



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: Tilefish Surveying

Proposal Submission Deadline: 8/8/2016 **EXTENDED** to 8/19/2016

Available Funds: To be determined
Term of Contract: ~14 months
RFP Closing Date: August 19, 2016 11:59 p.m. EST
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Purpose

Develop and implement a “proof of concept” survey that could be used to derive abundance indices for both blueline and golden tilefish.

Scope of Work

The Council seeks a contractor to develop a “proof-of-concept” survey for blueline and golden tilefish. The work would be used to implement a relative abundance survey (from Cape Hatteras through the northernmost extent of their range) and should involve both design and pilot implementation components, as well as consideration of coordination with any other relevant surveys.

Contractor Qualifications

1. Success with survey design and implementation that would be relevant to tilefish.
2. Experience with oversight of research projects that address the conservation of fishery resources.
3. Demonstrated record of successful relationships with non-traditional research partners, such as fishing businesses or organizations.
4. Potential to leverage Council funds with matching funds from other organizations.

Proposal Format/Qualifications

Respondents should provide a proposal including methodology, timeline, costs, qualifications, and three references.

Proposal Submission

Interested parties must submit a proposal by August 19, 2016, 11:59 p.m. EST. The proposal may be mailed or emailed to the Council’s point of contact identified below.



RFP Timeline

The Council anticipates that the selection of a successful respondent and execution of contract will proceed according to the following approximate schedule:

7/6/2016 Issuance of RFP
8/19/2016Deadline for proposal submission
8/15/2016 Contract notification
10/30/2017Completion of work, including submission of final report

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on methodology, prior experience, references, qualifications, and price. The Council may, at its discretion, request additional information from any respondents as deemed necessary, or negotiate modifications to an accepted proposal.

Requests for Further Information

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Disclaimer

1. Proposals and their accompanying documentation will not be returned.
2. Respondents must disclose any relevant conflicts of interest and/or pending civil/criminal legal actions.
3. The Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications received, negotiate with all qualified applicants, cancel or modify the RFP in part or in its entirety, or change the application guidelines, when it is in its best interests.