

NOTICE of INTENT
to Award Discretionary Financial Assistance to a Single Source Without Competition

Award Data	Description
1. Single Source Justification Criteria	This funding continues an existing partnership with the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) to coordinate the existing 100th Meridian Initiative Columbia Basin Team and associated projects. The 100th Meridian Initiative originated as a result of the National Invasive Species Act of 1996, and is a multi-state, multi-agency program whose purpose is to prevent or slow the westward expansion of aquatic invasive species (AIS), especially zebra and quagga mussels. PSMFC implements a number of 100th Meridian Initiative projects on behalf of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Northwest states, and other organizations; these projects include the Watercraft Inspection Training program, rapid response planning, and monitoring coordination. PSMFC provides cost-sharing contributions to the funding from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service via other agency partnerships (e.g., funding from the Bonneville Power Administration) and its own staff resources. PSMFC staff have unique knowledge and capabilities in coordinating regional AIS prevention, preparedness, monitoring, and outreach programs in the Pacific Northwest.
2. Recipient or Type(s) of Eligible Recipients	Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
3. Award Amount	\$49,462.00
4. Overview - Specific or Generic	This Cooperative Agreement supports implementation of the 100th Meridian Initiative to prevent the spread of quagga and zebra mussels into the Columbia River Basin. Given the impacts of these invasive species, the associated activities benefit the region environmentally and economically.
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