



Sea Pact Announces 2016 Request for Grant Proposals

HALIFAX, NS, August 15, 2016 – Sea Pact, an innovative alliance of seafood industry leaders, announces the opening of their fifth Request for Grant Proposals (RFP). Sea Pact is a group of leading North American seafood companies dedicated to driving stewardship and continuous improvement of social, economic, and environmental responsibility throughout the global seafood supply chain. They are achieving this in part by using their collective power to advance environmentally sustainable fisheries and aquaculture practices and provide the building blocks of a long term and sustainable seafood industry by financially contributing to improve the fishing and fish farming systems from which they procure. Through this RFP, Sea Pact aims to select a project in line with their goals - Fishery and Aquaculture Improvement Projects, habitat restoration efforts, scientific research and other projects are encouraged to apply. Sea Pact continues to focus on projects dealing with bycatch reduction, innovation in aquaculture, or social responsibility within the seafood supply chain. Projects impacting the top seafood species consumed on a global level are preferred. Project applications are due September 9, 2016. Sea Pact will announce the grant recipients in late 2016.

To apply for funding, organizations are asked to fill out the RFP application available on the Sea Pact website: <http://www.seapact.org/projects.html>. Answers to Frequently Asked Questions regarding grant proposals can be found here: http://www.seapact.org/uploads/2/1/0/2/21024558/grant_proposals_faq_aug_2016.pdf

“We’ve learned a lot from our previous grant proposal requests,” said Guy Dean, Vice President/CSO of Albion Farms and Fisheries Ltd, and Chair of the Sea Pact Advisory Committee, “and have begun to recognize where our contributions can make the greatest impact on creating positive change within our industry. We are excited about a more focused RFP process relevant to current issues affecting the seafood industry and look forward to the submissions we receive.”

“To date, Sea Pact has funded 11 grants to 9 projects in 7 countries, with over \$225,000 USD in direct support and with additional funds generated of almost \$1 million USD across these projects,” states Rob Johnson, Managing Director of Sea Pact. “Through this grant funding process we are working together to increase the supply of sustainable seafood and affect change in the industry through getting involved and supporting pragmatic, solutions-focused projects that deliver results and create lasting impact.

About Sea Pact: Founding members Albion Farms & Fisheries, Fortune Fish & Gourmet, Ipswich Shellfish Group, Santa Monica Seafood, Seacore Seafood and Seattle Fish Co., together with additional members Stavis Seafood, JJ McDonnell, and A.C. Covert are the nine unified members of Sea Pact and share an active progressive approach to their seafood sustainability commitments. Sea Pact receives sustainability counsel from non-profit organizations FishWise, Sustainable Fisheries Partnership, and Ocean Outcomes. Sea Pact has non-profit organization 501(c)(3) status, administered through New Venture Funds.

To learn more about Sea Pact, visit their website <http://www.seapact.org>