



ACTION PLAN GRANTS

2009-2010

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HIGHLIGHTS: Provides funding to other organizations to advance the Council's Action Plan. Good visibility, concrete deliverables. The last Action Plan Grants were awarded 2007-08. No funding means that this program will be put on hold indefinitely.

SECURED FUNDING

Stated in US Dollars
(Indirect Included)

Expense

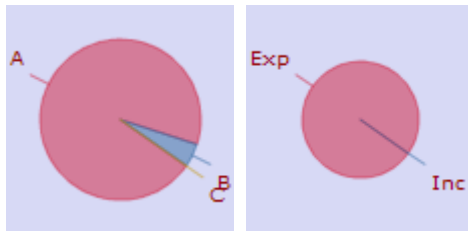
A. Grants	\$100,000
B. Grants management	\$5,000
C. Expense Item	\$0

Total Expense \$105,000

Income

Total Income \$0

FUNDS NEEDED \$105,000



Expenses

Expenses v. Income

OVERVIEW

Program Description

Historically, the GOM Council's Action Plan Grants program releases an request for proposals each year. Successful applicants implement projects that support the specific and measureable objectives in the Council's Action Plan Goals of Habitat, Contaminants, and Sustainable Maritime Activities. For more specific detail on past Action Plan Grants, follow the link below.

More Info

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Deliverables

- Approximately eight \$10,000 grants would be awarded.

Strengths: Good visibility and public relations for the Council; builds community interest and capacity; On-the-ground action.

Weaknesses: Some applicant groups do not do a good job of publicizing the Council's support and Action Plan goals

Opportunities: Try to leverage funds from current federal and nonprofit funders who have an interest in supporting large and targeted GOM initiatives

Threats: There is currently no funding for grants or grants management

Action Plan

List how program corresponds with the AP

- The program could advance any number of Action Plan activities, depending on the grants approved.

Linkages

Internal: All committees and subcommittees for expertise and review of grant proposals; Council Coordinator; Fund Development Coordinator; US Gulf of Maine Association

External: Partner organizations in the GOM

FUNDING	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Grants	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

FUNDING PROPOSALS

Activity	Funder	Type of Funds	Amount (US)	Decision Date	Result
Total			\$0		

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CLIMATE CHANGE NETWORK

2009-2010

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HIGHLIGHTS: The network will focus on opportunistic information exchange and knowledge building.

SECURED FUNDING

Stated in US Dollars
(Indirect Included)

Expense

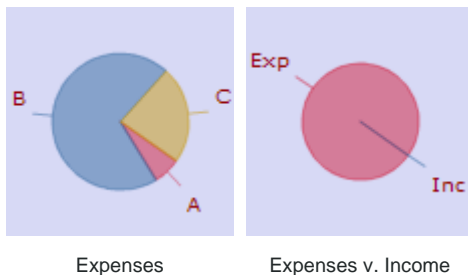
A. Technical assistance	\$11,659
B. Policy maker outreach	\$124,354
C. US/CA coordination	\$40,806

Total Expense \$176,819

Income

Total Income \$0

FUNDS NEEDED \$176,819



OVERVIEW


Program Description


The Climate Change Network strives to bring the latest climate change science, impacts, and adaptation information to the Gulf of Maine community. The goals of the Network are to help enhance awareness of how projected climate change will impact the Gulf of Maine region, help those working on other environmental issues to understand how climate change will influence their work, work toward adaptation strategies, and facilitate networking and communication between the various groups, agencies, and academics.


More Info


Deliverables

- Provide technical assistance to the GoMC committees and working group through establishing and maintaining the Network
- Coordinate US and Cdn decision making activities as related to climate change information
- Provide print and web information about climate change impacts and adaptation to stakeholders
- Deliver climate change information through workshops, seminars and annual conference.

Strengths: Facilitates the networking of all parties interested in climate change. 

Weaknesses: Both labour and resource intensive in order to maintain and grow those network opportunities. 

Opportunities: Networking will identify and expand knowledge of climate change impacts on Gulf of Maine. 

Threats: Lack of pertinent knowledge. Need relevant participation. 

Action Plan

List how program corresponds with the AP.

- 1.17 Conduct risk analysis and prioritize the vectors of invasive species and understand the effects of climate change.
- 1.18 Convene stakeholder workshops to identify and promote mitigative and adaptive strategies for dealing with sea level rise and changes in water quality related to climate change.
- 1.20 Enhance the climate change module of the Council's on-line KnowledgeBase by compiling programs, best practices and other information.
- 1.21 Investigate and propose regional climate change adaptation strategies
- 1.22 Initiate the Climate Change Network and coordinate



Climate Change Action Plan Activities for years one and two.

