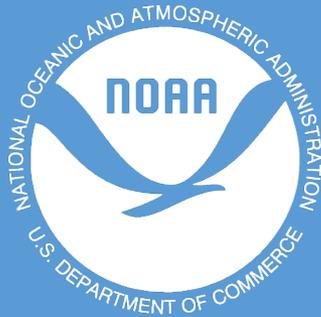


# Sea Grant Mission

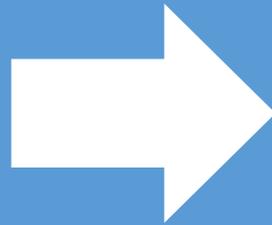
To enhance the practical use and conservation of coastal, marine and Great Lakes resources to create a sustainable economy and environment



# Sea Grant: Federal-private partnership



5% of Federal appropriations stays here



95% of Federal appropriations plus non-federal match of 50% goes to University-based programs

# Sea Grant's Approach

## Community driven

- Research
- Extension
- Education

## In Four Focus Areas

- Healthy Coastal Ecosystems
- Resilient Communities and Economies
- Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Environmental Literacy and Workforce Development



# HMS Research Priorities

## Background

Design of this federal funding opportunity and the priorities identified were informed by:

- 1) Congressional direction in FY 2019 Appropriations language
- 2) Priorities previously identified in the “Atlantic HMS Management-based Research Needs and Priorities” document developed by NOAA in 2014

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/document/atlantic-hms-management-based-research-needs-and-priorities>

# HMS Research Priorities

Proposals should address one or more of the following priorities:

1. Examining the impact of offshore oil platforms and other Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) on the biology and behavior of HMS, such as yellowfin tuna;
2. Providing post-release mortality estimates for HMS in commercial and/or recreational fisheries;
3. Improving HMS stock structure and life history (e.g., age, growth, reproduction) information;
4. Providing life stage distribution and habitat utilization of HMS; and/or
5. Examining the efficacy of existing or new bycatch reduction techniques for HMS.

**Interested applicants should propose work that outlines how it will conduct research that addresses one or more of the priorities**

# Dates

**May 15:** Letters of Intent due to [oar.hq.sg.competitions@noaa.gov](mailto:oar.hq.sg.competitions@noaa.gov) by 5 pm on May 15, 2019

- Tip: We will only provide you with a confirmation on receipt for your letter.
- Letters should include: Team leadership (Name(s), Position(s), Contact information); Brief discussion of the focal topic and approach; Should not exceed 2 pages; Should include the approximate funding to be requested

**June 19:** Complete applications due in grants.gov by 5 pm Eastern June 19, 2019

- Tip: Make sure you or your institution has registered with grants.gov and has access. This takes a few weeks sometimes.

# Funding Amounts and Duration

\$2 million total federal funding

- Note: 50% non-federal match is required

Anticipate funding up to five projects; flexible depending on application review

- Note: We will likely award one to five awards

Projects may have duration up to two years

# Geographic Scope and Applicant Eligibility

The opportunity focuses on highly migratory species in the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico

- Note: Projects should take place in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone

Any individual; any public or private corporation, partnership, or other association or entity is eligible to apply

- Note: Cooperative teams are encouraged
- Note: Federal employees can participate in projects by cannot apply for salary funding

# Matching Requirement

Non-federal matching funds equal to at least 50 percent of the federal funding request must be provided

The cumulative match at the end of each year of the grant must not fall below 50 percent of the cumulative federal request up to that point.

In-kind contributions directly supporting this application may count towards this matching requirement.

# Required Elements: Project Narrative (pg 7-8)

15 pages, including footnotes, tables, figures and appendices, but excluding references/literature citations, short CVs, and letters of support.

- Introduction/background/justification
- Project objectives
- General work plan and milestones
- Anticipated outcomes
- Coordination with other program elements
  
- References and literature citations\*
- Short CVs (no longer than 2 pages) for each principal and co-principal investigator\*
- Letters of Support\*

\*Do not count against page limit

# Required Elements (pg 8)

<https://seagrant.noaa.gov/insideseagrant/Implementation>

- Sea Grant 90-2 Project Summary Short Form
- Abbreviated Environmental Compliance Questionnaire

Tip: Include permit numbers if you have them

[https://nosc.noaa.gov/EDMC/documents/Data\\_Sharing\\_Directive\\_v3.0.pdf](https://nosc.noaa.gov/EDMC/documents/Data_Sharing_Directive_v3.0.pdf)

- Data Management Plan

# Required Elements (pg 9)

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- Sea Grant 90-4 Form
- Budget Justification

Tip: Many parts to application package; review all documents well in advance of deadline

# Required Elements (pg 10)

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- SF-424 Form
- SF-424A Form
- SF-424B Assurances
- CD-511
- SF-LLL

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# Tips for Success

Ensure all components of application package are included; applications must have all components in order to move on to merit review

Be sure to redact personal identifiable information (PII) before submitting applications (SSN, DOB, etc); failure to do so will result in rejection of application

Applicants may contact competition manager to ensure receipt of all required components before the application deadline; no guarantee we can reply

If you are unsure about anything, please email us [oar.hq.sg.competitions@noaa.gov](mailto:oar.hq.sg.competitions@noaa.gov)

# Important Details of Note

**Sea Grant DEI Statement (Page 6):** “...champions diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) by recruiting, retaining and preparing a diverse workforce, and proactively engaging and serving the diverse populations of coastal communities....”

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[http://www.ago.noaa.gov/grants/facilities\\_assault\\_policy.html](http://www.ago.noaa.gov/grants/facilities_assault_policy.html).

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June 20 – June 25: Minimum requirements review

**Mid-July:** Merit review by technical panel

**Late August:** Earliest date notification of award would happen

**September 1:** Anticipated start dates, likely to be delayed\*\*

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