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Grant Funds From Non-Federal and Other Sources

With the current budgetary climate, it is prudent for all Fishery Management Councils to pursue funding diversification. The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (WPRFMC) has initiated efforts to identify and secure additional grant funds from foundations and agencies outside its normal funding avenues. This initiative has focused on regional and national eleemosynary organizations and agencies whose grantmaking priorities match programs and projects identified by the WPRFIMC.

The majority of the grantmaking charitable foundations require that applicants be tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The WPRFMC has tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the IRC but is further described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the IRC and is classified as a “publicly supported organization” and a “governmental agency.” Most foundations will give grants to 509(a)(1) and 509(a)(2) organizations but not to those classified as 509(a)(3) under the IRC.

In some cases, the lack of 501(c)(3) status can be overcome by partnering with another organization that has such status. While applying directly is the preferred method, partnering is often considered a positive thing by the grantmaking foundation since the funding goes to multiple organizations. Depending on the foundation, partnering can make the application stronger and give the proposal a higher preference.

Example of potential grantmaking organization and their eligibility criteria:

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Fisheries Innovation Fund

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that preserves and restores our nation’s native wildlife species and habitats. Created by Congress in 1984, NFWF directs public conservation dollars to the most pressing environmental needs and matches those investments with private funds. The Foundation’s method is simple and effective: we work with a full complement of individuals, foundations, government agencies, nonprofits, and corporations to identify and fund the nation’s most intractable conservation challenges.

- **Eligibility:** All persons, organizations, and agencies (excluding employees of the U.S. Federal Government) working on projects to design and implement catch-share management systems in U. S. fisheries.

*In October 2010, WPRFMC submitted an application to the Fisheries Innovation Fund to conduct outreach in the US Pacific Islands to elicit input on the catch shares approach to managing commercial fisheries. Despite being eligible based on the above criteria and the opinion of NFWF’s Director of Marine and Coastal Conservation, WPRFMC and NFWF were told by the NOAA General Counsel that the WPRFMC cannot apply and receive funds directly from NFWF. Subsequently, the WPRFMC partnered with another non-profit, Hawaii Seafood Council, to apply for funding for the project.

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Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your request of Aug. 18, 2008, regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that a determination letter was issued in MAY 1994, that recognized you as exempt from Federal income tax, and discloses that you are currently exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our records also indicate you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

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