

Geographic Review Panel 1 – Bay Delta

Proposal number: 2001-B200 **Short Proposal Title:** Mitten Crab Management

1. Applicability to CALFED ERP Goals and Implementation Plan and CVPIA priorities, and relevance to ERP and CVPIA priorities for your region. Note that the 2001 Implementation Plan requests that proposals focus on studies of “non-native wetland and riparian plant species”.

2. Linkages/coordination with previously funded projects or other restoration activities in your region. The previously funded CALFED studies (which are ongoing) focus on the impacts of the mitten crab. Note that USFWS is funding a pilot larval settling study for 2001 (UC Santa Barbara) and a Mitten Crab Monitoring Program and Reporting System (with some IEP support). Also, USFWS is in the process of hiring someone whose primary responsibility will be to implement the Mitten Crab Management Plan.

Appears to be no link between this proposal and those previously funded.

3. Feasibility, especially the project’s ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner. Concur with TARP comments (except for reference to mitten crabs as freshwater crabs).

4. Qualifications of the applicants and others involved in implementing the proposed project. Concur with TARP comments; seem qualified.

5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance). Connected with Marine Science Institute.

6. Cost. Cost reasonable for work proposed.

7. Cost sharing. No cost share proposed.

8. Additional comments. It is important to note that this study will not result in a removal program.

Would add value in terms of research, but management implications are overstated in the proposal.

Regional Ranking:

Panel Ranking: Medium-low

Provide a brief explanation of your ranking.

Caveat: Could provide research value, but uncertain that effective management strategy would be developed. Also, linkage to existing programs is uncertain/weak.