



NOAA FISHERIES
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Saltonstall-Kennedy Competitive Grant Program Feedback Session

(following the New England Fishery Management Council Meeting on
December 4th and 5th)

Each year, the S-K Competitive Grant Program awards approximately \$10 million to fisheries research and development projects. The objective of the S-K Competitive Grant Program is to address the needs of fishing communities in optimizing economic benefits by building and maintaining sustainable fisheries and practices, dealing with the impacts of conservation and management measures, and increasing other opportunities to keep working waterfronts viable. The projects selected for funding are those that demonstrate direct benefits to U.S. fishing industries 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 517 pre-proposals and 155 proposals.

Even though the process of selecting the S-K projects is robust and carefully administered, it is not known to what extent the results achieved by the selected S-K projects are being utilized or how well they are being disseminated to the fishing industry. To improve the dissemination and utilization of these S-K project results, NOAA Fisheries has contracted JRD & Associates, Inc. (JRD) to conduct feedback sessions and interviews to collect information from the fishing industry to determine the industry's interest in the S-K project results and the best methods to disseminate and share the S-K project results and information about the S-K Competitive Grant Program. Following the New England Fishery Management Council meeting on Tuesday, December 4th, and Wednesday, December 5th, a feedback session is being held. We would like to extend an invitation for you to attend. At this session, we will discuss ways to improve the results dissemination and utilization of the S-K results by the fishing industry. Your participation and feedback are greatly appreciated.