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West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health (WCGA) listserv members, we attempted to send a message via the WCGA listserv yesterday afternoon, but a technical glitch prevented us from doing so. Therefore, in the interests of keeping you updated, it is being sent via email. Please see the following from the WCGA Executive Committee:

The West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health submitted two proposals to NOAA in response to the Regional Ocean Partnership Funding Program Federal Funding Opportunity—a Focus Area 1 proposal totaling \$4,000,000 to:

- (1) Develop a tri-state network for interoperable management and delivery of data needed to address regional issues identified by the WCGA Action Coordination Teams and to support future CMSP on the West Coast.*

(2) Test and identify the best decision support tools to assist states and federal agencies and the WCGA in working with tribes, stakeholders, coastal communities, and partners to plan for and make decisions related to ocean uses and resources.

(3) Assess the status of and gather available information at state, sub-regional, and regional scales needed to identify important habitats, map areas of human use, and determine areas of ecological importance.

(4) Working with the federal government and tribal sovereign governments, create a regional planning body to develop a framework plan for a West Coast coastal and marine spatial plan through a transparent process that engages partners, coastal communities, stakeholders, technical and scientific experts, local governments, and the general public.

(5) Advance implementation of the WCGA Action Plan through funding priority action items in the ACT work plans that align with CMSP and contribute to sustainable coastal communities.

And a Focus Area 2 proposal totaling \$495,000 to:

- Working with the federal government, engage West Coast Tribes on how they will participate in the CMSP planning body and on how they will engage on coastwide and National Ocean Council-related issues, and provide support for tribal capacity for these purposes;
- Prioritize WCGA tasks that are identified in the 10 ACT implementation plans, or in the 2008 WCGA Action Plan;
- Provide ACTs with organizational development support to improve their effectiveness, particularly with respect to stakeholder engagement and integration of science into decision making; and
- Provide administrative support for a WCGA coordinator, travel for the WCGA Executive Committee, and tools to enhance WCGA communications and outreach

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, acting as WCGA's fiscal sponsor, submitted the proposals on our behalf.

The West Coast Governors' Agreement wishes to extend its thanks to the entire West Coast community for engaging with us in discussions about regional ocean

priorities and coastal and marine spatial planning, especially during the months leading up to proposal submission. It has been a tremendous challenge to craft proposals that:

- reflect the diversity of existing and potential complex economic, environmental, and social issues we face;*
- build on the solid foundation of activities that have occurred in our region to date;*
- maintain our focus on the use of science to inform decision making;*
- and produce meaningful results for policy and decision makers, the coastal communities that rely on the ocean to sustain themselves into the future, and many others.*

After hearing if and how much the WCGA will receive from the funding program, we will solicit request for proposals that will give you an opportunity to collaborate further to describe in detail how our region will achieve the outcomes in our cooperating agreement with NOAA.

Thank you again for your commitment and dedication to supporting healthy ocean resources and vibrant coastal communities; we hope we have represented these interests and you well.

Message from Lisa: The proposals we submitted are now posted to the WCGA website. In addition, I have attached them to this email for your convenience because the WCGA website will be down today for maintenance of the WCGA server – it should be up and running again by 4pm today.

Happy Holidays to all!

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