**Expression of Interest for Research**

**Lake Champlain Sea Grant Program**

*(Delete or replace italicized text with your own narrative)*

*(Limit to 2 pages maximum; 1 is sufficient.)*

**Problem, challenge, or issue to be addressed:** *(A single, clear, declarative statement)*

**Justification**: *(Briefly explain why this is an important research objective. Clearly identify the relevance to the environment and/or economy of the Lake Champlain basin. It is essential that you explain how the research would advance the LCSG Strategic Plan.)*

**Approach**: *(Provide a brief description of how the research could be done. Use lay terms, not scientific terms. Methodological details are not needed at this time. Rather, convey just enough information so that a non-technical reader would understand how the research would be done.)*

**Opportunities for Outreach**: *(Note that LCSG Outreach staff will assist you with this aspect of a funded project. At this time we are looking for your ideas for innovative outreach opportunities.)*

**Suggested Funding Level and Duration:** *(We do not want to suggest limits at this time; we would rather know what you think it will cost to do the work, including match, see next. As some guidance, we expect this to be “small” grants program in which the typical project would be a 2 year duration.)*

**Matching Opportunities**: *(NOAA stipulates that Sea Grant research projects need to show a 50% match; i.e., $0.50 match for each $1 of federal funding. You do not need to show this match now. It is sufficient to simply affirm that you think the match can be found. If you are comfortable stating the source of that match, please do. However this is not required for the EOI.)*

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