

- (2) If State has not received Tier-2 funds previously:
 1 point if State has not applied for Tier-2 funds previously,
 3 points if State has applied one of two previous years,
 5 points if State has applied both previous years.

Total Score Possible = 61 points
 Total Score _____

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Kris LaMontagne,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Multistate Conservation Grant Program; Priority List for Conservation Projects

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of priority list.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is publishing in the **Federal Register** the priority list of wildlife and sport fish conservation projects submitted by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies for funding under the Multistate Conservation Grant Program. This notice is required by the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-408). FY 2005 grants may be made from this priority list.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Matthes, Multistate Conservation Grants Program Coordinator, Division of Federal Assistance, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop FA-4020, Arlington, Virginia 22203; phone (703) 358-2066; or e-mail Pam_Matthes@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000 (Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration

Act (16 U.S.C. 669 *et seq.*) and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777 *et seq.*) and established the Multistate Conservation Grant Program. The Improvement Act authorizes grants of up to \$3 million annually from funds available under each of the Restoration Acts, for a total of up to \$6 million annually. Grants may be made from a priority list of projects submitted by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (IAFWA), which represent the State fish and wildlife agencies. The Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, exercising the authority of the Secretary of the Interior, need not fund all recommended projects, but must not fund projects that are not recommended.

To be eligible for consideration by the IAFWA, a project must benefit fish and/or wildlife conservation in at least 26 States, a majority of the States in a region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or a regional association of State fish and wildlife agencies. Grants may be made to a State or group of States, to nongovernmental organizations, and to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or a State or group of States for the purpose of carrying out the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation. IAFWA requires proposals to address its National Conservation Needs, which are announced annually at the same time as the request for proposals.

The IAFWA prepares the priority list through a committee comprised of the heads of State fish and game departments (or their designees) in consultation with non-governmental organizations that represent conservation organizations, sportsmen organizations and industries that support or promote hunting, trapping, recreational shooting, bow hunting, or archery. The priority list must be approved by majority vote of the heads of State fish and game departments (or their designees).

The priority list of projects submitted by the IAFWA follows:

Attachments

Dated: December 6, 2004.

Matt Hogan,

Deputy Director.

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2005 Multistate Conservation Grant Proposals Selected for Funding

ID	Project Title	Submitter	2005 WR	2005 SFR	2006 WR	2006 SFR	2007 WR	2007 SFR	Total Grant Request
05-001	STEP OUTSIDE--Expanding Recruitment Opportunities	National Shooting Sports Foundation	\$49,250	\$49,250	\$73,200	\$73,200	\$73,200	\$73,200	\$391,300
05-002	The Future of Hunting & Shooting Sports: Research Strategies to Increase Participation & Retention	National Shooting Sports Foundation w/ Responsive Management	\$11,964		\$174,000		\$203,000		\$398,964
05-003	Status of Western Native Freshwater Fishes	Western Division of the American Fisheries Society		\$50,000		\$30,000			\$80,000
05-005	Hunter Education Program Reviews: A Peer Evaluation Approach	International Hunter Education Assoc.	\$45,000		\$45,000		\$45,000		\$135,000
05-006	OWP's Approach to Expanding Multistate Collaboration & Communication	Organization of Wildlife Planners	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00					\$4,500
05-009	How Much is Enough for 2007? A regional wildlife habitat needs assessment for the 2007 Farm Bill	Wildlife Management Institute	\$91,000						\$91,000
05-014	Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture	Conservation Management Institute		\$250,761		\$180,810			\$431,592
05-019	Enhance & Improve the Design Handbook for Recreation & Fishing Access Facilities to include new standards and technical considerations	State Organization of Boating Administrators		\$96,145					\$96,145
05-020	Enhancement of the Multi-State Aquatic Resources Information System (MARIS) to support the National Fish Habitat Initiative	American Fisheries Society		\$188,294		\$188,294		\$192,719	\$569,307
05-021	National Master Naturalist Initiative	Texas Parks & Wildlife Department	\$45,700	\$45,700					\$91,400
05-023	Focus on The Woman - Recruitment & Retention Strategies and Tactics for Women Involved in Outdoor Recreation	National Wild Turkey Federation	\$39,440	\$39,440					\$78,880
05-026	Case Studies and Guidebook for Conducting Instream Flows for Riverine Resource Stewardship	Instream Flow Council, Inc.		\$32,400		\$65,900			\$98,300
05-027	Management Assistance Team	IAFWA	\$216,294.07	\$216,294.07	\$232,798.85	\$232,798.85	\$237,814.14	\$237,814.14	\$1,373,814.13

2005 Multistate Conservation Grant Proposals Selected for Funding

ID	Project Title	Submitter	2005 WR	2005 SFR	2006 WR	2006 SFR	2007 WR	2007 SFR	Total Grant Request
05-028*	Furbearer Management & Communication Professional Development Workshops for Fish & Wildlife Professionals and Colleges/Universities with Wildlife Programs	IAFWA Furbearer Resources Task Force & Education, Outreach, & Diversity Committees	\$25,000						\$25,000
05-029*	New Strategies to Increase Fishing License Sales, Revenues & Participation	IAFWA's AWDS Task Force & the American Sportfishing Association		\$64,548					\$64,548
05-030*	Coordination of the National Fish Habitat Initiative	IAFWA Fisheries & Water Resources Policy Committee		\$151,250		\$130,430		\$109,920	\$391,600
05-031	A Summary of the Best Current Practices for Recruiting & Retaining Participants in Hunting, Angling, Boating & Shooting Sports	IAFWA	\$8,187.50	\$8,187.50					\$16,375
05-035	Representation of the Western Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies in International Conventions & Protocols	WAFWA	\$4,950	\$4,950	\$4,950	\$4,950	\$7,700	\$7,700	\$35,200
05-036	Representation of the Southeastern Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies in International Conventions & Protocols	SEAFWA	\$4,950	\$4,950	\$4,950	\$4,950	\$7,700	\$7,700	\$35,200
05-037	Representation of the Northeastern Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies in International Conventions & Protocols	NEAFWA	\$4,950	\$4,950	\$4,950	\$4,950	\$7,700	\$7,700	\$35,200
05-038	Representation of the Midwest Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies in International Conventions & Protocols	MAFWA	\$4,950	\$4,950	\$4,950	\$4,950	\$7,700	\$7,700	\$35,200
TOTAL			\$553,886	\$1,214,340	\$544,799	\$921,233	\$589,814	\$644,453	\$4,468,525

NOTES:
 05-028*: The funding request of this proposal was reduced by the IAFWA Executive Committee but provides for video production.
 05-029*: This multi-year proposal was funded for 2005.
 05-030*: The funding request of this proposal was reduced by the IAFWA Executive Committee by removing IAFWA coordinator salary and benefits.