



PSP Applicant Guide

How to Apply for CDFW Grant Funding through the
2014/2015 Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP)
Process

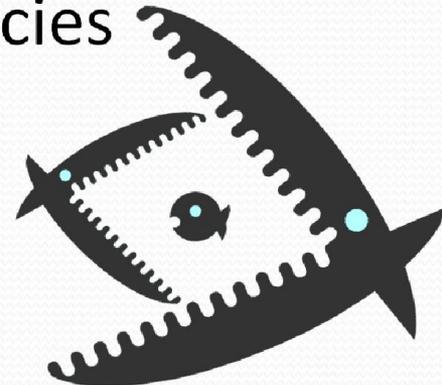
Scope of 2014/2015 PSP Research

Focus/Subject

- Predation on State and/or federally listed fish species

Purpose

- Improve the understanding of predator-prey relationships
- Inform adaptive management of listed species
 - Reduce predation effects
 - Aid species recovery



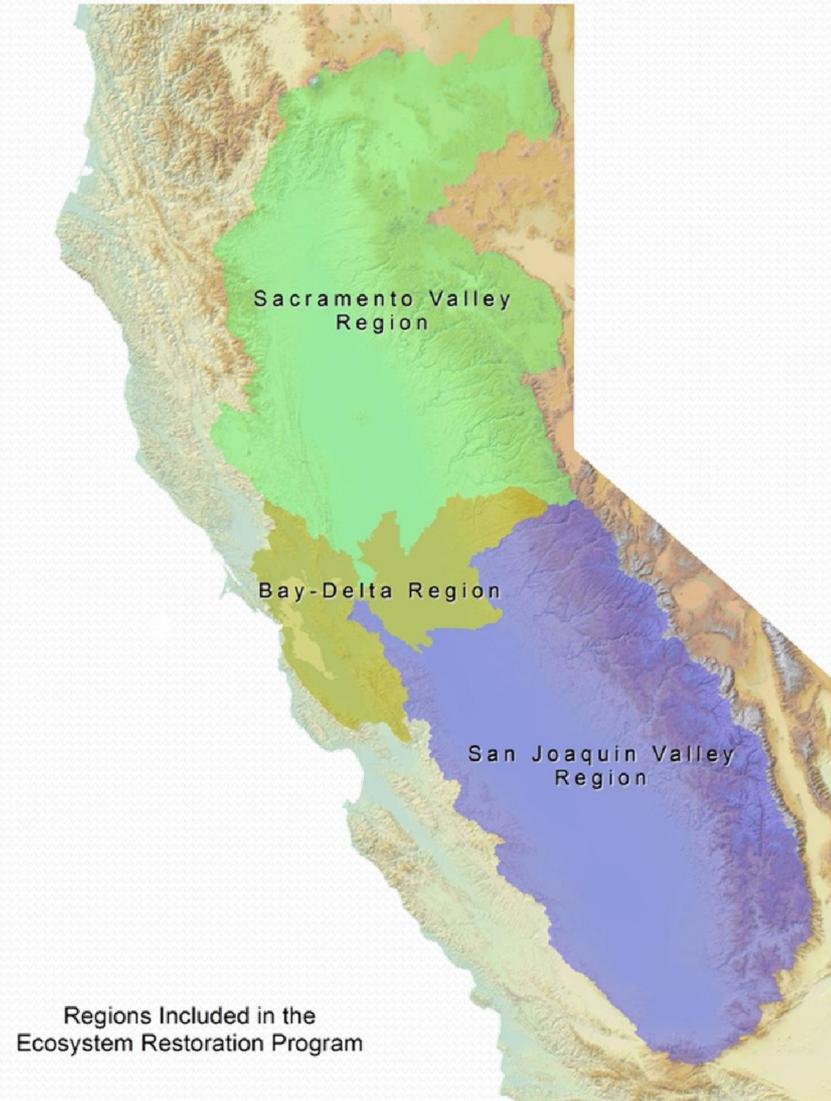
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Project Area

- The Delta
- Sacramento River watersheds
- San Joaquin River watersheds

Must be consistent with

- [ERP Conservation Strategy \(2014\)](#)
- [NOAA Fisheries' Central Valley Chinook Salmon and Steelhead Recovery Plan](#)
- [Delta Plan](#)



What Projects are Eligible?



