



Provide suggestions to improve how fisheries research and development projects and findings are communicated to you

Feedback Session Announcement

Friday, April 12, 2019, 7:00 PM (after the council meeting)

Where

DoubleTree by Hilton Sonoma
Vineyard Room
One Doubletree Drive
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Who should attend?

Open to anyone in the fishing community or from any area of the fishery supply chain from boat to plate.

How long is the feedback session?

The session is between 45 minutes to an hour.

Purpose of the Feedback Session

Obtain feedback and recommendations from fishing community constituents on ways to improve communications, dissemination, and utilization of results achieved through projects funded by the Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program. These projects were funded because they address the needs of the fishing community and the results can be utilized by the stakeholders in all areas of the fisheries supply chain.

What is the Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program (S-K)?

Each year, S-K awards approximately \$10 million to fisheries research and development projects (up to \$300,000 per project). These projects are selected based on criteria used to determine how well they address the



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needs of fishing communities, demonstrate direct benefits to U.S. fishing industries (including both commercial and recreational fisheries), and involve fishing community participation. Demand for S-K funding is high and very competitive. In FY 2018, 38 projects were selected for funding out of 155 accepted full proposals and 517 submitted pre-proposals.

From 2010 through 2018, over \$15 million in funding was awarded for 57 projects through the S-K Program in the West Coast region. A few examples of these projects include:

- Development of hydroacoustic and visual surveys for sustainable management of nearshore rocky reef fish stocks
- Gaining market insight and baselining market performance metrics for West Coast groundfish in the US domestic market
- Testing of LED lights as a technique to reduce bycatch in the ocean shrimp trawl fishery
- Studying the aging of the fishing industry (labor) and its impact on local community resilience

Who can I call or email if I have questions?

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