



Sea Pact Announces 2017 Request for Grant Proposals

HALIFAX, CANADA, August 15, 2017 – Sea Pact, an innovative alliance of seafood industry leaders, today announces the opening of their sixth Request for Grant Proposals.

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 strength and industry expertise in an effective model of pre-competitive collaboration. Together, they are working together to advance sustainable and responsible fishery and aquaculture practices and provide the building blocks of a long term and productive seafood industry via financial and thought partner contributions to projects that improve fishing and farming systems globally.

This year Sea Pact was selected as one of four finalists globally in the 2017 Seafood Champion Awards in the Leadership category. “It was a tremendous honor to be recognized by SeaWeb and a panel of seafood sustainability experts from industry and nonprofit organizations as one of the top actors in the global seafood sustainability movement”, said Rob Johnson, Managing Director of Sea Pact.

Through this RFP, Sea Pact aims to select projects in line with their goals – with twelve specific project categories outlined such as Fishery and Aquaculture Improvement Projects, Habitat restoration, Management, Research as well as other relevant projects are encouraged to apply. Sea Pact will continue to focus on innovative projects related to fisheries bycatch reduction, traceability, aquaculture, and social responsibility within the seafood supply chain. Projects impacting the top seafood species consumed on a global level are also prioritized. Responses are due by **September 15, 2017**. Sea Pact will announce the grant recipients in late 2017.

To apply for funding, organizations are asked to fill out the RFP document 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.pdf

“Once again, we are excited to see innovative and impactful proposals,” said Hamish Walker, Director of Purchasing for Seattle Fish Company, and Chair of the Sea Pact Advisory Committee. “We are keen to have an ongoing relationship with our grantees to see how our grants are making a difference, and a strong alignment to our charter and assessment criteria will be essential for success.”

“To date, Sea Pact has funded 17 grants to 13 projects in 8 countries, with \$340,000 USD in direct support and with additional funds generated of over \$1 million USD across these projects,” states Rob Johnson, Managing Director of Sea Pact. “Through this grant funding process, we are proactively working together to increase the supply of sustainable seafood and affect change in the industry by getting involved in and supporting pragmatic, solutions-focused projects that deliver results and create lasting impact.

About Sea Pact: Albion Farms & Fisheries, Fortune Fish & Gourmet, Ipswich Shellfish Group, Santa Monica Seafood, Seacore Seafood and Seattle Fish Co., 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 <http://www.seapact.org>

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