

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative 2021 Request for Applications

Great Lakes Biology Monitoring Program: Zooplankton, *Mysis*, and Benthic Components

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Question Category	Question	Answer
Technical Design	Please provide additional clarification about how the RFA describes CSMI activities for zooplankton and mysids. In some sections in the RFA (Program Activities) for CSMI, it mentions "special studies" but in others (Sample Collection) it describes "intensive synoptic assessments" much like the current CSMI benthic survey.	We are requesting proposals that address important information gaps for understanding the lower food web across the Great Lakes. Applicants should plan to complete zooplankton/ <i>Mysis</i> studies in each of the lakes during the CSMI years. Applicants could propose synoptic assessments that are the same design across all lakes, or they could propose different targeted studies for each lake based on the state of the science and data needs/key information gaps for the given lake.