Eligibility Requirements

- Present an experimental design that
 - Tests explicit alternative hypotheses about the role(s) of species
 - “Role(s)” refers to how a species interacts with other organisms and its environment
 - For example, competition among multiple predator species may limit the population of all predators in a given area.
 - Samples across salient spatial and temporal gradients in the Delta and/or the anadromous water of the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River watersheds
 - Research will include location and time as independent variables
 - What is observed may differ depending on these variables

What Projects are Eligible?

- Cannot direct funding to activities that CDFW or any consortium with which CDFW is affiliated is already undertaking or obligated to undertake

Required Mitigation ≠ Eligible Project

- Projects that are required as mitigation under the following will **not** be accepted
 - CEQA • NEPA
 - CESA • CWA Section 404



What Entities are Eligible?

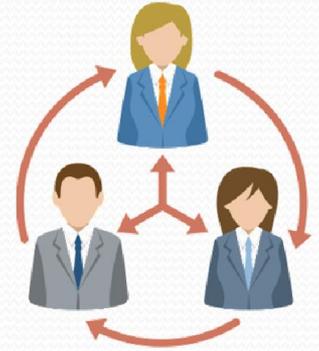


Eligible Entities	Ineligible
✓ Public agencies	✗ Private individuals
✓ Universities	✗ For-profit enterprises
✓ Native American Indian Tribes	
✓ Nonprofit organizations	

Grant proposals from private individuals or for-profit enterprises will **not** be accepted.

- However, they may collaborate with an eligible entity as a Subcontractor. See Appendix C: Grant Conditions in the PSP for further information.

Collaborative Proposal Requirements



- The Proposal and Application must clearly identify
 - ❑ The Lead Applicant (who will sign the Grant Agreement)
 - ❑ Other collaborators as Subcontractors and/or Subconsultants (if known)
- The Proposal must describe
 - ❑ That the Lead Institution will be able to execute all subcontracts in a timely manner
 - ❑ How decision-making authority and liability will be allocated
 - ❑ The tasks/sub-tasks that will be performed by different entities
 - ❑ How the named Subcontractors were selected and why
 - ❑ Estimated costs of subcontract work and any costs for managing subcontractors

Confidentiality & Public Disclosure

- By submitting a proposal, the applicant agrees to waive any right to confidentiality of the proposal
 - All proposals (regardless if funded) are considered public documents and are subject to public disclosure under CA law
- What will be disclosed via the CDFW Grants Opportunities website:
 - The titles and executive summaries of all proposals
 - Comments from all levels of the review process, which will also be distributed as part of the public comment process
 - The complete text of all funded proposals



Proposal Submission Guidelines

- **Deadline:** November 10, 2014
- **Submission Requirements** (per Proposal)
 - ❑ 1 Hardcopy
 - ❑ Printed on plain, white paper
 - ❑ Stapled once in the upper left corner
 - ❑ Double-sided pages are encouraged but not required
 - ❑ 1 Electronic copy (e.g., CD, flash drive)
 - ❑ Acceptable file formats: MS Word (.doc/.docx), Rich Text Format (RTF), and/or PDF
 - ❑ GIS files of Individual Research Boundaries (if applicable)
 - ❑ Acceptable formats: Shapefile (.shp) or File Geodatabase (FileGDB)
 - ❑ Polygon files are preferred



Proposal Submission Guidelines

- **Proposal Format**

- No more than 20 pages, excluding literature cited
- Each page is numbered
- All figures, tables, and other graphics are individually numbered and titled

