

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries; Vendor for Year 2000 Cage Tags

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Vendor for year 2000 cage tags.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that surf clam and ocean quahog allocation owners will be required to purchase their year 2000 cage tags from a vendor, National Band and Tag Company, Newport, KY.

ADDRESSES: Send written inquiries to Tom Warren, National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Regional Office, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-3799.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Warren, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 281-9347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulations for the Atlantic surf clam and ocean quahog fisheries at 50 CFR 648.75(b) require that prior to the beginning of each fishing year (January 1), the Regional Administrator, Northeast Region (Regional Administrator) either issue a supply of tags to each individual vessel owner qualifying for an allocation or specify in the **Federal Register** a vendor from whom the tags must be purchased. NMFS announces that allocation owners must purchase their year 2000 cage tags from the National Band and Tag Company of Newport, KY, as the authorized vendor of cage tags for the year 2000 Federal surf clam and ocean quahog fisheries. NMFS used the same vendor in 1999. This option is more economical and efficient than issuance of tags by the Regional Administrator. The Regional Administrator will provide detailed instructions for purchasing these cage tags in a letter to allocation owners within the next several weeks.

Dated: October 29, 1999.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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Coastal Services Center Broad Area Announcement

AGENCY: National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Federal assistance.

SUMMARY: The NOAA Coastal Services Center announces the availability of Federal assistance for fiscal year (FY) 2000 in the following areas: Landscape Characterization and Restoration, Integration and Development, Coastal Change and Analysis Program, Coastal Technology Services, and Special Projects. This announcement provides guidelines for these program areas and includes details for the technical program, evaluation criteria, and selection procedures of each. Selected recipients will either enter into a cooperative agreement with the Center or receive a grant depending upon the amount of the Center's involvement in the project—substantial involvement means a cooperative agreement, while independent work requires a grant.

DATES: For the specific dates of each program, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: Send all proposals to NOAA Coastal Services Center, 2234 South Hobson Ave., Charleston, SC 29405-2413. Particularly, send proposals for Landscape Characterization and Restoration to Pace Wilber;

Integration and Development to Cindy Fowler;

Coastal Change and Analysis Program to Dorsey Worthy;

Coastal Technology Services to Jeff Payne; and Special Project to Jan Kucklick.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Violet Legette, (843)-740-1222, Administrative questions.

Pace Wilber, (843)-740-1235, Landscape Characterization and Restoration.

Cindy Fowler, (843)-740-1249, Integration and Development.

Dorsey Worthy, (843)-740-1234,

Coastal Change and Analysis Program.

Jeff Payne, (843)-740-1207, Coastal Technology Services.

Jan Kucklick, (843)-740-1279, Special Projects.

For detail information about electronic e-mail address, see Electronic

Access under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Authority**

Statutory authority for these programs is provided under 16 U.S.C. 1456c (Technical Assistance); 15 U.S.C. 1540 (Cooperative Agreements); 33 U.S.C. 1442 (research program respecting possible long-range effects of pollution, overfishing, and man-induced changes of ocean ecosystems); 33 U.S.C. 883a (surveys and other activities); 33 U.S.C. 883b (dissemination of data); 33 U.S.C. 883C (geomagnetic data collection, correlation, and dissemination); 33 U.S.C. 883d (improvement of methods, instruments, and equipments; investigations and research); and 33 U.S.C. 883E (cooperative agreement for surveys and investigations).

Electronic Access

Submit comments or questions for specified programs by sending electronic mail to:

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Pace.Wilber@noaa.gov;
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All applicants are required to submit a NOAA grants application package and project proposal. The standard NOAA grants application package (which includes forms SF-424, SF-424A, SF-424B, SF-424C, SF-424D, CD-511, CD-512, and SF-LLL) can be obtained from the NOAA grants website at <http://www.rdc.noaa.gov/grants/pdf/>. Funding will be subject to the availability of Federal appropriations.

The recipients must comply with Executive Order 12906 regarding any and all geospatial data collected or produced under grants or cooperative agreements. This includes documenting all geospatial data in accordance with the Federal Geographic Data Committee Content Standard for digital geospatial data.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)

The NOAA Coastal Services Center Program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under Number 11.473.

General Background

Guiding the conservation and management of coastal resources is a primary function of NOAA. NOAA accomplishes this goal through a variety of mechanisms, including collaborations with the coastal resource management programs of the nation's states and