- 1.5 Prepare regional criteria to identify coastal habitats at risk from sea level rise and other climate change impacts; integrate into habitat restoration decision-making.
- 1.6 Compile and disseminate information on coastal habitats and watersheds at risk due to climate change.

Linkages

Internal: All subcommittees

External: EPA, NOAA, EC, DFO and most state and provincial agencies

FUNDING	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Technical assistance	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Policy maker outreach	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
US/CA coordination	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

FUNDING PROPOSALS

Activity	Funder	Type of Funds	Amount (US)	Decision Date	Result
Climate Change Activities	NOAA/CSI - Coasts, LOI	Cash	\$265,000		
Total			\$265,000		

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ECOSYSTEM INDICATOR PARTNERSHIP

2009-2010

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HIGHLIGHTS: ESIP has produced factsheets, powerpoint templates, folders and business cards with logo for clear branding and identification. These materials have been distributed at conferences and scientific meetings throughout the Gulf. Through interactive poster exhibits and presentations, new contributors and users have been identified and the ESIP membership has continued to expand.

SECURED FUNDING

Stated in US Dollars
(Indirect Included)

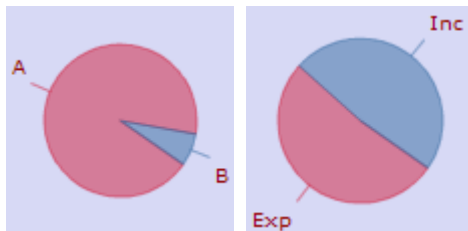
Expense

A. Program Manager	\$78,560
B. Web Services	\$5,830
Total Expense	\$84,390

Income

A. USGS	\$28,312
B. EC (Contribution Agreement)	\$2,340
C. DFO	\$21,313
D. EPA	\$15,000
E. EC (climate)	\$11,400
Total Income	\$78,365

FUNDS NEEDED \$6,025



Expenses

Expenses v. Income

OVERVIEW

Program Description


ESIP will complete tier one indicators over the next 12 months, resulting in Gulf of Maine-wide aggregation of data for seven indicator themes (climate change, coastal development, contaminants, eutrophication, fisheries, aquaculture, and aquatic habitat). ESIP provides tools for managers and decision makers to observe trends for more than 25 indicators and compare trends from multiple jurisdictions and data providers.


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Deliverables

- Release of general fact sheet (July 2009)
- Release of revised Indicator Reporting Tool (July 2009)
- Participation in RARGOM (October 2009)
- Release of Climate Change Indicator fact sheet focused on status and trends (Fall 2009)
- Release of Eutrophication Indicator fact sheet focused on status and trends (late Fall/Early Winter 2009)
- Populate indicators for a portion of the four remaining subcommittees (fisheries/aquaculture, aquatic habitat, contaminants, coastal development (on-going))
- Presentations and workshops in the region as opportunity allows for
- Identification of specific ESIP indicators which could be associated with legislative goals and/or mandates
- Reinvigorate Provincial participation in ESIP subcommittees

Strengths: More than 100 organizations participating in subcommittees. Federal funding sources (EC, DFO, EPA and USGS) provide stable platform for FY2011. 

Weaknesses: Small membership from states and provinces as well as local organizations 

Opportunities: Build stronger alliances with regional groups with similar interests and concerns 

Threats: Loss of Program Manager, to job that provides steady and reliable funding. 

Action Plan

List how program corresponds with the AP

- 1.8 Implement the Council's Strategy for Gulf of Maine Ecosystem Indicators and State of the Environment



Reporting'

Linkages

Internal: Climate Change Network, Gulfwatch, Habitat Monitoring Subcommittee

External: Over 100 volunteers from academic, government, industry and public organizations; St. Croix International Waterway Commission and NB Environmental Trust Fund collaboration for impervious surfaces project

FUNDING	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Program Manager	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Web Services	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

FUNDING PROPOSALS

Activity	Funder	Type of Funds	Amount (US)	Decision Date	Result
ESIP manager support	Environment Canada FY11	Cash	\$14,080	07/01/2010	
Program Manager Deliverables	CAN Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans	Cash	\$4,000	06/30/2010	
ESIP Tasks	EPA/GEOSS	Cash	\$75,000	06/30/2010	
ESIP Tasks	US EPA	Cash	\$15,000	12/01/2010	
ESIP Tool, SOE reporting, training	US Congress/NEGC request	Cash	\$50,000		Denied
Program Manager Deliverables	USGS		\$28,588		Approved
Total			\$186,668		

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GULF OF MAINE MAPPING INITIATIVE

2009-2010

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HIGHLIGHTS: No funding for a coordinator position means that coordination and organization will fall to committee members, and regional collaboration will be diminished.

