

Call For Proposals – April 2009

The Scottish Aquaculture Research Forum (SARF) is pleased to announce a call for proposals for a research and development project in the following area:

RESEARCH APPLICATION

Project Area RMS. Treatment of Red Mark Syndrome (RMS). Studies in the eradication of RMS and development of a code of practice to prevent (or reduce) the impact and spread of RMS.

Research requirement:

RMS is an emerging disease, in the UK, Europe and US, and significant funding has already been invested by industry, feed and pharmaceutical companies with regard to vaccine formulation and field trials, including transmission trial experiments. However, no effective treatments are currently available and, thus far, little progress has been made in developing a disease management strategy. Further research is required to investigate and confirm the role of *Flavobacterium psychrophilum* within RMS and develop practical treatment and management strategies for this disease in farmed rainbow trout.

- Estimated maximum SARF contribution: £60K (including VAT where applicable)
- Minimum matched funding requirement £20K (in cash/in kind) - to be sourced by the applicant.
- Estimated timescale: 24 months
- Mode of action: Open call

CONCEPT NOTES

SARF is also seeking to attract innovative proposals related to the further sustainable development of aquaculture in Scotland. Applicants are invited to complete concept note forms outlining the proposed project. Concept Note application forms can be downloaded from the SARF website. Applications will be considered by the SARF Board at the next Board meeting on 13th May. Successful applicants will be requested to produce full applications which will undergo internal and external peer review before the Board makes a final decision.

The call for concept notes is open, but the Board would particularly welcome concept notes for projects in the following areas:

- 1. An investigation into reducing the depuration time for mussels**
- 2. *Mytilus trossulus* - developing a Code of Good Practice to raise awareness and mitigate against further translocations. Investigation of the feasibility of an eradication strategy?**
- 3. Optimising sealice treatment regimes to minimise the development of resistance**

IMPORTANT - NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

Date of publication of call: **15/4/09**

Deadline for submission of RMS applications – 29/5/09

Deadline for submission of Concept Notes – 7/5/09

Further details on these research requirements and application forms can be downloaded from the SARF website: <http://www.sarf.org.uk/news.html> and <http://www.sarf.org.uk/downloads.html>

All prospective applicants should refer to the Download section of the SARF website for Guidelines, Application forms and a copy of the Standard SARF Contract. **Applicants must ensure that they can meet the terms and conditions set out in the SARF contract. Variations to the contract will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and these will need to be formally agreed before an application is submitted.**

SARF does **not** accept unsolicited proposals and is not obliged to fund projects in the areas defined in this call.

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