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## **NOAA Seeking Proposals for FY 2010 Saltonstall-Kennedy Competition**

NOAA is requesting proposals for the FY2010 Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program. Full proposals must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. EST, September 1, 2009.

Research priorities for 2010 include aquaculture projects that demonstrate the feasibility of culturing marine fish species; improve utilization of harvested resources by reducing or eliminating diseases, human health hazards, and quality problems; studies to improve the socioeconomic aspects of fisheries to increase the knowledge base for making decisions that affect commercial, recreational and subsistence fishing; and conservation engineering projects that reduce or eliminate adverse interactions between fishing operations and non-targeted, protected, or prohibited species, reduce or eliminate impacts of fishing activity on essential fish habitat, and aid in the understanding of interactions between target fish stocks, other species and humans, or that improve the seafood industry's use of the ecosystem.

For further information on research priorities and details on how to apply, please visit the Grants Online website at <http://www.grants.gov>.

- Under "Quick Links" for applicants (right side of page) click on "Grant Search."
- Search for Funding Opportunity Number NOAA-NMFS-FHQ-2010-2002039.

The objective of the Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program is to address the needs of fishing communities in optimizing economic benefits within the context of rebuilding and maintaining sustainable fisheries.

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