SECURED FUNDING

Stated in US Dollars
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Expense

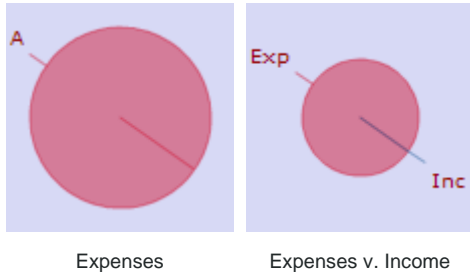
A. Coordinator \$46,600

Total Expense \$46,600

Income

Total Income \$0

FUNDS NEEDED \$46,600



Expenses

Expenses v. Income

OVERVIEW

Program Description


Coordinate seafloor mapping in the Gulf of Maine, with the ultimate goal of developing benthic habitat maps from the intertidal zone to the deep subtidal for the entire GoM ecosystem. Since holding a Planning Workshop in February 2006, GOMMI has been working toward four main objectives: broaden base of support for GOMMI; Coordinate mapping efforts in the GOM; complete a pilot mapping project on Cashes Ledge; map priority areas. These objectives continue to guide GOMMI's work.

More Info

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Deliverables

- Updated High-Resolution Seafloor Mapping Coverage Map
- Monthly GOMMI Steering Committee Conference Calls & Call Summaries
- E-newsletter
- Workshop: Shallow Water Mapping in GOM DOI Holdings
- GOMMI Brochure Publication
- Facilitate Publication of Seafloor Mapping Data on GOM Biogeographical Information System
- Plan, coordinate and fund GOMMI and other regional seafloor mapping projects
- Assist or coordinate data integration efforts (e.g. marine cadastre effort to integrate seafloor benthic data, Massachusetts Ocean Partnership, Gulf of Maine Biogeographical Information Systems, etc.)
- Promote mapping standards directly & through mapping coordination
- Workshop Proceedings & Distribution
- GOMC Working Group Information Packets
- GOMMI 2-yr Planning Mtg
- Database of Gulf of Maine Mapping Activities
- 2010-2011 GOMMI Workplan
- Fundraising Strategy & Fundraising (private donors, foundations)

Strengths: GOMMI has a diverse and large steering committee membership. The need for seafloor mapping to guide research, management decisions, policy making, ecosystem-based management approaches, and commercial activities, and ocean development is widely recognized by all stakeholders 

Weaknesses: no sustained funding for GOMMI coordinator,



securing funding to leverage or initiate seafloor mapping efforts, lack of continued representation from Canadian agencies

Opportunities: partnership with MA seafloor mapping program thru Coastal Zone Management and Division of Marine Fisheries; advancing outcomes of 3 workshops; participating in a mapping collaborative with regional and international partners, NROC working group requests for seafloor mapping

Threats: institutional memory difficult to maintain w. steering committee membership shifting, lack of consistent funding for coordinator

Action Plan

List how program corresponds with the AP

- In providing baseline benthic substrate & habitat data to aid ecosystem-based management, decision making, research and monitoring, seafloor mapping supports goal #1

Linkages

Internal: every one that can benefit from seafloor mapping

External: Seafloor Mapping US Congress/NEGC request - \$1,500,000; GOMOOS, CoML, IOCM, NOAA, USGS, NRCAN, state and provincial agencies, seafloor mapping consulting, Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping at UNH, Office of Coast Survey, National Park Service, Canadian Healthy Oceans Network, Gulf of Maine Research Institute, etc.

FUNDING	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
GOMMI Coordinator	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

FUNDING PROPOSALS

Activity	Funder	Type of Funds	Amount (US)	Decision Date	Result
Coordinator	MA DFM (mitigation funds)	Cash	\$50,000		
Total			\$50,000		

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GULF OF MAINE TIMES

2009-2010

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HIGHLIGHTS: Public face of the Council. Broad readership base. The present funding shortfall means that only one more online edition of the Times will be produced. There is the potential for small amounts of additional funding, which may enable the Times to exist issue to issue; however, this may not be feasible based on funding uncertainty and availability of the editor.

SECURED FUNDING

Stated in US Dollars
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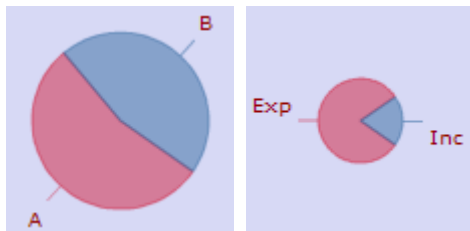
Expense

A. Editor (4 issues)	\$53,750
Printing/mailing (4 issues - not needed if web edition B. only)	\$45,470
Total Expense	\$99,220

Income

A. Donations	\$1,713
B. Maine State Planning Office	\$7,000
C. DFO	\$5,000
D. NH Charitable Foundation	\$10,000
Total Income	\$23,713

FUNDS NEEDED **\$75,507**



Expenses

Expenses v. Income

OVERVIEW

Program Description


When the Times was established, the objective was to provide a newspaper that represents a transboundary voice for environmental and conservation activity within the Gulf of Maine. We are working to enhance the web presence of the Times by augmenting the content through updates between printed editions. While providing more information to our readers, we are hoping also to build sponsor loyalty.


