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FWS/SA F14AC01301

Ms. Carol Sprague, Director
University of Massachusetts Amherst
Office of Grant and Contract Administration
Research Administration – 70 Butterfield Terrace
Amherst, MA 01003
DUNS: 153926712

Subject: North Atlantic Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, F14AC00282. Notice of Modification to Cooperative Agreement Award F14AC01301

Dear Ms. Sprague:

Your organization’s application for Federal financial assistance, *Forecasting changes in aquatic systems and resilience of aquatic populations in the North Atlantic LCC: decision-support tools for conservation* submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)’s CFDA Program 15.669 was approved and is hereby modified for the following purpose(s):

To extend the performance period until July 31, 2016 at no additional cost based on the justification provided in the email from the UMass Project Officer, Dr. Benjamin Letcher on September 21, 2015. The scope of work as outlined in the original application and Notice of Award letter remain the same.

Your organization’s SAM registration is set to expire on October 2, 2015. Under the terms and conditions of this award, your organization is required to maintain an active SAM registration throughout the entire approved award period. Please update your SAM registration before it is set to expire.

This modification is funded as follows:

	<u>This Obligation</u>	<u>Previous Obligation</u>	<u>Award Total</u>
USFWS	\$ 0	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000
Recipient	\$ 0	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000

Financial and Performance Reporting Requirements:

Semi-annual interim financial and performance reports and final financial and performance reports are required under this award. The report periods and due dates under this award are:

Report:	Report Period:	Report Due Date:
Interim financial & performance	Date Agreement Signed – March 31, 2015	April 30, 2015
Interim financial & performance	April 1, 2015 – October 31, 2015	November 30, 2015
Interim financial & performance	October 1, 2015- March 31, 2016	April 30, 2016
Final financial and performance	April 1, 2016 – July 31, 2016	October 30, 2016

Recipients must use the Standard Form (SF) 425, *Federal Financial Report* form for all financial reporting. This form is available at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_forms/.

Performance reports must contain: 1) a comparison of actual accomplishments with the goals and objectives of the award as detailed in the approved scope of work; 2) a description of reasons why established goals were not met, if appropriate; and 3) any other pertinent information relevant to the project results. Please include the Service award number provided in the subject line of this letter on all reports.

Reporting due dates may be extended by the USFWS upon receipt of a written request addressed to the USFWS Project Officer identifying the type of report to be extended, the requested revised due date, and a justification for the extension. The USFWS Project Officer may, upon receipt of a written request, approve an additional extension if justified by a catastrophe that significantly impairs the award recipient's operations. Requests for reporting due date extensions must be received by the USFWS Project Officer before the original reporting due date.

All financial and performance reports must be sent to the USFWS Project Officer identified below.

Project Contacts:

The USFWS Project Officer for this award is:	The Recipient Project Officer for this award is:
Andrew Milliken, North Atlantic LCC Coordinator 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, Massachusetts, 01035 413-253-8269 (office) andrew_milliken@fws.gov	Benjamin Letcher, Ph.D., Adjunct Professor, Department of Environmental Conservation, University of Massachusetts Amherst Amherst, MA 01003, 413-863-3803 (phone), 413- 863-9810 (fax), bletcher@eco.umass.edu

All other terms and conditions, not listed herein, remain unchanged and in effect.

Please contact Andrew Milliken with any questions. Please include the assigned USFWS award number in all written communications.

Sincerely,

Assistant Regional Director – Science Applications