

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This notice is not a request for applications. This provides public notice of the Bureau of Reclamation's intention to fund the following project activities without full and open competition.

OPPORTUNITY NUMBER	BOR-CGB-20-N009
PROJECT TITLE	Constant Fractional Marking (CFM) Assistance at Coleman and Nimbus Hatcheries
RECIPIENT	Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC)
ANTICIPATED FEDERAL AMOUNT	\$899,999.00
STATUTORY AUTHORITY	Public Law 102-575, Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Section 3406(b)(1) and Section 3407(e): Section 3406 – Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Restoration (b) Fish and Wildlife Restoration Activities: The Secretary, immediately upon the enactment of this title, shall operate the Central Valley Project to meet all obligations under state and federal law, including but not limited to the federal Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. s 1531, et seq., and all decisions of the California State Water Resources Control Board establishing conditions on applicable license and permits for the project. The Secretary, in consultation with other State and Federal agencies, Indian tribes, and affected interests, is further authorized and directed to: (1) Develop within three years of enactment and implement a program which makes all reasonable efforts to ensure that, by the year 2002, natural production of anadromous fish in Central Valley rivers and streams will be sustainable, on a long-term basis, at levels not less than twice the average levels attained during the period of 1967-1991; Provided, That this goal shall not apply to the San Joaquin River between Friant Dam and the Mendota Pool, for which a separate program is authorized under subsection 3406(c) of this title; Provided further, That the programs and activities authorized by this section shall, when fully implemented, be deemed to meet the mitigation, protection, restoration, and enhancement purposes established by subsection 3406(a) of this title; And provided further, That in the course of developing and implementing this program the Secretary shall make all reasonable efforts consistent with the requirements of this section to address other identified adverse environmental impacts of the Central Valley Project not specifically enumerated in this section. CVPIA 3407 – Restoration Fund (e) Funding to Non-Federal Entities.--If the Secretary determines that the State of California or an agency or subdivision thereof, an Indian tribe, or a non-profit entity concerned with restoration, protection, or enhancement of fish, wildlife, habitat, or environmental values is able to assist in implementing any action authorized by this title in an efficient, timely, and cost effective manner, the Secretary is authorized to provide funding to such entity on such terms and conditions as he deems necessary to assist in implementing the identified action.
CFDA NUMBER	15.512
RECLAMATION POINT OF CONTACT	John Hannon/Christina A. Muñoz
SUMMARY OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES	The objectives of the project are: (1) evaluate the contribution rates of hatchery and naturally produced fish to Central Valley Chinook salmon populations and to the common property fisheries, (2) monitor and evaluate the hatchery programs' genetic and ecological effects on natural populations, (3) evaluate the success of restoration actions designed to increase natural production of Central Valley Chinook salmon, (4) estimate exploitation rates in ocean and inland fisheries, (5) evaluate the impacts of straying on

	natural populations.
SELECTION JUSTIFICATION	<i>Reclamation did not solicit full and open competition for this award based on the following criteria:</i> <i>Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC's) purpose is "to promote the better utilization of fisheries - marine, shell, and anadromous, which are of mutual concern, and to develop a joint program of protection and prevention of physical waste of such fisheries in all of those areas of the Pacific Ocean over which the compacting states jointly or separately now have or may hereafter acquire jurisdiction." PSMFC is uniquely qualified to do marking and tagging work specifically at Coleman and Nimbus hatcheries; they have been doing the work for a number of years as well as at the Central Valley hatcheries funded by other organizations and at hatcheries in the Pacific Northwest. PSMFC maintains the database in which the tagging and recovery data resides and is made publicly available at http://www.rmfc.org/.</i>