More Info


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Deliverables

- 4 editions of GOMTimes paper and web
- Articles cited, reprinted, etc. in other media.

Strengths: Signature product of GOMC. Highly effective editorial team in place. Readership of more than 10,000 throughout Gulf region. 

Weaknesses: Current lack of sustainable funding sources. 

Opportunities: Having a minimum of an on-line version would ensure that the Times does not stop completely. 

Threats: Funding 

Action Plan

- List how program corresponds with the AP
- Cross-cutting activity for the Action Plan

Linkages

Internal: Cross-committee

External: We communicate the activities of other organizations and agencies within the Gulf of Maine

FUNDING 	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Editor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Printing/Mailing	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

FUNDING PROPOSALS

Activity	Funder	Type of Funds	Amount (US)	Decision Date	Result
Climate Change	NOAA/SARP	Cash	\$5,000		Denied



Mass indicators	Mass Environmental Trust	Cash	\$2,700		Denied
GOMT Production	DFO	Cash	\$5,000		Approved
GOMT Production	Donors	Cash	\$3,000		Approved
EBM series	COMPASS, GOMCML, etc.	Cash	\$0		
GOMT Production	USGS	Cash	\$5,000	05/10/2010	Approved
GOMT production	Jessie B Cox Fund at the Boston Foundation		\$2,000		Approved
Total			\$22,700		

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GULFWATCH

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HIGHLIGHTS: \$10,260 is needed for Inorganic Analysis lab cost. \$7,350 is needed for Data Report and Data Management. Expected funds would cover Gulfwatch Coordination and Organic Analysis. Recent success in increasing committee membership with three new members joining the committee.

SECURED FUNDING

Stated in US Dollars
(Indirect Included)

Expense

A. Coordinator	\$26,100
B. Analysis (Organic)	\$14,172
C. Data Report	\$5,250
D. Data Management	\$2,100
E. Analysis (Inorganic)	\$10,260
Communication Materials for	
F. Managers	\$50,000

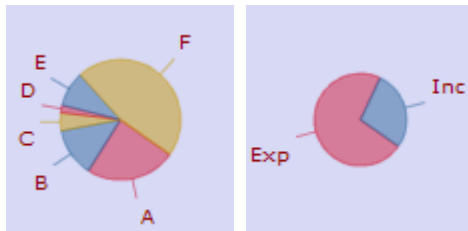
Total Expense \$107,882

Income

A. NOAA/Coordinator	\$7,559
EC Contribution	
B. Agreement/Coordinator	\$14,439
C. EC O&M/Analysis	\$19,400

Total Income \$41,398

FUNDS NEEDED \$66,484



Expenses

Expenses v. Income

OVERVIEW

Program Description

The Gulfwatch Program collects, analyzes, and communicates data on chemical contaminants using blue mussels to assess the distribution and levels of contaminants in coastal waters in the Gulf of Maine. It is the only marine chemical contaminant monitoring program jointly coordinated by the US and Canada across international borders. Contaminants assessed include: 24 PAHs; 22 PCBs, 16 pesticides and 9 metals.


More Info


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Deliverables

- 2009 mussel tissue sampling and analysis
- Analysis and reporting on 2008 data.
- Updating of on-line Gulfwatch Interactive Mapping Tool

Strengths: Long-term data series; data provider for ESIP; only monitoring program of its kind in CAN/US. 

Weaknesses: Lack of funds; reliance on year-to-year government funding. 

Opportunities: Increased use by federal/state/provincial agencies for State of the Environment reporting; expand and build upon existing monitoring program to serve new clients. 

Threats: Lack of funding; Retiring committee members and no new recruits. 

Action Plan

List how program corresponds with the AP


- 2.1 Develop and disseminate tools for managers to use Gulfwatch data and analyses through partnerships with other regional efforts.
- 2.2 Continue to conduct the Gulfwatch program, integrating recommendations from the scientific program review.

