

Great Lakes Fish Monitoring and Surveillance Program 2020 RFA

Questions and Answers – updated Aug. 31, 2020

Date	Question	Answer
8/20/2020	Does the frozen fish archive have a catalog of sample identification versus bottle ID. What does the archive contain in terms of years, lakes and fish.	Upon request, we can provide a spreadsheet of the inventory of what the archive contains including sample ID, year, lakes, species, number of jars, amount of tissue, box number, and location within the freezers.
8/5/2020	Is the following proposal suitable for the fish RFA? <i>“Investigating the impact of climate change/variability of the habitat of fish and species near Marina/Lake Erie using hydrodynamic modeling?”</i>	No, this would not be suitable. The RFA is for the chemical analysis of Great Lakes fish samples. Page 7 of the RFA discusses details of the Base Monitoring Program which includes a set of required analytes to be measured in fish samples. Projects that do not incorporate required activities will not be considered for award.
	Is there a webinar planned regarding the RFA? I see that the RFA states that one cooperative agreement will be awarded. Does this mean that the awarded project must include all the previously sampled sites in all the Great Lakes? Similarly, is the awarded project required to fulfill both the base monitoring program and special/CSMI project requirements?	There is no webinar planned for this RFA. One cooperative agreement will be awarded for total funding of the project. The prospective awardee must conduct sample analysis for all collected samples in the program. The fish collection sites are fixed long-term sampling locations of which there are two for each lake and alternate on an even/odd year basis. The awardee is not responsible for collecting fish at these sites. Required activities are listed on page 7 of the RFA. The awardee would be required to fulfill both the Base Monitoring Program and Special Studies/CSMI activities.
7/28/2020	Is this RFA for lab processing of contaminant samples, and not for field fish collection?	The RFA is for the analysis of the fish samples. It is not for field fish collections.