

Regional Class Research Vessel (RCRV)



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Preliminary

Design

Final

Design

Conceptual

Design

- 3-ship plan consistent with Congressional direction in FY17 appropriation
- Gulf Island Shipyards LLC, Jennings, LA selected for construction

Development

- In May 2017 NSB authorized NSF to make a construction award
- NSF award of FY17 funds in progress
- Operator selection for two additional RCRVs:
 - Solicitation this fall
 - Minimum 90 days to respond
 - Selection 90 120 days following review panel



RCRV

Construction