

Other Accounts



Atlantic Salmon

Fisheries Finance Program Account - Total Request: \$10,258,000

Under the authority of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936 and the provisions of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, the Federal Ship Financing Fund became a liquidating account for loan guarantees made prior to FY 1992. Loan guarantees made on or after October 1, 1991, were made under the Fishing Vessel Obligation Guarantee (FVOG) appropriation. The re-authorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act in September 1996 changed the program to direct loans, versus loan guarantees and thus is now titled the Fisheries Finance Program (vice Fishing Vessel Obligations Guarantees). The loans awarded under the base Fisheries Finance Program can be used to provide long-term fisheries loans for vessels and shoreside facilities (including aquaculture facilities) and for industry-funded capacity reduction programs.

The FY 2000 President's Budget requests a net decrease of \$18.1 million for the Fisheries Finance Program account. Included in this amount is a \$1.7 million increase to cover the administrative expenses of the Federal Ship Financing Fund. The amount also includes an increase of \$8.3 million to reduce harvesting capacity in the Northeast scallop fishery. This increase will be used to buy out vessels and permits in this overcapitlized fishery through a combination of direct payments and loans repaid through the collection of fees.

Promote and Develop Fishery Products & Research Pertaining to American Fisheries (P&D) - Total Request: \$1,500,000

The American Fisheries Promotion Act (AFPA) of 1980 authorized a grants program for fisheries research and development projects and a National Fisheries Research and Development Program to be carried out with Saltonstall-Kennedy (S-K) funds. S-K funds are derived from duties on imported fisheries products. An amount equal to 30 percent of these duties is being transferred to the Department of Commerce from the Department of Agriculture. The FY 2000 Budget estimates this transfer at \$66.4 million. Of this \$66.4 million, \$1.5 million will be used for the S-K grants program to develop a healthy fishery based industry (including costs of program administration). The remainder of the transfer (\$64.9 million) will be used to offset the Operations, Research, and Facilities (ORF) account. The duties transferred to this account are calculated on a calendar year basis and, if necessary, will be revised after the submission of the President's request.

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Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery - Total Request: \$100,000,000

This account was established to support a new Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Initiative for the purpose of helping share the costs of state, tribal and local conservation activities. This fund is NOAA's contribution to a broad interdepartmental initiative bolstering and deploying existing and new Federal capabilities to assist in the conservation of at-risk Pacific salmon runs in the western states of California, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. These Federal grants would be matched dollar for dollar with non-Federal contributions. The Fund would be established under existing authorities by the Secretary of Commerce and made available through agreements with the Governors of each of the four states for distribution to assist state, tribal and local conservation efforts. The Secretary will establish terms and conditions for the effective use of the funds and specific reporting requirements appropriate for ensuring full accountability.



Coho Salmon

Fishing Vessel and Gear Damage Compensation Fund - Total Request: \$0

This program was authorized by the Fisherman's Protective Act of 1967, as amended by P.L. 95-376, Section 10 (f) (1), of September 18, 1978, and P.L. 96-561 of 1980. This Fund provides compensation to fishing vessel owners who sustain losses or damage to their gear or vessels attributed to other fishing vessels. The Fund is supported by a surcharge imposed upon foreign fishing permit fees and is operated through the appropriation of existing balances from previous year surcharges and interest earned. No appropriation is requested for this fund.

Fishermen's Contingency Fund (FCF) - Total Request: \$953,000

Title IV of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of September 18, 1978, (P.L. 95-372, Section 402) as amended, established the Fisherman's Contingency Fund. This Fund provides compensation to domestic fishermen for the damage or loss of fishing gear, and resulting economic loss due to obstructions related to oil and gas exploration, development, or production in areas of the Outer Continental Shelf.

The Fund is supported by assessments on holders of leases, explorations, permits, easements, and rights of way in areas of the Outer Continental Shelf. For FY 2000, an appropriation of \$0.95 million is requested for claims and administrative expenses. This amount is equal to the FY 1999 appropriation.

Foreign Fishing Observer Fund (FFOF) - Total Request: \$189,000

The Foreign Fishing Observer Fund provides observer coverage of foreign fishing activities within the 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The Fund is supported by fees charged to foreign fishermen for the cost of placing an observer aboard their vessel while operating within the EEZ. Beginning in FY 1985, foreign fishermen were also permitted to contract directly with NMFS approved observer contractors to obtain observers (the Supplemental Observer Program). The FY 2000 budget requests \$0.19 million, equal to the FY 1999 level. Appropriated funds plus direct contracting under the Supplemental Observer Program will provide 100 percent observer coverage.

Coastal Zone Management Fund (CZMF) - Total Request: [\$4,000,000] [Offset to ORF]

The Coastal Zone Management Fund was established by the Coastal Zone Reauthorization Amendments of 1990 (CZARA). The fund consists of loan repayments from the former Coastal Energy Impact Program. The proceeds are to be used to offset the ORF account for the costs implementing the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended.

Damage Assessment and Restoration Revolving Fund (DARRF) - Total Request: (\$1,500,000)

The Damage Assessment and Restoration Revolving Fund was established under Section 1012(a) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, to facilitate oil and hazardous material release response, damage assessment, and natural resource restoration activities of NOAA. The DARRF provides for the deposit of sums transferred by any party or governmental entity and, to retain for future use, funds that are recovered through settlement or awarded by court or recovered by NOAA through negotiated settlement or reimbursement. In FY 1999, receipts from settlements are expected to be \$1.5 million.

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(\$ IN THOUSANDS)

	<i>FY 1999 ENACTED</i>		<i>FY 2000 BASE</i>		<i>FY 2000 PRES. REQUEST</i>		<i>INC./DEC. (REQUEST - BASE)</i>	
	<i>FTE</i>	<i>AMT.</i>	<i>FTE</i>	<i>AMT.</i>	<i>FTE</i>	<i>AMT.</i>	<i>FTE</i>	<i>AMT.</i>
Build Sustainable Fisheries	6	32,525	6	32,525	30	11,714	24	(20,811)
Recover Protected Species						100,000		100,000
Sustain Healthy Coasts		(1,500)		(4,000)		(4,000)		
<i>TOTAL BA - OTHER ACCOUNTS</i>	6	31,025	6	28,525	30	107,714	24	79,189
CZMF mandatory collections	49	(4,000)		4,000		4,000		
Transfer from Department of Agriculture	(5)	(66,426)	(5)	(66,426)	(5)	(66,426)		
<i>TOTAL Discretionary Budget Authority</i>	50	(39,401)	1	(33,901)	25	45,288	24	79,189