

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR FISHERY RESEARCH

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

DEFINITION OF A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR FISHERY RESEARCH PROJECT: Technical Assistance for Fishery Research (TAFR) projects are designed to allow the generation of new technical knowledge critical to address an immediate science or fishery management need or the transfer of applied technical knowledge among scientists, research partners, or management agencies via coordination activities such as workshops, skills training, instruction, and working knowledge discussions to benefit efforts informing the conservation and rehabilitation of healthy Great Lakes ecosystems that sustain fisheries.

TAFR projects are typically one year in duration and less than USD\$20,000.

PROPOSAL FORMAT & SUBMITTAL: The proposal format for TAFR projects can be downloaded from the GLFC webpage at http://www.glfc.org/forms-and-templates.php. A signed electronic copy of the proposal should be forwarded via email to research@glfc.org. Questions regarding proposal submission should be directed to the Fishery Research Program Associate and are encouraged prior to proposal submission. Additional contact information can be found at http://www.glfc.org/staff-directory.php

Proposals must be submitted by January 15th for spring consideration and August 15th for fall consideration.

REVIEW PROCESS: TAFR project ideas are generated by informal interactions among scientists, research partners, or management agencies, and Secretariat staff. Discrete projects must be described in a proposal with a clear set of objectives, methods, and a specific set of products that will be used for communicating results to appropriate audiences. Project proposals are reviewed by the Fishery Research Program Associate, Science Director, Science Program Manager, and the Fishery Management Director.

The peer review process may be invoked for project proposals at any point within the approval process. For example, project investigators may request at the outset that the Science Program should perform a peer review of the project to ensure appropriate study design, data collection, and analyses. Review and input from the Board of Technical Experts (BOTE) may be solicited at the Winter or Fall research board meetings. Secretariat staff may also request a review of the proposal.

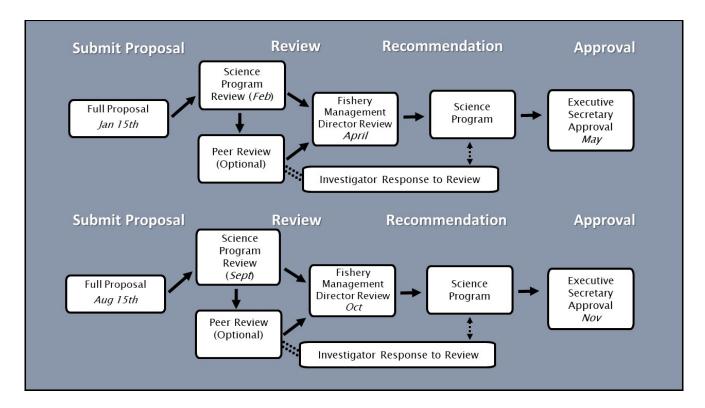


Figure 1. Proposal review and funding process for TAFR projects.