

**OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER
APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM
FISCAL YEAR 2010**

PRIORITY 2 OF 3

1. Project Title:

Anadromous Grants to States

2. Organization Name and Address:

**Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
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3. Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number, and e-mail:

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4. Project Location Address: Same

5. Please describe the organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:

The Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission was authorized by an Act of Congress granting consent and approval for an interstate compact comprised of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, and Idaho. The Commission manages a number of data collection and information programs for the Federal Government, the member State fish and game departments, the Bonneville Power Administration, and the U.S.-Canada Pacific Salmon Commission.

6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)

The program is the Anadromous Fish Conservation and Management Act grants to states program. This program is decades old. The Administration proposed in FY '08, for the first time, that the program be terminated. The House Appropriations Committee restored the funds in full committee mark-up as a result of a last minute amendment by Rep. Norm Dicks, otherwise the program would have been terminated. The former Administration again proposed to zero out the program as part of

the FY '09 budget. Neither the House nor Senate versions of the FY '09 C-J-S appropriations bills contain funding for this program.

The activities funded under this program are necessary for the management of recreational and commercial ocean fisheries on mixed stocks originating from Oregon, Alaska, Washington, British Columbia, and California. The recipients of these matching grants are the fish & game departments for Oregon, Alaska, Washington, and California. Specific activities include stock identification and assessment, sampling, data collection and dissemination in accordance with agreed protocols. The ultimate use of this data is to determine harvest rate and to forecast impacts of fisheries on various stocks. Fishery managers use these determinations to optimize the two goals of protecting weak stocks and providing recreational and commercial harvest opportunities.

The Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission also receives a small matching grant to help fund the Regional Mark Processing Center's activities for the Coded-Wire Tag Program in Portland, Oregon.

7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

This program is decades old. The funding amount for this line item is \$1,952,000, which has remained constant for the last ten fiscal years.

7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

FY '97 thru FY '08-\$1,952,000
Department of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service
Anadromous Grants Line Item

8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific –e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):

Commerce Department
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Marine Fisheries Service
Anadromous Grants Line Item

9. What is purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

Marine fisheries conservation and management is interjurisdictional in nature. Both the Federal Government and the coastal States play key roles in managing marine species which migrate between Federal and State waters, including threatened and endangered salmonid stocks. The Anadromous Grants program has been a classic Federal-State partnership, where State resources are matched dollar-for-dollar with NOAA funding to

perform fisheries research functions that serve both the Federal and State interests.

- 10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress. If so, who?**

Pacific States is making this request with each Member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation (other than Rep. Walden).

- 11. Funding Details:**

- a. Total project cost:**

This is a national competitive grant program for States and Commissions, which has been historically funded at \$1,952,000.

- b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal year 2010:**

\$1,952,000

- c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity?**

All recipients must provide a dollar-for-dollar match for the Federal grant pursuant to the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 757a thru 757g).

- d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?**

Pacific States has been requesting that the Administration restore the Anadromous Grants Program in future President's budgets. Should future Presidential budget submissions restore the program to its base funding amount, the Commission will cease seeking additional funds from the Congress.

- e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010. (e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):**

Each State submits its own grant application. Pacific States uses its annual grant to help pay salaries for employees working in the Regional Mark Processing Center.

- f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:**

The Fish & Game Departments for all five West Coast States are statutorily mandated commissioners of Pacific States. The Commissioners have approved restoration of the Anadromous Grants funding as part of the 2009 legislative agenda.

g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the recipient organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):

Yes.