Linkages

Internal: ESIP

External: NOAA Mussel Watch Program

FUNDING 	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Coordinator	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Analysis (Organic & metals)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Data Report	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

Data Management	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Analysis (Inorganic)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Communication Materials for Managers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

FUNDING PROPOSALS

Activity	Funder	Type of Funds	Amount (US)	Decision Date	Result
Gulfwatch Coordination, 2009 data Report and Data Presentation	EC	Cash	\$16,720	06/30/2010	
Total			\$16,720		

INITIATIVE REPRESENTATIVES

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Bruce Thorpe - FIELD WORK	New Brunswick Dept of Fisheries	New Brunswick		
Peter Henniger - FIELD WORK	Environment Canada - retired	Canada		
Phil Trowbridge	NH Dept. of Environmental Services	New Hampshire		
Shawn Roach - FIELD WORK	Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans - BIO	Canada		
Gareth Harding	Bedford Institute of Oceanography - Emeritus	Canada		
Lawrence Leblanc	University of Maine Orono	Maine		
Shawn Roach	Department of Oceans and Fisheries	Canada		

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HABITAT CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION INITIATIVE

2009-2010

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HIGHLIGHTS: Seeks to accelerate Council habitat restoration program & achieve actual environmental and economic benefits

SECURED FUNDING

Stated in US Dollars
(Indirect Included)

Expense

A. Project Coordination \$87,500

Total Expense \$87,500

Income

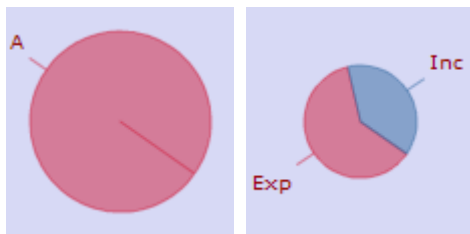
Maine Community
A. Foundation \$7,500

New Hampshire Charitable
B. Foundation \$30,000

C. Jessie B. Cox Foundation \$17,000

Total Income \$54,500

FUNDS NEEDED \$33,000



Expenses

Expenses v. Income

OVERVIEW


Program Description

The Gulf of Maine Restoration and Conservation Initiative is a collaborative effort to develop a strategic framework for a unified and comprehensive restoration and conservation strategy for the bi-national Gulf of Maine. The framework identifies seven key issue areas, including: 1) Coastal Fish and Wildlife Populations and their Habitats 2) Coastal Water Quality 3) Invasive species in the coastal and marine environment 4) Abandoned fishing gear and other debris 5) The impacts of climate change 6) Long range planning, science, and communication


More Info


Deliverables

- Habitat Conservation and Restoration Plan - Fall 2010;
- Advocacy alliance - Fall 2010

Strengths: Collaborative public, non-profit and for-profit planning effort 

Weaknesses: Effective engagement of Canadian non-profits 

Opportunities: Significant US federal funding for shovels in the dirt environmental improvements 

Threats: US and Canadian efforts do not proceed in parallel 

Action Plan

- List how program corresponds with the AP
- AP objectives address habitat restoration, water quality, invasive species, climate change, and planning/communications

Linkages

Internal: Habitat Restoration Committee & coordinator, fund development, GOM Times and communications,

External: myriad non-profit organizations, business/construction community, other federal agencies

FUNDING 	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Project Coordination	✘	✘	✘	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘

FUNDING PROPOSALS

Activity	Funder	Type of Funds	Amount (US)	Decision Date	Result
Project Coordination	Cox Foundation	Cash	\$50,000	01/31/2010	Approved
Project Coordination	NH Charitable		\$30,000	12/01/2009	Approved



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	Foundation			
Total			\$80,000	

INITIATIVE REPRESENTATIVES

Co-chair:

Co-chair:

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Anita Hamilton (Observer)	Fisheries and Oceans	Nova Scotia		
Adrienne Harrison/Nicholson	NOAA/CSC	New Hampshire		
25+ non-profit representatives	non-profit organizations			

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HABITAT MONITORING

2009-2010

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HIGHLIGHTS: No funding will mean that the new web-tool will remain a pilot project, and that coordination will have to be led by participating committee members.

SECURED FUNDING

Stated in US Dollars
(Indirect Included)

Expense

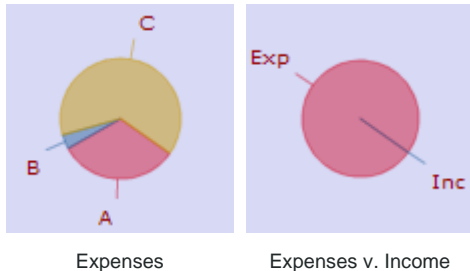
A. Coordinator	\$29,150
B. IT Services	\$3,500
Decision Support System	
C. Development Contract	\$58,295

Total Expense \$90,945

Income

Total Income \$0

FUNDS NEEDED \$90,945



OVERVIEW


Program Description


The Habitat Monitoring Sub-committee facilitates regional coordination and dissemination of information on the distribution, extent, and condition of significant coastal and marine habitats. The subcommittee has developed a regional strategy for habitat monitoring and a prototype web-based tool for inputting, synthesizing, and reporting regional monitoring results. Tasks include populating the web tool with existing data on salt marsh and seagrass vegetation indicators; expanding the tool to include additional indicators of habitat integrity at multiple scales; and contributing information on regional habitat condition to the ESIP reporting tool.


