



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FISHERIES DIVISION**

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Fiscal year 2012

Application Deadline: Friday, May 11, 2012, 5:00 PM EST

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Fisheries Division formally issues this Request for Proposals (RFP) for fiscal year 2012. This purpose of this notice is to solicit proposals from partner agencies and universities that address the specific projects below.

Fisheries Division formulates and undertakes a research program to provide a scientific basis for Division strategic programs, to address questions posed by fisheries managers, to develop new technology and management tools, and to conduct complex assessments.

This specific request for proposals will be disseminated to interested parties, agencies, and universities via both email and posting on the Research Section's web site http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10364_10951---,00.html.

SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Refinement of the Aquatic Portion of Michigan's Wildlife Action Plan and Development of Tools to Support the Plan (www.michigan.gov/dnrwildlifeactionplan)

Award amount: Up to \$133,000 for a three-year project will be awarded. **Start Date:** June 2012.

The goal of the project is to help refine the Michigan's comprehensive aquatic conservation strategy, synthesize progress made during the first phase of implementation of the plan, and develop improved databases, frameworks, and tools for the implementation of Michigan Wildlife Action Plan. The objectives are to: (1) update and maintain Michigan's river classification framework and databases and coordinate the development of Michigan inland lake GIS databases and classification framework; (2) refine Michigan's ecological drainage units (EDU) that were developed by The Nature Conservancy; (3) define aquatic ecological systems (AES); (4) identify high priority conservation areas for both inland lakes and rivers; (5) assess environmental conditions of Michigan's rivers and inland lakes; (6) identify key environmental threats to each water body; (7) develop GIS application tools to meet the other implementation needs of the MWAP programs of Fisheries Division; (8) synthesize progress made in aquatics during the first 5-year wildlife action plan into a progress report; and (9) develop and write the aquatic portion of the 10-year conservation strategy refinement report.

We are seeking proposals to join the Division in developing an advanced collaborative research team to address the research goals and objectives stated above for this project. Ideal proposals will include the capacity to incorporate existing databases, provided advanced GIS analysis, build upon the National Fish Habitat Initiative, and work closely with Fisheries Division research and field personnel.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCESS, SCHEDULE, AND RANKING CRITERIA

Proposal Submission Process

Study proposals must be submitted using the Fisheries Division template (http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/Proposal_template-New2010_323762_7.doc). A completed budget sheet for each year of the study (http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/Proposal-Budget-Template-2011_323801_7.xls) is also required upon proposal submission.

Deadline for Proposal Submission

Research Study Proposals must be submitted via email using the Division template to: newcombt@michigan.gov by **Friday, May 11, 2012, 5:00 PM EST.**

The Fisheries Division Proposal Review Team will review all research study proposals by May 16 to make a selection. Proposals will be evaluated and ranked according to 1) appropriateness of proposal in addressing a high priority information needs as outlined; 2) additional value-added study elements, and 3) cost-benefit and partner cost-sharing, although no match is required. If match is declared, please state the source of the match.

For questions regarding the proposal request and submission process, please contact Tammy Newcomb, Fisheries Division Research Program Manager, (517)373-3960 or at newcombt@michigan.gov.

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