



Guiding Principles

Decisions for funding from the Great Lakes Fishery Trust (GLFT) will be guided by its vision, mission, and mandate. Funding proposals will also be evaluated for compatibility with the following principles:

- **Projects should provide clear and lasting benefit to the fisheries of the Great Lakes and their users.**

Priority will be given to projects focusing on Lake Michigan fishery resources.

- **The GLFT will support projects that complement and enhance existing fishery resource management efforts in the Great Lakes, particularly those that otherwise would not be implemented.**

Wherever possible, projects should strengthen and broaden partnerships among federal, state, and tribal resource managers. Proposals should represent original or complementary effort and not duplicate or substitute for traditional funding sources or program responsibilities.

- **The GLFT seeks to promote development of sustainable Great Lakes fishery resources; proposals offering applied management techniques are of particular interest.**
- **Proposals for habitat enhancement should focus on enhancing fisheries values for Great Lakes species.**
- **Proposals for public education materials and projects should increase public understanding of Great Lakes fisheries and fishery management and promote participation in responsible fishery resource use and enjoyment.**