

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Northeast Region Science Applications Cooperative Agreement
Interim Project Progress Report**

Award Number: F14AC01001
Award Period: 11/01/2014 - 4/30/2017
Project Title: *Demonstration and Science Delivery Networks for Coastal Resiliency Information, part of two larger Department of The Interior Hurricane Sandy Mitigation Project Decision Support for Hurricane Sandy Restoration and Future Conservation to Increase Resiliency of Tidal Wetland Habitats and Species in the Face of Storms and Sea Level Rise and Decision Support for Hurricane Sandy Restoration and Future Conservation to Increase Resiliency of Beach Habitats and Beach-Dependent Species in the Face of Storms and Sea Level Rise*
Recipient Name: Association of US Delegates to the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment
Lead: Cynthia Krum
Reporting Period: 01/01/2016 - 06/30/2016
Report Due Date: 07/30/2016

Summary: Overall, the tasks are progressing as expected. Project Activities 1 and 5, coordination and administrative management of the project, are consistent and continuous over the 2.5 year grant period. While the first year of the grant period focused primarily on Project Activity 4 and the development of a RFP for the science delivery program and selection of projects, the subsequent 6 months have been dedicated to tracking those projects as they progress, as well as shifting focus to Project Activities 2 and 3. Discussions are well underway for scoping themes and sessions for a 2-3 day workshop, as well as date and location logistics. In terms of funds spent to date, this is progressing as expected. The sub-grantee contracts issued as part of Project Activity 4 have resulted in \$221,371 being awarded through the science delivery grant program. A 6 month no cost extension was issued to this cooperative agreement, in order to better stay in synch with the larger DOI projects of which this is a part and which also received extensions.

Were planned goals/objectives achieved last quarter? Yes

Progress Achieved:

- Development and maintenance of a table for tracking resiliency projects and science delivery methods options for each
- Status and progress reports for the 5 science delivery grant projects were gathered and synthesized on a regular basis
- All grant project leads participated in a mid-point check in call, or in-person meeting, to share progress and results/products to date. All are progressing on schedule.
- A session was held specific to Hurricane Sandy projects and science delivery at the NROC winter meeting
- More detailed and focused discussions were held to explore options for workshops and information postings
- Potential dates, location and workshop outline have been determined
- Regular core project team calls and meetings occurred

Project Activity	Activity Description	% Done	Progress Narrative
1	Coordination of a program of science delivery	75%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convened regular calls and in person meetings of core project team to discuss tasks and schedules for project activities 2, 3, and 4. • Maintained meeting notes and communicated updates and progress to larger project team and NROC executive committee • Deveopled and maintained a table for tracking resiliency projects and science delivery methods options for each • Presented an overview on resilience projects and science delivery at NROC winter meeting
2	Organization and posting of information on ocean/coastal data portals	35%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued discussions on options for organization and posting have occurred • Connected with NE Data Portal staff on potentail inclusion of products from Hurricane Sandy funded projects
3	Organization and hosting of workshop and training	35%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued discussions on options for workshop and training have occurred • Several calls held with relevant NROC workgroups and partners for scoping of workshops • Potential dates, location, and outline of workshops have been determined
4	Management of a science delivery grant program	80%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status and progress reports for the 5 projects were gathered and synthesized on a regular basis • All project leads participated in a mid-point check in call, or in-person meeting, to share progress and results/products to date • All projects progressing on schedule and anticipated completetion in September 2016.
5	Management and administration	70%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processing contracts; paying invoices, drawing down funds; coordinating reports; budgeting for expected project expenditures

Veterans and Youth: There were no veterans and or youth (17-25) that were employed as a result of this agreement.

Difficulties Encountered: None

Activities Anticipated Next Quarter:

- Continued management and tracking of science delivery program projects
- Completion of science delivery grant projects (project activity 4), including development of project summary 1-pagers for outreach purposes
- Continued planning and scheduling for Project Activities 2 and 3.
- Convening of a 2-3 day workshop focused on marsh resilience and living shorelines, highlighting various Hurricane Sandy funded marsh and beach resilience projects and products to NROC partners/coastal community

Expected End Date: A no-cost extension was arranged, with a new end date of April 30, 2017

Costs:

Total expenses this six months: \$195,349.82

Total life to date expenses (including this quarter): \$236,649.73

Total approved budgeted funds: \$340,000.00

Are you within the approved budget plan and categories? Yes

Signature:

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Date: July 15, 2016