More Info

Deliverables

- Summary recommendations and presentations from the workshop on Status, Trends, and Conservation of Eelgrass in Atlantic Canada and the Northeastern United States held February 2009.
- Completed web-based decision support tool for salt marsh and seagrass monitoring (contingent on securing funding)

Strengths: • Commitment of HMSC members; • strong foundation for regional coordination of habitat monitoring in a way to serve information needs of decision makers. 

Weaknesses: • Lack of paid coordinator to implement HMSC regional monitoring plans; • Lack of funds to develop the prototype web-based Regional Habitat Monitoring Data System to completion. 

Opportunities: • Development of proposals to fund completion of web-based tool for synthesizing and reporting regional habitat monitoring data. 

Threats: Lack of funds. 

Action Plan


List how program corresponds with the AP

- Directly supports AP 1.8; contributes to AP 1.23.

Linkages

Internal: • ESIP – HMSC serves as Aquatic Habitats workgroup and provides large-scale habitat indicators for ESIP tool; • HRSC, HCSC, and GOMMI

External: Many federal, state, provincial, academic, and nongovernmental organizations with interest in and responsibility for coastal habitat conservation.

FUNDING 	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Coordinator	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
IT Services	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Development Contract	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X



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FUNDING PROPOSALS

Activity	Funder	Type of Funds	Amount (US)	Decision Date	Result
Total			\$0		

INITIATIVE REPRESENTATIVES

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HABITAT RESTORATION

2009-2010

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HIGHLIGHTS: Funding largely secured; however, some funding is still sought as recommended match for the coordinator position.

SECURED FUNDING

Stated in US Dollars
(Indirect Included)

Expense

A. Restoration Coordinator	\$96,766
B. Grant Expenditures (est.)	\$425,494
Total Expense	\$522,260

Income

NOAA/NMFS III (Rest. Coordinator.)	\$86,266
NOAA/NMFS III (Grant Expenditures)	\$425,494
C. NOAA 06 (Rest Coordinator)	\$10,500
Total Income	\$522,260

FUNDS NEEDED **\$0**



OVERVIEW

Program Description


The Habitat Restoration Program has three major areas of focus: (1) the Habitat Restoration Subcommittee (made up of state, provincial, Canada, US, and NGO representatives) serves as a mechanism to share information on habitat restoration around the Gulf; (2) development of technical guidance and informational materials on habitat restoration priorities as driven by the subcommittee; and (3) providing funding and technical assistance to habitat restoration projects throughout the Gulf of Maine region through the GOMC/NOAA Community-based Habitat Restoration Partnership Grant Program.


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Deliverables

- Funding and technical assistance of habitat restoration projects throughout the Gulf of Maine region up to the limits that funding will allow on an annual basis (currently at about \$350k per year).
- Development of guidance manuals and interpretive publications on topics of interest and expertise of the Habitat Restoration Subcommittee on an as needed and as time allows basis.

Strengths: Committed team with considerable restoration/ecological expertise and strong interjurisdictional linkages 

Weaknesses: Declining non-federal match jeopardizes federal funding for the grant partnership; staffing constraints limit subcommittee activities. 

Opportunities: Promote application of well-recognized restoration principles/methods and engage a dialogue on emerging issues (e.g. climate change) of relevance. 

Threats: Loss or diminished funding will severely reduce the ability of the grants partnership and subcommittee to function. 

Action Plan

List how program corresponds with the AP

- 1.1 Continue to administer Habitat Restoration Partnership Grants
- 1.14 Develop and implement a social marketing campaign on the benefits of habitat restoration.
- 1.15 Investigate options for a technical-assistance program for voluntary habitat restoration by private landowners.
- 1.2 Maintain and expand the Gulf of Maine Habitat Restoration Web Portal



- 1.4 Collaborate with the foundation community to expand support for habitat restoration activities

Linkages

Internal: Habitat Restoration- Habitat Monitoring Subcommittees; ESIP; Council Coordinator - Fund Development Coordinator; USGOMA Director - Financial Assistant

External: Gulfwide restoration practitioners; restoration researchers; CZM programs in ME, NH, MA; BoFEP Saltmarsh and Restricted Tidal Systems Committee.

