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Reminder of Federally-Funded Competitions

On July 14, 2004, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) announced the availability of funds for several projects including the Marine Fisheries Initiative (MARFIN) and the Cooperative Research Program (CRP). Subsequently, the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission announced that they will hold an open competition to fund an Atlantic Billfish Research Program.

Applications for funding under the MARFIN program will be accepted until 5 p.m. eastern daylight time on August 30, 2004. If you are interested in applying for the MARFIN program, please use the following web site for the full text of the announcement:
<http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/grants/marfin.htm>

Applications for funding under the CRP program will be accepted until 5 p.m. eastern daylight time on September 13, 2004. If you are interested in applying for the CRP program, please use the following web site for the full text of the announcement:
<http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/grants/crp.htm>

The Atlantic Billfish Research Program, administered by the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, is anticipated to be funded at approximately \$1.8 million over two years, with individual projects ranging from \$25,000 to \$200,000. Projects could be funded below or above the range, if deemed necessary. Full proposals must be received by 5 p.m. (local time) on October 15, 2004, by the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (GSMFC), P.O. Box 726, Ocean Springs, MS 39566-0726: Phone: (228) 875-7230. The Program Coordinator is Ron Lukens, Assistant Director, GSMFC.

All proposals will be reviewed by the Technical Review Panel. The status of proposals will be available in December. The earliest start date of awards would be in January 2005.

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