

USGS (1093) requests a five-year permit for takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, SONCC coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with defined fish population studies throughout the ESU. The studies consist of five assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: 1) Presence/absence, 2) population estimates, 3) spawner surveys, 4) genetic sampling, and 5) habitat quality evaluation. ESA-listed fish will be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. Indirect mortalities are also requested.

SWFSC (1044) requests a modification to its five-year permit to include takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, SONCC coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with fish population and habitat studies throughout the ESU. The studies consist of five assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: 1) Presence/absence, 2) population estimates, 3) spawner surveys, 4) genetic sampling, and 5) habitat quality evaluation. ESA-listed fish will be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. Indirect mortalities are also requested.

Mr. Serfling is authorized under Permit 1028 to hold shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) eggs and yolk-sac fry obtained from the Huntsman Marine Laboratory, in St. Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada, at Mote Marine Laboratory in Florida to determine the effects of toxins on egg viability and yolk-sac survival rates. These viability and survival rates will be compared against those of fish from the USFWS hatchery in South Carolina and the St. Johns, St. Marys and Altamaha Rivers in Florida and Georgia, the collection of which was previously permitted on March 6, 1997. The volume of eggs and fry will not exceed 1.0 liter in volume.

Mr. Skjeveland is authorized under Permit 1051 to take up to thirty (30) listed shortnose sturgeon from the Chesapeake Bay, an increase of 5 from the original permit, and to take up to thirty (30) listed shortnose sturgeon from the Delaware Bay/River estuary to determine the genetic relationship of these two stocks and to determine if there is migration back and forth between the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. The sturgeon will be measured, tagged, tissue sampled, and released.

Issuance of these modifications, as required by the ESA, were based on a finding that such permits: (1) Were applied for in good faith, (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the

permits, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Those individuals requesting a hearing on these requests for permits should set out the specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate (see ADDRESSES). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the above application summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: November 21, 1997.

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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### AmeriCorps: National, Indian Tribes, and U.S. Territories Programs

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of funds for new and renewal grants, notice of availability of 1998 application guidelines.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (Corporation) announces the availability of funds for new and renewal AmeriCorps program grants in the approximate amounts of: (1) \$40 million for AmeriCorps National program grants (CFDA # 94.004); and (2) \$4.5 million for AmeriCorps Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories program grants (CFDA # 94.004). The application forms and guidelines for completing new applications are contained in (1) the "AmeriCorps National 1998 Application Guidelines", and (2) the "1998 AmeriCorps Application Guidelines for Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories" respectively. Grantees in their first or second year of operation should contact their Corporation program officer for information about the renewal process.

**DATES:** Applicants for new AmeriCorps National grants must be received by 3:30 p.m. (E.S.T.), February 6, 1998. Notice regarding the renewal application deadline for AmeriCorps National grants will be provided to existing grantees at a later date. All AmeriCorps Indian Tribe and U.S. Territory applications must be received by 3:30 p.m. (E.S.T.), May 12, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** All applications should be submitted to the Corporation for National Service, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Box ACD (for AmeriCorps National), Box ITT (for AmeriCorps Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories), Washington, D.C. 20525. Facsimiles will not be accepted.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the "AmeriCorps National 1998 Application Guidelines" may be requested by calling (202) 606-5000, ext. 125. Copies of the "1998 AmeriCorps Application Guidelines for Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories" may be requested by calling (202) 606-5000, ext. 475. If potential applicants have questions about the AmeriCorps National application guidelines or the application process, they should contact the Corporation for National Service, AmeriCorps Direct, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20525. Phone: (202) 606-5000, ext. 125. If potential applicants have questions about the AmeriCorps Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories application guidelines or the application process, they should contact the Corporation for National Service, AmeriCorps Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20525. Phone: (202) 606-5000, ext. 188. Organizations interested in applying for AmeriCorps National program funds may participate in a conference call on Monday, December 15, 1997, during which Corporation staff will provide technical assistance to potential applicants. The call will begin at 1:00 P.M. and end at 3:00 P.M. (E.S.T.). To register for this call, please contact Jimmie Bonah at (202) 606-5000, extension 286. The Corporation staff will also conduct conference calls to provide technical assistance to potential applicants seeking AmeriCorps Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories program funds on February 3, 1998, and February 10, 1998. Both calls will begin at 4:00 P.M. (E.S.T.). To register for these calls, please contact Pattie Howell at (202)-606-5000, extension 188. In addition, there will be technical assistance conferences for potential applicants seeking AmeriCorps Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories program funds on January 9, 1998, in Las Vegas, NV and on February 6, 1998 in Memphis, TN. To register for either of the conferences, please call Pattie Howell, at (202) 606-5000, ext. 188. The Corporation's T.D.D. number is (202) 565-2799.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Corporation's requirements for AmeriCorps programs are set forth in the Corporation's authorizing statute (42

U.S.C. section 12501 *et seq.*), its implementing regulations (45 CFR part 2500 *et seq.*), and grant application guidelines. In addition to being thoroughly familiar with the statute and its implementing regulations, prospective applicants should read the application carefully because, in some cases, more specific information is provided there.

