



# NORTH PACIFIC UNIVERSITIES MARINE MAMMAL RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

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## REQUEST FOR PRE-PROPOSALS 2007-2008

The Mission of the North Pacific Universities Marine Mammal Research Consortium is to undertake a long-term program of research on marine mammals and the effects of fisheries, species interactions and oceanographic conditions on their status in the North Pacific Ocean and Eastern Bering Sea.

Funding is available for studies of Steller sea lions, northern fur seals, harbor seals, killer whales, or related species that might shed light on 1) why many marine mammal populations have declined, 2) what is preventing them from recovery, and 3) what might be done to assist recovery.

Pre-proposals are requested for a one to three year period from Oregon State University and the Universities of Alaska, British Columbia, and Washington. Research may involve captive, field, modeling and laboratory based studies. However, field work conducted outside of Alaska should provide methodologies or findings that can be directly applied to Alaska.

Collaboration between Consortium member universities is highly encouraged and will be given consideration in the awarding of research funding.

Pre-proposals should be a maximum of **four pages** plus references and one page biographies for each of the PIs, and must follow the “**Statement of Work Format**” as follows:

1. **Project Title** (*Including names, email addresses and affiliations of PIs and Co-Investigators, project period, total cost, and date of submission*)
2. **Summary** (*must be <100 words*)
3. **Introduction** (*Describe problem to be addressed and justify need for funding*)
4. **Objectives** (*List in point form*)
5. **Statement of Work** (*Methodology—including information on choice of sample size, experimental design, and statistical power; Milestones/Timelines; Major Products*)
6. **Budget & Narrative** (*Describe the budget by funding categories: Personnel, Fringe Benefits, Travel, Equipment >US\$5,000, Supplies, Contractual, Construction, Other, Total Direct Charges, F&A Costs, Totals*)

7. **Personnel** (*One paragraph biography of each PI and their responsibilities*)
8. **Likelihood of Success** (*List relevant recent publications and manuscripts in review, and provide an indication of past grant performance including the status of any ongoing research you may have that is funded by the Consortium*).
9. **Literature Cited**
10. **CVs** (*One page CV for each PI*)

A more detailed proposal following the above format will be required if the Research Committee recommends that the pre-proposal be given further consideration. Those interested in submitting pre-proposals are encouraged to contact the member of their university sitting on the Consortium's Research Committee (Dr. John Horne - UW, Dr. Markus Horning - OSU, Dr. Alan Springer - UAF, and Dr. Andrew Trites - UBC).

Information about research conducted to date can be obtained from the Consortium web site: <http://www.marinemammal.org>.

Available funding for 2007-2008 is not known at this time. Funds may be available as early as July 2007. In 2006-2007, a total of \$1.94 million was awarded to support 18 studies. The median award was \$77,000.

Pre-proposals should be sent in electronic form (Word, WordPerfect) to **consortium@zoology.ubc.ca** by **5:00 pm (PST) on November 23, 2006** for discussion at the annual Research Consortium meeting on December 12 and 13, 2006. Successful applicants will be asked to submit a full proposal by January 31, 2007.