## D. Format

The forms described are available from the Council's offices (see ADDRESSES).

- 1. Project idea summary: An applicant must complete "Request for Restoration Ideas", Project Summary, for each project. This form is required in addition to the project narrative described below.
- Project idea budget: Since this is a solicitation of ideas and not a competitive bidding process for work to be performed, a project budget is not required. However, the Council requests that a cost estimate be provided in order to better plan for a proposed allocation of available funds. In determining the estimate for total project cost, the respondent should take into account direct costs, indirect costs, and any costsharing. Fees or profits should not be included in the estimated budget.

The total costs of the project idea consist of all costs incurred in accomplishing idea objectives during the life of the project.

- 3. Project idea narrative description: The project idea should be completely and accurately described, as follows:
- a. Project idea goals and objectives: State what the proposed project idea is expected to accomplish.
- b. Project idea statement of work: The statement of work is an action plan of activities to be conducted during the period of the project idea. The respondent should provide a narrative describing the work to be performed that will achieve the Council goals, priorities and criteria. In developing the statement of work, the respondent should include the work, activities, or procedures to be undertaken. The respondent should include the types of individuals expected to perform such
- c. Federal, state, and local government activities: List any Federal, state or local government programs or activities that this project idea would affect, if known, including activities under Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Plans and those requiring consultation with the Federal Government under the Endangered Species Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Describe the relationship between the project idea and these plans or activities.
- d. Project idea evaluation criteria: Respondents should describe how the project idea would address the criteria contained in IV.A.2.

- IV. Evaluation Criteria and Selection Procedures
- A. Evaluation of Restoration Project Ideas
- 1. Consultation with interested parties: The Council will evaluate ideas in consultation with Federal trust agencies, Commonwealth of Massachusetts trust agencies, other Federal and state agencies, the Council's Public Advisory Committee, and others outside the Federal and state trust agencies who have knowledge in the subject matter of the project ideas or who would be affected by the project ideas.
- 2. Technical evaluation criteria: The Council will solicit technical evaluations of each project idea from appropriate private and public sector experts. Point scores will be given to project ideas up to the maximum value shown, based on the following evaluation criteria:
- (a) Project ideas must restore the injured natural resources and associated activities of the area. The idea will be evaluated on whether it restores, replace or acquires the equivalent natural resources that were injured as a result of the release of hazardous materials, including PCBs, in the New Bedford Harbor environment. (25 points)
- (b) Priority will be given to project ideas within the New Bedford Harbor environment, however, project ideas within the affected marine ecosystem that have a direct, positive impact on the harbor environment will be considered. Project ideas that are outside of the New Bedford Harbor environment will be considered provided that they restore injured natural resources within the New Bedford Harbor environment. (15 points)
- (c) Priority will be given to project ideas that give the largest ecological and economic benefit to the greatest area or greatest number of people affected by the injury. The Council is seeking project ideas that will provide the greatest good. A project idea will be evaluated on the basis of whether it provides positive benefits to a more comprehensive area or population. Project ideas that benefit a particular individual rather than a group of individuals would be scored lower under this criterion. (15 points)
- (d) Ecological or economic effects of the project ideas should be identifiable and measurable so changes to the New Bedford Harbor environment can be documented. The idea will be evaluated on whether it has discrete quantifiable results so that a determination can be

made on its success or failure. (10 points)

(e) Preferred project ideas are those that employ proven technologies that have high probabilities of success. In evaluating a project idea, the reviewers will determine the likelihood of success based on the method being proposed. To assist in this evaluation, the respondent should provide information on whether the technique has been used before and whether it has been successful. (10

(f) Project ideas should be cost effective. The justification and allocation of a project's budget in terms of the work to be performed will be evaluated. Project ideas which would result in high implementation costs will be taken into account. (Note: No awards will directly result from this solicitation

for ideas.) (10 points)

(g) Project ideas should enhance the aesthetic surroundings of the harbor environment to the greatest extent possible, while acknowledging the ongoing industrial uses of the harbor. The extent that a project idea recognizes the multiple number of uses and the project idea's impacts on those uses will be evaluated as well as the project idea's ability to enhance the overall beauty of the harbor environment. (5 points)

(h) Project ideas should ultimately enhance the public's ability to use, enjoy, or benefit from the harbor environment. Besides a project idea's success at restoring natural resources, it will be evaluated on the basis of collateral gains in the public's ability to utilize the harbor environment. (5 points)

(i) Project ideas should provide an opportunity for community involvement that should be allowed to continue even after the Council's actions have ended. Project ideas will be evaluated on whether the public can be involved in various facets after the Council has completed its funding and the project is

completed. (5 points)

3. Emergency restoration criteria: In addition to the criteria listed above, project ideas that are considered to be emergency restoration may be funded earlier. See B.3. below. Emergency restoration project ideas are those that: (a) require action to avoid an irreversible loss of natural resources, or (b) prevent or reduce any continuing danger to natural resources.

4. Project idea ranking: Utilizing the numerical scores resulting from the technical evaluation, described at IV.A.2. above, project ideas will be ranked in order of highest score to lowest score. Project ideas scoring the highest will be considered as

"preferred" alternatives, with the other