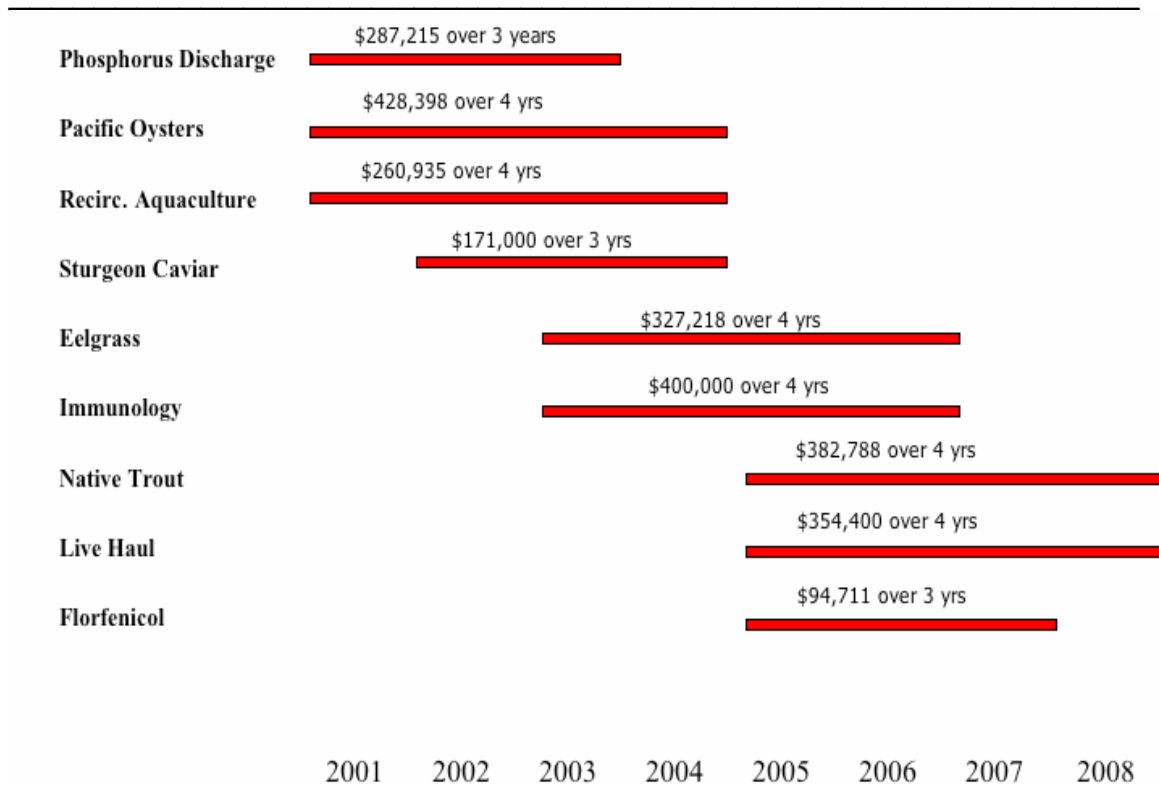


# WRAC Update

NCC Meeting, November 7, 2005  
Washington, DC

## WRAC Timeline for Funding:



## Other items approved for funding:

- \$5,000 for AQUI-S research (contribution to Roz Schnick's salary)
- \$6,500 for development of Aquarius 2.0 Shellfish Sanitation Software (Fred Conte)

## Current Projects

- Immunological mechanisms of cultured finfish (4 years)
- Ecological interactions between shellfish and eelgrass (4 years)
- Live haul: physiology and optimum conditions (4 years)
- Control of *Streptococcus iniae* in hybrid striped bass by Florfenicol (3 years)
- Native trout starter diets and culture conditions (4 years)
- Quality & shelf-life optimization of sturgeon caviar (4 years)

## Priority Areas for FY07\*

- Shellfish-eelgrass ecology and interactions
- Improving water efficiency in flow-through culture of trout
- Economic value of recreational fish
- Cold water disease
- Mass vaccination methods
- Sterilization techniques
- Tools for management of sturgeon caviar broodstock
- Emerging aquaculture species

\*to be approved by Board of Directors, Nov 2005

In addition, the BOD has indicated that it continues to regards “Public perceptions of aquaculture” as a potential priority area. A proposal submitted for consideration for FY05 funding was finally rejected after a revision was received.

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## **Current Issues**

- New strategic plan under development
- Concept for rapid response funding (<\$10K, 1 year) approved, mechanisms being developed
- New website under construction
- Policy and decisions database under development
- Increased emphasis on outreach products Need for better tracking of WRAC products and impacts
- Continuing attention being paid to conflict of interest in project development
- Increasing the representation of ‘minor’ states in WRAC projects
- Problems with delays in release of funds from USDA-CSREES – what is a realistic timetable with the shift in timing of RFPs?

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## **Schedule for project development and BOD approval for FY06**

- **Nov 14-14, 2005:** BOD meets to review IAC/TC priority statements
- **Dec 1, 2005:** Request for preproposal submission
- **Feb 15:** Deadline for preproposal submission; preproposals forwarded to Executive Committee
- **Mar:** Executive Committee submits recommendations on preproposals to BOD
- **April:** BOD meeting to review and act on preproposal recommendations
- **April:** Administrative Office invited submission of full proposals
- **July:** Proposals sent out for peer review
- **Oct 1:** Peer reviews of proposals submitted to IAC/TC
- **Oct 15:** IAC/TC meet to review proposals and make recommendations to BOD
- **Nov 15:** BOD meets to act on IAC/TC recommendations