## 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:** 11/01/2014 - 06/30/2015

**Report Due Date:** 07/30/2015

<u>Summary:</u> Overall, the tasks are progressing as expected. Project Activities 1 and 5, coordination and administrative management of the project, are consistant 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. The first 6 months of the grant period have focused primarily on Project Activity 4, in particular the development of a Request for Proposals for the science delivery program. This is roughly in line with the project timetable which calls for "development of an RFP in the first six months and selection and delivery of projects in the last 18 months." In terms of funds spent to date, this is also progressing as expected. The RFP which is currently out, will result in \$220,000 being awarded through the science delivery grant program.

Were planned goals/objectives achieved last quarter? Yes

## Progress Achieved:

- Regular core project team calls and meetings occurred
- Initial discussions were held and options explored for workshops and information postings
- A science delivery program RFP was developed and released
- A proposal review team was formed and review schedule set

Project Activity	Activity Description	% Done	Progress Narrative
1	Coordination of a program of science delivery	25%	<ul> <li>Convened regular calls and in person meetings of core project team to discuss tasks and schedules for project activities 2, 3, and 4.</li> <li>Maintained meeting notes and communicated updates and progress</li> </ul>

2	Organization and posting of information on ocean/coastal data portals	10%	<ul> <li>to larger project team and NROC executive committee</li> <li>Initial discussions on options for organization and posting have occurred</li> <li>Bulk of this activity will occur in 2<sup>nd</sup> half of grant as products become available</li> </ul>
3	Organization and hosting of workshop and training	10%	Initial discussions on options for workshop and training have occurred
4	Management of a science delivery grant program	25%	<ul> <li>Developed and released Request for Proposals for science delivery program</li> <li>Formed proposal review team; scheduled review period and team call</li> </ul>
5	Management and administration	5%	<ul> <li>Processing contracts; paying invoices, draw down funds; coordinating reports; budgeting for expected project expenditures</li> </ul>

<u>Veteran's and Youth:</u> 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:**

- Review and selection of successful projects (in response to RFP)
- Issuance and initial management of contracts to successful applicants
- Fleshing out further details and schedules for Project Activities 2 and 3.

Expected End Date: October 31, 2016

## Costs:

Total expenses this quarter: \$8,132.80

Total life to date expenses (including this quarter): \$15,558.40

Total approved budgeted funds: \$340,000

Are you within the approved budget plan and categories? Yes

Signature: Cynthia Kun <u>Date:</u> July 30, 2015