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Fisheries Innovation Fund 2018 Grant Slate

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Copper rockfish, California

OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced a 2018 round of funding for Fisheries Innovation Fund projects. Seven new or continuing fisheries conservation grants totaling \$521,833 were awarded, leveraging \$780,287 in match from the grantees and generating a total conservation impact of more than \$1.3 million.

Fisheries Innovation Fund was established in 2010 to foster innovation and support effective participation of fishermen and fishing communities in the implementation of sustainable fisheries in the United States. The Fisheries Innovation Fund is supported through a partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. This year's grant slate funded projects that build the capacity of fishing businesses and communities to improve sustainability through maintained access to fisheries resources and/or expanded market and financing opportunities. In addition, investments aim to promote full utilization of annual catch limits, minimize bycatch of overfished stocks, and support improvements to recreational fisheries conservation and management.

The following seven projects address three key strategies for United States fisheries: 1) bycatch reduction and capacity building, 2) recreational fisheries and 3) marine aquaculture. In many cases, projects address more than one strategic priority.

Piloting Kelp Mariculture in the Near-Shore Waters of Aleutians East Borough Communities (AK)

Grantee: Aleutians East Borough

Grant Award:\$71,456

Matching Funds:\$75,000

Total Amount:\$146,456

Engage fishing communities, seafood processors and tribal entities to produce region-

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Pacific halibut

development of a strategic plan and develop educational materials to begin implementing the plan in Gloucester. Project will develop a strategic plan to guide the Gloucester Permit Bank investment actions in the next decade.

Improving Discard Mortality Characterization of Pacific Halibut in Recreational Fisheries (AK)

Grantee: International Pacific Halibut Commission
 Grant Award:..... \$98,902
 Matching Funds: \$232,904
Total Amount:..... \$331,806

Investigate handling practices and provide discard mortality estimates of Pacific halibut in the recreational fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska. Project will contribute to reducing uncertainty in discard mortality estimation to help improve stock assessment and management objectives.

Developing a Gulf Highly Migratory Species Industry Association (FL, LA)

Grantee: Audubon Nature Institute
 Grant Award:..... \$78,809
 Matching Funds: \$85,900
Total Amount:..... \$164,709

Facilitate shareholder meetings that will develop a plan to implement a Gulf Highly Migratory Species Industry Association. Project will develop an association to address sustainability, address economic viability and foster communication amongst stakeholders.

Increasing Access to Local Abundant Species in the Monterey Bay Area (CA)

Grantee: Local Bountly
 Grant Award:..... \$99,263
 Matching Funds: \$210,000
Total Amount:..... \$309,263

Test troll gear to maximize catch of targeted rockfish while reducing bycatch of overfished species of concern such as the cowcod and yelloweye. Project will demonstrate the feasibility of a new fishery and build markets for local, sustainable seafood.

Developing Technology for the Live Rockfish Fishery to Promote Using Underexploited Stocks (CA)

Project State: California
 Grantee: Monterey Bay Aquarium
 Grant Award:..... \$70,280
 Matching Funds: \$73,361
Total Amount:..... \$143,641

Introduce and implement technology for the Monterey Bay port groundfish fleet for keeping deep-water rockfish species alive after capture for the live rockfish fishery. Project will increase ex-vessel prices received by fishermen and creating a high-value live fish market.

specific data that informs the siting and implementation of mariculture in the region. Project will result in three kelp mariculture pilots in Aleutians East Borough and a guidance manual for mariculture.

Assessing the Condition of Non-Commercial Fishing Infrastructure and Shoreline Access (HI)

Grantee: University of Hawaii
 Grant Award:..... \$71,624
 Matching Funds: \$71,624
Total Amount:..... \$143,248

Assess and map the condition of selected non-commercial fishing infrastructures. Project will result in publically available maps and summaries to promote recreational fishing opportunities and assist state managers to identify maintenance priorities.

Developing a Strategic Plan in an Evolving Market for the Gloucester Permit Bank (MA)

Grantee: Gloucester Fishing Community Preservation Fund
 Grant Award:..... \$31,000
 Matching Funds: \$31,500
Total Amount:..... \$63,500

Conduct focus groups and host a workshop to support the