

Funding Opportunity for Highly Migratory Species Research



The National Sea Grant College Program announces a funding opportunity for highly migratory species research.

[Highly Migratory Species Research Initiative: NOAA-OAR-SG-2019-2006046](#)

Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS), which include tunas, billfish, and sharks, are important to both the ecological health of ocean ecosystems and to commercial and recreational fisheries. However, knowledge gaps in the life history, biology, and population status of many of these species limit understanding and the ability to sustainably manage these species. Populations of HMS and the coastal communities that rely on the health of these important fish stocks could greatly benefit from improved, science-based management and conservation.

As part of the FY 2019 Appropriations Bill for NOAA, Congress directed the National Sea Grant College Program to spend up to \$2 million to initiate a HMS research initiative focused on HMS species in the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico, including the interactions between yellow-fin tuna and oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico. This direction, and priorities identified in the 2014 Atlantic HMS Management-Based Research Needs and Priorities document developed by NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service in concert with industry and management stakeholders, was used to develop this initiative that will support research to address critical gaps in knowledge about HMS in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean regions.

Letters of Intent are due May 15, 2019 (see formal announcement for details).

Full proposals are due June 19, 2019 (see formal announcement for details).

Informational Webinar

The National Sea Grant Office hosted an informational webinar about this funding opportunity on Someday, May 07 at 2 pm Eastern.

[Register or join the webinar.](#)

Presentation slides and Q and A log to be added here following the webinar

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