2017 NOAA Sea Grant National Aquaculture Initiative

The 2017 NOAA Sea Grant National Aquaculture Initiative includes two competitive funding opportunities. The first competition is focused on projects that show promise to increase aquaculture production by clearly addressing major constraints, barriers or hurdles limiting marine, coastal, and Great Lakes aquaculture production in the U.S. The second competition is focused on projects in the exploratory/development phase that show promise to contribute to the expansion of sustainable marine, coastal, and Great Lakes aquaculture in the United States.

The National Sea Grant Office expects all investigators to work with state Sea Grant offices to develop proposals and to integrate the work, to the extent possible, with state Sea Grant staff. To qualify for funding consideration, all proposals will be submitted by director of Georgia Sea Grant, Mark Risse, who will serve as PI on all applications.

I. SG-2017-2005176 Integrated Projects to Increase Aquaculture Production
Funding and Duration of Award: $100K-$1M over 1- to 3-year time frame
Focus: Research, extension, education, and communication projects focused on increasing aquaculture production.

- If you and your colleagues have ideas that you feel would meet the expectations of the federal funding opportunity, please contact Georgia Sea Grant Director Mark Risse (mrisse@uga.edu).

- LOIs (Letter of Intent) must be submitted directly to Associate Director Mona Behl (mbehl@uga.edu) by 5:00PM on March 24, 2017.

- To ensure time for internal processing, please note that full applications will be due to Georgia Sea Grant by April 28, 2017. Georgia Sea Grant will submit all complete applications to NOAA by May 9, 2017.

II. SG-2017-2005177 Addressing Impediments to Aquaculture Opportunities
Funding and Duration of Award: Up to $150K for 6-month to 2-year timeframe
Focus: research, engagement, workshops, etc.

- Since only three proposals can be submitted, you are strongly encouraged to contact Director Mark Risse (mrisse@uga.edu) well in advance so that the strongest applications possible can be put forward.

- For this call, there are no LOIs; applications must be submitted to Georgia Sea Grant on April 4, 2017 to allow time for processing full proposals through our contracts and grants office. Only the strongest proposals with the highest likelihood of success will be submitted.