

901206 Development of a Coastal Profiling Float

Budget

As you may know, Phase 1 expense requests exceed available funds and so a reduction of direct expenses during Phase 2 is necessary in order to balance our overall budget. Please review your budget requests to determine if any savings are possible, and if so revise your project budgets accordingly.

Also, please be sure to update all budget changes (expense/labor/ship), as necessary, in the web budget system prior to the Phase 2 deadline.

Rating: 1

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Management Team Feedback

General Comments:

The Management Team felt this was one of the best proposals submitted this year. We appreciate your diligence in working through the permitting issues. Should the feasibility study bear fruit, we'd like to see a long term operational plan that incorporates routine recovery of these floats so that losses and/or potential for the floats to negatively impact humans and wildlife are reduced to the maximum extent possible, and so that contributions to "ocean debris" (no matter how defensible scientifically) are absolutely minimized.

For Phase 2 please address the following:

- There are inconsistencies between the labor requests written in the proposal, the labor detailed in the milestone chart, and the labor entered into the web system. Please review and correct in the budget system if necessary. Please make sure to reflect requests in hours.
- Overall budget requests exceed funds available. Therefore, we'd like to see a plan where purchase of the 2nd float is deferred to Y2. Will that work? What are the downsides of doing that? If stretching this out is doable, then please recast your budget and work plan accordingly for Phase 2 review. We're looking forward to seeing this project get off the ground (no pun intended).