

2015 Annual Request for Proposals Now Available

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NPRB is pleased to release its [2015 annual request for proposals](#). This year's RFP has a target funding level of \$5.9 million. The deadline for proposal submission is Friday, December 5, 2014 at 4 p.m. Alaska Standard Time. The [proposal submission system](#) will be available in mid-October 2014. Read details about the [2015 RFP](#).

The 2015 RFP has a focus category of Ecosystem Syntheses, specifically targeted at the Aleutian Islands region and the Gulf of Alaska. Also new to the 2015 RFP is a topic section under the broader "Human Dimensions" sub-category, intended to support and integrate social science methods and approaches to support broader understanding of natural and socio-ecological systems and the implications of management and policy on human systems. The purpose of the expanded sub-category is to support social science research across a broad range of subject areas and disciplines, using quantitative and qualitative methodologies. While social science methods are formally requested within this topic, they are also welcome in response to other applicable research topics. Also included within the "Human Dimensions" sub-category are topics that have appeared in past RFPs related to 1) human interactions with marine systems, and 2) the collection, synthesis and application of local and traditional knowledge (LTK).

NPRB announced its inaugural RFP in 2002. Since then, RFPs have been released on an annual basis with annual target funding amounts ranging from \$3.5 million to \$14 million. To date, NPRB has funded a total of 351 projects for a total of over \$58 million through its Annual Research Program. Funds for the annual projects have gone to over 100 different national and international organizations. Descriptions of the funded projects can be found in the project browser.