

Pollock Conservation Cooperative Fisheries Management and Marine Research Fellowships

**Pollock Conservation Cooperative Research Center
SCHOOL OF FISHERIES AND OCEAN SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS**

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

DUE DATE: December 12, 2008

INTRODUCTION

The Pollock Conservation Cooperative Research Center (PCCRC) was established in 2000 to improve knowledge about the North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea through research and education, focusing on the commercial fisheries of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands. Funding for the PCCRC is provided by the companies of the Pollock Conservation Cooperative: American Seafoods Company, Arctic Storm Inc., Glacier Fish Company, Starbound LLC, and Trident Seafoods Corporation. Additional information about the Pollock Conservation Cooperative Research Center can be found on the UAF School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences web site at: <http://www.sfos.uaf.edu/pcc>.

The PCCRC will fund two graduate student fellowships for the 2009-2010 academic year. All full-time or prospective UAF graduate students are eligible to apply. Each fellowship covers a student stipend based upon the degree sought and candidacy status, tuition and fees, health insurance, and \$2,000 in research expenses. This document provides information on the fellowship proposal process.

RESEARCH SUBJECT AREAS FOR PROPOSALS

Proposals should address one of six subject areas:

1. Alaska pollock ecology and stock population dynamics;
2. Ecology and assessment of salmon in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea;
3. Factors influencing the sustainability and dynamics of Steller sea lion and northern fur seal populations in Alaska;
4. Marine business development and management;
5. Seafood processing technology and new product development; and
6. Fisheries Management Policy.

AWARD CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES

1. Awards will be made to support excellence in graduate student research. Two awards are available for the next academic year. The award is not a Research Assistantship, but a Fellowship in recognition of scholastic excellence. Awards are open to any full-time or prospective UAF graduate student.
2. Research should produce findings with a potential for continued development as a scientific or applied initiative.
3. Projects should be distinctive and make an original contribution to existing knowledge.
4. Projects should have potential economic value to the fishing industry and contribute to long-term benefits for Alaska.
5. Awards may be contingent on receipt of research funding from other sources. The award will only support a student stipend, tuition and fees and health insurance, plus \$2,000 for travel and other research expenses.
6. Proposals should be submitted by the graduate student with faculty advisor endorsement as described below.
7. Awards are renewable. Master's students can be funded for a maximum of two (2) years and Ph.D. students for a maximum of three years (3). Continuation requests require a satisfactory progress report.

FORMAT OF PROPOSALS

Proposals should be submitted electronically (Microsoft Word or preferably Adobe PDF), contain the following sections, and are limited to three or four pages. Supporting documentation should accompany the hard copy.

1. **Objective.**
2. **Background and need.**
3. **Prior achievements.** In cases where the project is on going and has had other support, please list achievements of the project, or if appropriate, achievements of related projects of the graduate student and his/her professor.
4. **Milestones.** Anticipated goals for this research for the coming year should be given. Provide an estimate of approximate number of months required for each goal. Estimate when the project will be completed.
5. **Budget.** PCC Fellowships are annual awards (July 2009 - June 2010) that provide a student stipend and tuition to recipients. The fellowship amount is based on the degree sought, the

number of years completed, and whether the student has advanced to candidacy. Occasionally, a fellowship will be awarded for only one semester. Please provide the information on funding needs for the student as follows: State the proposed start and ending dates, the degree sought, the number of years completed, and whether the student has advanced to candidacy.

6. **Current and Pending Funding.** Since only a small amount of funds are available for research within this award, please state how other needed research costs will be met. The proposal should indicate how funding for the research (other than the PCC Fellowship) will be obtained for the student to complete the work described. If student funding has been requested and is pending for a research assistantship from another funding source (e.g. North Pacific Research Board, National Science Foundation, etc.), this should be stated in this section including the organization to which the proposal has been made and the expected decision date. If no other potential source of assistantship funding is pending, please state “**No other student funding has been applied for from other sources.**” in this section of the proposal.
7. **Faculty Advisor Endorsement.** Each student proposal should be supported by an endorsement from the student’s faculty advisor. The faculty advisor should send an endorsement by electronic mail to Dr. Denis Wiesenburg at wiesenburg@sfos.uaf.edu.

DEADLINE AND PROCESS

Proposals should be received by 5:00 p.m. on **December 12, 2008**. An electronic copy of the proposal (preferably in PDF format) should be sent to wiesenburg@sfos.uaf.edu. Proposals will be reviewed in January 2009 and awards announced after the PCCRC Advisory meeting in January 2009. Funding will be available on July 1, 2009.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Proposals should be submitted by graduate students directly to wiesenburg@sfos.uaf.edu

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