- **Proposal Package Components (See Appendix A)**

- Section 1: Summary Information
- Section 2: Location Information
- Section 3: Landowners, Acres, and Permits
- Section 4: Project Objectives
- Section 5: Conflict of Interest
- Section 6: Project Tasks and Results Outlines
- Section 7: Project Budget



Proposal Submission Guidelines

Send or deliver PSP Proposals to



Predation Research PSP

CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
Water Branch

**830 "S" Street
Sacramento, CA 95811**

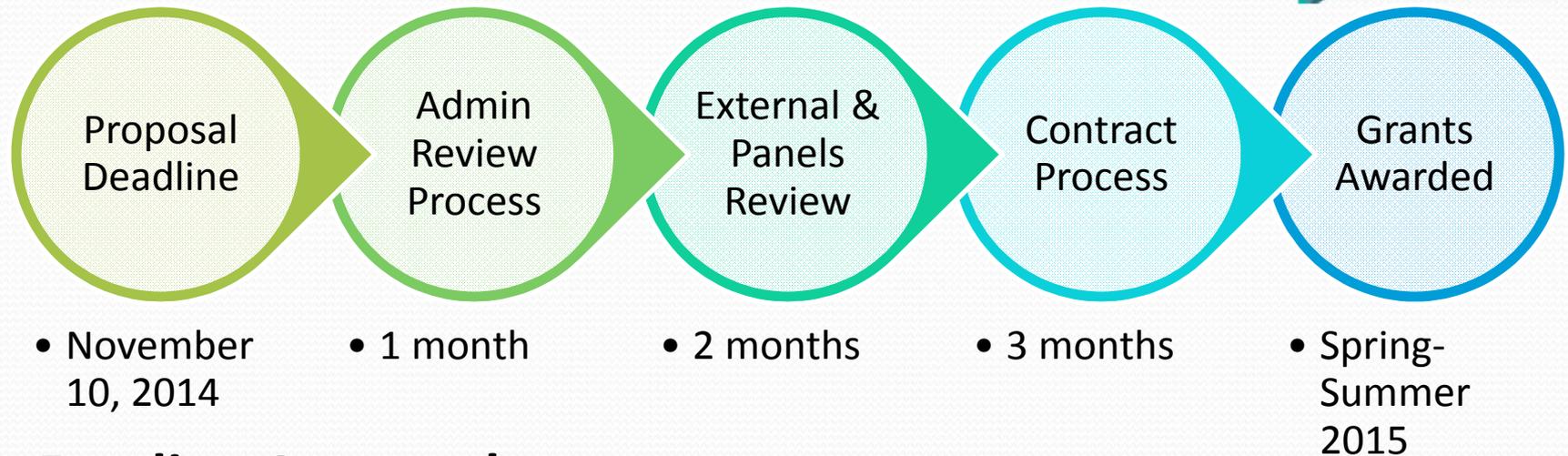
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DO	DON'T
Submit postmarked package by the November 10, 2014 deadline	Submit proposals later than November 10, 2014
Staple hardcopy proposal once in the upper-left corner	Bind proposals in plastic, cover stock, folders, or any other binding
Keep file size manageable for electronic submissions	Provide additional files that were not specified in the PSP
Include all PSP application requirements (Appendix A) in your submission	Include transmittal letters or letters of support or recommendation
Refer to the CDFW Grant website or contact the Proposal Submittal Process Helpline at (916) 445-0604 if you have questions	

Proposal Review & Selection



• Timeline



• Funding Approval

- After applicants are notified of funding awards, a Grant Agreement will be prepared and executed
- Public entities are required to provide a resolution of project approval from their Governing Body to enter into an Agreement

Questions?



Refer to the [CDFW Grant Opportunities Website](#)

- Detailed guidance on the Predation PSP process
- Forms & Applications



Contact the Proposal
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