#### **AmeriCorps Program Fund Availability.**

AmeriCorps engages thousands of Americans on a full and part-time basis to help communities address their toughest challenges while earning support for college, graduate school, or job training.

#### **A. AmeriCorps National**

Approximately \$40 million is available for new and renewal grants through the AmeriCorps National program competition.

##### **(1) Eligible Applicants**

National nonprofit organizations, Indian Tribes, public or private nonprofit organizations (including labor organizations), subdivisions of states, and institutions of higher education are eligible to apply for AmeriCorps National program funds. For the purpose of this grant process, a national nonprofit organization is any nonprofit organization whose mission, membership, activities, or constituencies are national in scope. However, an organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(4), that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to apply, serve as a host site for Member placements, or act in any type of supervisory role in the program.

Eligible applicants that propose programs in more than one State are encouraged to seek funding directly from the Corporation. These applicants may operate programs directly or provide subgrants to local chapters or affiliates. The Corporation strongly encourages applicants that propose programs in a single State to apply to that State's Commission on National and Community Service.

##### **(2) Estimated Amount and Quantity of Awards**

The Corporation expects to make fewer than forty (40) awards for new and renewal AmeriCorps National operating programs in the Fiscal Year 1998 grant cycle. The grant size will vary by circumstance, need, and program model. The Corporation anticipates that it will not be able to

fund AmeriCorps National programs at the same level as it has in the past because of a congressionally-imposed cap and a lack of available carryover funds. For this reason, grantees that have previously received AmeriCorps funding should consider significantly reducing the amount of requested support.

#### **B. AmeriCorps Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories**

Approximately \$2.27 million is available for new and renewal AmeriCorps Indian Tribe program grants, and approximately \$2.27 million is available for new and renewal AmeriCorps U.S. Territories program grants under a population-based formula.

##### **(1) Eligible Applicants**

Eligible applicants include Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories. For the purposes of this grant program an Indian Tribe is an (a) Indian Tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Native village, as defined in 43 U.S.C. section 1602(c), whether organized traditionally or pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1934 (commonly known as the "Indian Reorganization Act," 26 U.S.C. section 1461 *et seq.*); (b) any Regional Corporation or Village Corporation, as defined in 43 U.S.C. section 1602 (g) or (j), respectively, that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States under Federal law to Indians because of their status as Indians; and (c) any tribal organization controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by an entity described in (a) or (b) of this paragraph. For the purposes of this grant program, U.S. Territories are (a) American Samoa, (b) the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, (c) Guam, and (d) the U.S. Virgin Islands.

##### **(2) Estimated Amount and Quantity of Awards**

Eligible applicants may apply for operating funds to establish AmeriCorps programs. The Corporation expects to make fewer than ten (10) AmeriCorps Indian Tribe program grants, and fewer than ten (10) AmeriCorps U.S. Territories program grants. The average award under each program will be under \$300,000.

Dated: November 24, 1997.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Department of the Army**

#### **Availability of U.S. Patents for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially-Exclusive Licensing**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Adelphi, Maryland.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability of the following U.S. patents for non-exclusive, partially exclusive or exclusive licensing. All of the listed patents have been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Army, Washington, DC.

These patents cover a wide variety of technical arts including: A method for simulating an image in real time under turbulent atmospheric conditions; an armed-state detector for land mines; a lead-acid battery desulfator/rejuvenator and a natural computing system.

Under the authority of Section 11(a)(2) of the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-502) and Section 207 of Title 35, United States Code, the Department of the Army as represented by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory wish to license the U.S. patents listed below in a non-exclusive, exclusive or partially exclusive manner to any party interested in manufacturing, using, and/or selling devices or processes covered by these patents.

**Title:** Device for and Method of Real-Time Simulation of Atmospheric Effects on an Image.

**Inventors:** Walter B. Miller, Jennifer C. Ricklin and Mikhail A. Vorontsov.

**Patent Number:** 5,663,832.

**Issue Date:** September 2, 1997.

**Title:** Armed-States Detector for Antitank Mines.

**Inventor:** John E.B. Tuttle.

**Patent Number:** 5,665,934.

**Issue Date:** September 1997.

**Title:** Lead-Acid Battery Desulfator/Rejuvenator.

**Inventors:** Carl Campagnuolo, Louis P. Jarvis, Anthony Pellegrino, Joseph DiCarlo and William Keane.

**Patent Number:** 5,677,612.

**Issue Date:** October 14, 1997.

**Title:** Natural Computer System.

**Inventor:** Somayajulu D. Karamchetty.

**Patent Number:** 5,680,557.

**Issue Date:** October 21, 1997.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ms. Norma Vaught, Technology Transfer Office, AMSRL-CS-TT, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Adelphi, Maryland 20783-1197, tel: (301) 394-2952; fax