FUNDING	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Program Coordinator	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘
Grants	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔

FUNDING PROPOSALS

Activity	Funder	Type of Funds	Amount (US)	Decision Date	Result
Prepare Maine proposals (Through ME SPO)	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	Cash	\$79,996		Denied
Prepare gulf-wide, multi-resource restoration strategy	US Congress/Restoration Collaborative	Cash	\$200,000		
GOMC-NOAA Habitat Restoration Partnership	NOAA/NMFS	Cash	\$1,950,000	01/31/2010	Approved
Restoration Coordinator match	ME DOT (over 2 years)	Cash	\$40,000		Approved
Restoration Coordinator match	CWRP (over 3 years)	Cash	\$15,000		Approved
Restoration Coordinator match	MA DER (over 3 years)	Cash	\$30,000		Approved
Total			\$2,314,996		

INITIATIVE REPRESENTATIVES

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SECRETARIAT

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HIGHLIGHTS: Critical to the functioning of Council. If all 09/10 Council dues are received and a meeting registration fee is implemented, there will be no reduction from 08/09 funding levels. Reduction in funding means less support to the host jurisdiction and a need to further reduce meeting costs.

SECURED FUNDING

Stated in US Dollars
(Indirect Included)

Expense

A. Council Coordination (CC)	\$40,050
B. Meeting expense	\$5,400
C. Award framing	\$1,100
D. Administrative Assistant	\$20,000

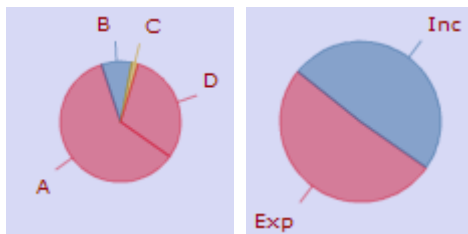
Total Expense \$66,550

Income

A. Annual Council Dues (CC)	\$19,120
B. Indirect Revenue (CC)	\$4,740
C. NH DES Direct CC Payment NH DES in-kind Admin.	\$20,000
D. Assis.	\$20,000

Total Income \$63,860

FUNDS NEEDED \$2,690



Expenses

Expenses v. Income

OVERVIEW

Program Description


Secretariat ensures that annual processes of the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment are effectively carried out with the input and participation of the appropriate people from within the organization. Although most of this is accomplished through the efforts of various committees and contractors, the Secretariat oversees the completion of many tasks pertinent to the group as a whole. The Secretariat facilitates communication among the Council, Management and Finance, Working Group members, and sub/committees includes membership, listserves, website, meeting pages.


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Deliverables

- Two Council meetings
- Four Working Group meetings
- Meeting agendas and minutes
- Annual budget
- Annual report
- Two-year work plans and progress reporting
- Committee/subcommittee coordination
- Annual awards program and ceremony
- Listserves, PeopleFinder, website content maintenance
- Portal for internal/external communications and responding to inquiries

Strengths: Rotating jurisdictions strengthen cooperation and sharing of work-load; contractors with experience and institutional knowledge 

Weaknesses: Rotating jurisdictions requires considerable commitment from host jurisdiction, can't fund-raise for core services 

Opportunities: In-kind staffing of Administrative Assistant position; use of technology to ease administrative burdens 

Threats: Funding shortfall; time constraints of Secretariat chair 

Action Plan

List how program corresponds with the AP

- The Secretariat is responsible for ensuring that the Council is properly functioning and able to meet its goals as defined in the AP.



Linkages

Internal: Council, Working Group, Management Committee, Secretariat Team, US Assoc., CA Assoc.

External: First point of contact for outside inquiries

FUNDING	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Council Coordination	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Meeting Expense	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
Award Framing	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Administrative Assistant	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

FUNDING PROPOSALS

Activity	Funder	Type of Funds	Amount (US)	Decision Date	Result
Council Coordination	Annual Council Dues	Cash	\$19,120		Approved
Meeting Expense/Awards	Meeting Registration Fee	Cash	\$2,850		Approved
20 Year Celebration	ME SPO	Cash	\$5,000		
Total			\$26,970		

INITIATIVE REPRESENTATIVES

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SECURING FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT COUNCIL PROGRAMS

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HIGHLIGHTS: Important core service given low funding levels for nearly all program areas. 15% reduction in funding from 08/09 levels, IF all 09-10 dues are received. Otherwise, reduction will be greater. Reduced funding means fund development efforts must be even more targeted, which means even greater engagement from committees in the fund development process.

SECURED FUNDING

Stated in US Dollars
(Indirect Included)

Expense

A. Development Services \$46,700

Total Expense \$46,700

Income

A. Annual Council Dues \$44,057

Total Income \$44,057

FUNDS NEEDED \$2,643



Expenses

Expenses v. Income

OVERVIEW

Program Description

The Council has identified fund development priorities and requested the Working Group and Committees to secure the funds necessary. The Fund Development Coordinator works collaboratively with them to articulate project goals and objectives, identify funding sources, write competitive proposals, and engage the funders in follow-up discussions.

