

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

Award Number: F14AC01001
Award Period: 11/01/2014 - 10/31/2016
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: 07/01/2015 - 12/31/2015
Report Due Date: 01/31/2016

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 year grant period. As anticipated, the bulk of effort for Project Activities 2 and 3 will occur in the latter portion of the grant period when products are available for posting, training, etc. While the first 6 months of the grant period focused primarily on Project Activity 4 and the development of a Request for Proposals for the science delivery program, the subsequent 6 months were dedicated to proposal review, selection, and issuance of sub-award contracts. All projects selected as part of the science delivery program are now underway. In terms of funds spent to date, this is also progressing as expected. The sub-grantee contracts issued will result in \$221,371 being awarded through the science delivery grant program.

Were planned goals/objectives achieved last quarter? Yes

Progress Achieved:

- 16 proposals were received in response to the science delivery program RFP
- The proposal review team selected 5 projects for funding, which are currently underway
- Issuance and initial management of contracts to successful applicants
- Participated in NALCC Tidal Marsh Resiliency workshop in December
- Discussions continued to explore options for workshops and information postings
- Regular core project team calls and meetings occurred

Project Activity	Activity Description	% Done	Progress Narrative
1	Coordination of a program of science delivery	50%	<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.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintained meeting notes and communicated updates and progress to larger project team and NROC executive committee
2	Organization and posting of information on ocean/coastal data portals	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued discussions on options for organization and posting have occurred Bulk of this activity will occur in 2nd half of grant as products become available
3	Organization and hosting of workshop and training	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued discussions on options for workshop and training have occurred
4	Management of a science delivery grant program	70%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received 16 proposals in response to Request for Proposals for science delivery program Proposal review team convened several times to review, discuss, rank, and select proposals for funding 5 projects were selected, contracted, and are underway Project overviews were presented at NALCC Tidal Marsh Resiliency workshop in December
5	Management and administration	50%	<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
- Highlighting of various Hurricane Sandy funded marsh and beach resilience projects and products to NROC partners/coastal community
- Detailed planning and scheduling for Project Activities 2 and 3.

Expected End Date: October 31, 2016

Costs:

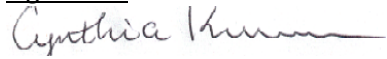
Total expenses this six month period: \$25,741.51

Total life to date expenses (including this six month period): \$41,299.91

Total approved budgeted funds: \$340,000

Are you within the approved budget plan and categories? Yes

Signature:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cynthia Krumm".

Date: January 20, 2016