

Preaward Activities

Applicants 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 preaward costs.

Primary Application Certification

All primary applicants must submit a completed Form CD-511, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying," and the following explanations are hereby provided:

1. Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension. Prospective participants (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 605) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, Subpart F., "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, and;

4. Anti-Lobbying Disclosure. Any applicant that has been 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 applicants/bidders 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, "Certification 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 key individuals associated with the applicant have been convicted of 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.

False Statements

Applicants are reminded that a false statement may be grounds for denial or termination of funds and grounds for possible punishment by fine or imprisonment.

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.

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, increased funding, or extending the period of performance is at the total discretion of NIST.

Federal Policies & Procedures

Recipients and subrecipients under the Fire Research Grants Program are subject to all applicable Federal laws and Federal and Departmental policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards. The Fire Research Grant Program does not directly affect any state or local government.

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

Purchase of American-Made Equipment and Products

Applicants are hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the greatest extent practicable, to purchase American-made equipment and

products with funding provided under this program.

Indirect Costs

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 cost dollar amount in the application, whichever is less.

Executive Order Statement

This funding notice was determined to be "not significant" for purposes of E.O. 12866.

Dated: January 16, 1997.

Elaine Bunten-Mines,

Director, Program Office.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011497A]

Atlantic Striped Bass Fishery; 1995 Survey of Atlantic Striped Bass Fisheries

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the availability and summarizes the results of a survey of the Atlantic coast striped bass fisheries for 1995. The Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act (Act), requires NMFS to provide information on the status of the fisheries.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the survey results are available from Paul Perra, NOAA/NMFS/FX2, 8484 Georgia Avenue, Suite 245, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Perra, (301) 427-2014.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Act requires the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a comprehensive annual survey of the Atlantic striped bass fisheries. The following is a summary of the survey for 1995. Management measures that severely restricted the harvest of striped bass by commercial and recreational fisheries were moderately relaxed in 1995, as the stocks continue to rebuild.

The 1995 commercial harvest of striped bass was 3,810,608 lb (1,728.5 mt), an increase of 98 percent above the landings of 1,923,000 lb (872.3 mt) in

1994. The Chesapeake Bay area (Maryland, Virginia, and the Potomac River) accounted for 52 percent of the 1995 commercial landings, while Massachusetts and North Carolina accounted for 21 percent and 9 percent respectively.

The recreational catch in 1995 was an estimated 9.6 million striped bass, of which 1.1 million were harvested; the remaining 8.5 million were released. The estimated weight of the recreational harvest was 12.1 million lb (5,492.4 mt).

Juvenile production in 1995 was lower than in 1994 but remained at levels above the long term averages for New York, Maryland, North Carolina, and Virginia. The Delaware juvenile production index of 7.6 was the highest in the time series for that index, which began in 1980.

Information from sampling the population of striped bass shows an increased relative abundance from recent year classes. Copies of the survey are available upon request (see ADDRESSES).

Dated: January 16, 1997.

Rolland A. Schmitten,

*Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the availability of an Environmental Assessment and the receipt of an application for a permit to allow an incidental take of threatened and endangered species by Weyerhaeuser Company on portions of its lands in Lane, Linn, Benton, and Douglas Counties, OR. This notice of availability supplements the notice of availability provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published elsewhere in this Federal Register volume.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531-1544, and 4201-4245.

Dated: January 17, 1997.

Robert C. Ziobro,

*Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: Thursday, January 30, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 410, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Compliance Status Report

The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various compliance matters.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207, (301) 504-0800.

Dated: January 21, 1997.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Learn and Serve America—School and Community-Based Programs; Notice

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds for new grants and notice of availability of fiscal year 1997 application guidelines.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (Corporation) announces the availability of approximately \$25,713,000 to support new Learn and Serve America—School and Community-Based Programs (CFDA #94.004). State educational agencies (for States and certain other jurisdictions, including U.S. territories), grantmaking entities, and Indian tribes are eligible to apply for school-based program funds. State Commissions and grantmaking entities are eligible to apply for community-based program funds. The application form and guidelines for completing the application are contained in the Learn & Serve America: School and Community-Based Programs 1997 Application Guidelines.

DATES: All applications must be received by 3:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, March 12, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be submitted to Box SCB at the Corporation for National and Community Service,

1201 New York Ave, NW., Washington, DC 20525. Facsimiles will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the Learn & Serve America: School and Community-Based Programs 1997 Application Guidelines, call (202) 606-5000 ext. 260. Any further inquiries may be directed to Calvin Dawson at ext. 136.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Learn and Serve America—School and Community-Based Programs (CFDA #94.004) aim to increase the opportunities of students and school-age youth and allow them to develop their own capabilities through service-learning. In Fiscal Year 1997, approximately \$25,713,000 will be available for new Learn and Serve America—School and Community-Based Programs.

I. School-Based Programs

Up to \$19,842,000 will be provided for new grants to State educational agencies from funds allotted to States by formula. Local educational agencies in those States where the State educational agency elects not to apply for its formula allotment may apply directly to the Corporation. Contact your State educational agency with any questions.

Up to \$2,488,000 will be provided on a competitive basis to support new grants to grantmaking entities. To be eligible for an award under this program, a grantmaking entity must (1) be a public or private nonprofit organization experienced in service-learning, (2) submit an application to make grants for school-based service-learning programs in two or more states, and (3) have been in existence at least one year prior to submitting its application. Grantmaking entities must make subgrants for the service-learning purposes described in the application guidelines.

For Indian tribes and U.S. territories, approximately \$200,000 is available on a competitive basis for new grants. These grants may be used for the service-learning purposes described in the application guidelines.

II. Community-Based Programs

Up to \$3,183,000 will be provided on a competitive basis to support new grants to State Commissions and grantmaking entities. State Commissions and grantmaking entities may use funds to make subgrants to qualified organizations for the service-learning purposes described in the application guidelines, and to provide training and technical assistance to those organizations. Qualified organizations