More Info

Deliverables

- At least ten grant proposals prepared in collaboration with Committees/Subcommittees and submitted to funders that implement 2009-10 Work Plan activities

Strengths: Working together we have demonstrated the ability to write competitive proposals and succeeded in securing funds.

Weaknesses: Working Group and committee members are busy and it is difficult for them to help develop competitive proposals.

Exchange rate can reduce CA contribution value in USD.

Opportunities: The development of competitive ideas will increase the likelihood of securing grants. Further, some Council member organizations have development expertise that could be applied to Council fund development work.

Threats: The weakening economy will both decrease the dollars available and increase competition for discretionary dollars; shifting currency exchange rates.

Action Plan

List how program corresponds with the AP

- Fund development priorities established by the Council and consistent with the Action plan

Linkages


Internal: All priority program areas; Council Coordinator; US Gulf of Maine Association

External:

FUNDING	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Development Services	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔

FUNDING PROPOSALS

		Amount	Decision	

Activity	Funder	Type of Funds	(US)	Date	Result	 Print
Total			\$0			

INITIATIVE REPRESENTATIVES

Co-chair:

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WEB SERVICES

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HIGHLIGHTS: Core-service that maintains and enhances the Council's webpage and information management. If all dues are received, funding will be in place for rmaintenance of the webpage and assistance to the Secretariat. Web services for committee work will be covered by funding received for committee projects. Funding needed for server fee of \$6,300, otherwise Council will switch to shared server.

SECURED FUNDING

Stated in US Dollars
(Indirect Included)

Expense

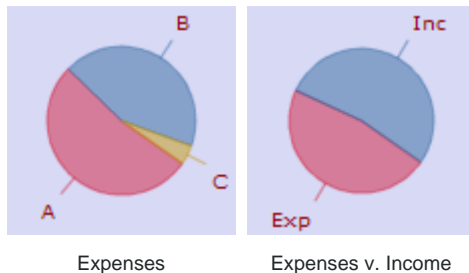
A. Core IT Services	\$23,365
Program IT Services (DES	
B. Data Exchange Network)	\$19,200
Server Fee (Shared server	
C. beginning 9/2009)	\$1,875
Total Expense	\$44,440

Income

Annual Council Dues (Core IT	
A. Services)	\$23,364
Program IT Services (Data	
B. Exchange Network)	\$19,202
C. Server Fee	\$1,874
Program IT (Restoration	
D. partnership/NMFS)	\$5,265
Total Income	\$49,705

FUNDS NEEDED

\$-5,265



OVERVIEW

Program Description


Council has continued to foster innovative approaches to sharing information and enhancing collaboration within the Gulf of Maine in order to promote conservation of the Marine Environment . Separate early public GOM web browsers were unified into gulfomaine.org which was officially launched on 2 December 1998. The web services aim to provide GOM residents, businesses, commercial and recreational users, environmental stewards, managers, lawmakers and scientists with the information, tools and data needed to increase their awareness, knowledge and understanding of habitat, environmental and human health and vibrant communities within the GOM. Increased knowledge and collaboration promotes better lifestyle choices, best management practices as well as conservation, protection and restoration.


More Info


www.gulfomaine.org


Deliverables

- www.gulfomaine.org
- <http://www.gulfomaine.org/times/fallwinter2008/>
- http://www.gulfomaine.org/people_finder/
- http://www.gulfomaine.org/ngo_directory/
- <http://www.gulfomaine.org/news/index.php#habitatrestoration2009-2010rfp>

Strengths: This is a core funded activity. The usefulness of the technology (program) is beneficial to all sub-committees as well as to the public and managers, etc. 

Weaknesses: The core funding in place does not cover current web-services needs. Extra enhancements require extra funding resources. 

Opportunities: Sponsors to support web services components. 

Threats: Inadequate support risks web services or components becoming dormant or poorly maintained. 

Action Plan

List how program corresponds with the AP

- The Web Services Program serves the needs of all 3 goals.

Linkages

Internal: All GOM Committees and sub-committees, list serves, Mapping Tools (ESIP, Habitat Restoration), GOM Times, Visionary Awards, Restoration Grants, databases (Restoration Inventory, Gulfwatch, People Finder, KnowledgeBase), Collaboration Tools

External: GOMOOS, GOMODP, GOMSOER

FUNDING 	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Ju
Core IT Services												
Program IT Services												
Server Fee												



FUNDING PROPOSALS

Activity	Funder	Type of Funds	Amount (US)	Decision Date	Result
Program IT Services (ESIP)	Mass Environmental Trust	Cash	\$3,500		Denied
Program IT Services (ESIP)	NOAA/SARP	Cash	\$13,350		Denied
Program IT Services (ESIP)	NH Coastal Program	Cash	\$4,500		Denied
Total			\$21,350		

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