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Today, NOAA is recommending more than \$11 million in funding for **50 projects across the nation.**

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For more than 60 years, NOAA has awarded grant funding under the Saltonstall-Kennedy program to organizations across the country. Funds address needs of fishing communities, support economic opportunities, and build and maintain resilient and sustainable fisheries.

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"These projects represent the best in cutting-edge science and research," said NOAA administrator Kathryn Sullivan, Ph.D. "They will help us better understand fish ecosystems, reduce bycatch, advance fish farming and improve fisheries management. All of these things help restore our fisheries and support economic growth."

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Demand for information, data, service and funding from federal agencies continues to grow. This year, NOAA received a record number of proposals—325 applications requesting nearly \$77 million. In order to better match research and development proposals with mission needs and goals, this year's recommended projects fall into seven priorities:

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"NOAA continues to work with researchers, the fishing industry, coastal communities, and other stakeholders to build sustainable fisheries and we will continue to fund opportunities like these that help to preserve our ocean for future generations," said Sullivan.

Proposals underwent a rigorous evaluation process, including extensive technical review both within the agency and by an external constituent panel before final agency review.

At this point in the selection process, the application approval and recommended funding is not final. Divisions of NOAA and the Department of Commerce, NOAA's parent agency, must still give final approval before successful applicants receive funding near the end of the fiscal year.

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WEST COAST

<u>Proposal Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Funding Priority</u>	<u>Federal Amount Requested</u>
16WCR004	Buccaneer Fishing	Trawl Gear Modification Workshop For the U.S. West Coast and Alaska.	Techniques for Reducing Bycatch and other Adverse Impacts	\$69,250.00
16WCR007	Confluence Environmental Company	Comparative habitat use of estuarine habitats with and without Cultch-on-Longline gear present.	Aquaculture	\$274,282.00
16WCR010	Humboldt State University Sponsored Programs Foundation	Socioeconomic Research and the Development of Fishing Community Sustainability Plans on the California North Coast.	Socio-Economic Research	\$271,225.00
16WCR013	Makah Indian Tribe of the Makah Indian Reservation	Perfecting the design of the to reduce bycatch of overfished rockfish species during recreational halibut fisheries.	Techniques for Reducing Bycatch and other Adverse Impacts	\$138,080.00

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16WCR018	Oregon State University	The Old(er) Men of the Sea: Graying of the fishing industry and its impact on local community resiliency.	Adapting to Climate Change and Other Long Term Ecosystem Change	\$243,078.00
16WCR021	Pacific Shellfish Institute	Seed Health Research & Technical Training in New Oyster Seed Rearing Practices.	Aquaculture	\$289,802.00
16WCR023	Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission	Further testing of LED lights as a technique to reduce bycatch in the ocean shrimp trawl fishery.	Techniques for Reducing Bycatch and other Adverse Impacts	\$133,843.00
16WCR025	Pfleger institute of Environmental Research	Improving stock structure estimates for west coast swordfish using Fishery Independent methods.	Fishery Data Collection	\$259,645.00
16WCR027	San Jose State University Research Foundation	Forecasting the effects of ocean acidification and hypoxia on reproduction of West Coast groundfish.	Adapting to Climate Change and Other Long Term Ecosystem Change	\$298,206.00

16WCR028	San Jose State University Research Foundation	Using spatial variation in demography and life history to improve stock assessments of West Coast groundfish.	Fishery Data Collection	\$299,782.00
16WCR031	The Regents of the University of California, Santa Cruz	Deployment and Operation of the Imaging Flow Cytobot at Catalina Sea Ranch to Support Real-Time Monitoring of Harmful Algae, Phytoplankton Assemblages, and Invertebrate Larvae.	Aquaculture	\$299,284.00
16WCR034	University of Washington	Seasonal and ontogenetic movements of Pacific cod from genetic stock identification.	Fishery Data Collection	\$267,114.00