

Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment Fund Development Activity Status Report

(version dated: Nov 21, 2012)

Items shaded in green below are fund development focal areas

Goal 1: Restored and Conserved Habitats				
<i>Habitats in the ocean and along the coast, including the rivers that flow to the Gulf, are healthy, productive and resilient. They support rich aquatic life and a vibrant, sustainable ocean.</i>				
<u>Council Champions:</u> David Millar (DFO), Don Hudson (Maine NGO member)				
<u>Working Group Leads:</u> TBD				
Outcomes	Activity	Activity Leads	Resource Requirements/Amount Available July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013 (FY 12) Note: Indirect Included	Status - Mid-November, 2012
1.1 Water Quality Protection	1.1.1 Disseminate information about ways to improve and protect the region's marine and estuarine water quality	Steve, Sophia and Ann	Year 1: No dollars are needed	Work plan approved by Council in June 2012
1.2 Habitat Restoration	1.2.1 Provide Gulf of Maine habitat restoration grants and technical assistance that result in restored coastal ecosystems.	John and Slade	Basic activities funded. \$413,081 for FY 12	HRSC calls convened; committee released fall LOI to inform pending NOAA proposal and pursuit of additional sources of restoration dollars from RBC and industry; "discovery and documentation" for Provincial restoration initiative
	1.2.2 Facilitate the exchange of information among the region's habitat restoration practitioners	Eric & Marty (NMFS); Jim Cradock, Slade	TBD	Pursuing cost saving measures - 1) NOAA/NMFS to maintain restoration database in lieu of GOMC maintaining directory of projects; 2) Slade to ensure all projects are in NOAA database; 3) streamline habitat portal; 4) Insert modest IT maintenance funding in proposals
	1.2.3 Promote greater public understanding of the environmental, human health, and economic effects of restoring coastal and marine	Outreach Committee, Northeast Great Waters Coalition,	TBD	\$212,000 proposal written to EPA with Dalhousie University, Restore America's Estuaries, America's Great Waters Coalition, and Conservation Law Foundation as proposal partners.

1.3 Habitat Conservation	1.3.1 Support the region-wide exchange of information on observed and predicted effects of climate change on the people living in the region and its coastal and marine habitats		TBD	No work plan available. Prepared and submitted \$300,000 proposal to NOAA/COCA program for <i>Vulnerability of infrastructure to extreme weather: a guide to implementing municipal infrastructure assessments</i> . Pis are from UNH and UConn.
	1.3.2 Advance bi-national acquisition and use of seafloor mapping products and services for resources and management decisions	CMSP	Year 1: No dollars are needed	No work plan available - In June WG recommended merger of this activity with CMSP activities, Complimentary effort now underway - New England states applied for received NOAA/OCRM funding for habitat characterization and classification initiative (>\$150K)
	1.3.3 Promote the exchange of information among decision-makers about ecosystem-based approaches to managing coastal and ocean habitats	CMSP, Annala, Stephenson	Year 1: No dollars are needed	Tim Hall to explore collaboration with RARGOM & BOFEP
	1.3.4 Strengthen linkages between U.S. and Canadian coastal and marine spatial planning efforts	CMSP	Year 1: No dollars are needed	Work plan approved by Council in June 2012

Goal 2: Environmental and Human Health

Environmental conditions support the health of people and the ecosystem

Council Champions: Ru Morrison (NERACOOS), Jackie Olsen (Environment Canada)

Working Group Leads: Peter Wells (BoFEP), Susan Russell-Robinson (DOI)/Kathryn Parlee (EC)

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2.1 Environmental Monitoring	2.1.1 Implement the Gulfwatch contaminants monitoring program and integrate it with other monitoring programs	Christian and Peter	FY 12 Partially funded at \$23,556 Needs additional \$31,444	Maine Coastal Program funded interlaboratory calibration initiative; exploring collaboration with NOAA musselwatch that will leverage laboratory analysis and GOM volunteers to collect all samples; GOMC member agencies need to address funding shortfall.
	2.1.2 Facilitate the compilation, sharing and management applications of data from aquatic monitoring programs in the region.		TBD	No work plan available
	2.1.3 Foster region-wide communication about existing monitoring activities, perceived gaps and partnership opportunities	Jeff Runge, Matt Liebman, Brian Thompson, Mel Cote, Ru Morrison	TBD	Council nurtured formation of ad-hoc sentinel monitoring strategy work group; looking for ways to integrate Gulfwatch; white paper prepared describing concepts for strategy; making plans for winter meeting
2.2 Environmental Indicators and Reporting	2.2.1 Produce and disseminate ecosystem indicator products that respond to manager's needs	Susan and Kathryn	FY 12: Have full year funding of \$81,267.	Work plan approved by Council in June 2012
	2.2.2 Identify and assess new and emerging environmental issues in the Gulf of Maine		Year 1: No resources needed	Work plan approved by Council in June 2012; effort tied to SOE reporting
	2.2.3 Communicate about environmental conditions through the State of the Gulf of Maine reporting products and services	Heather and Steve	Year 1: Basic activities funded	Work plan approved by Council in June 2012
2.3 Climate Adaptation	2.3.1 Provide decision-makers with information to understand and prepare for sea-level rise, increased storm activity and other climate related impacts	Jennifer Andrews and Cindy Krum	FY 12: \$38,535 (in collaboration with NROC)	Clean Air - Cool Planet under contract with GOMA via NOAA competitive grant received in spring 2012 Note: StormSmart Coast/Blue Urchin is under contract for \$21,000 to disseminate communication and adaptation resources.
	2.3.2 Provide grants and technical assistance that result in increased resilience of coastal communities to climate-related impacts.	Julia Knisel and Cindy Krum	FY 12: \$180,000 for municipal grants program (in collaboration with NROC)	Six New England communities are under contract with GOMA via NOAA competitive grant received in spring 2012

	2.3.3 Support the region-wide exchange of information on innovative adaptation efforts and on the observed and projected effects of climate change on the people living in the region and its coastal and marine habitats	Julia Wyman and Cindy Krum	Fy 12: \$16,250 (total amount)	Roger Williams University is under contract with GOMA via NOAA competitive grant received in spring 2012 to research, compile and disseminate innovative municipal adaptation efforts
	2.2.1; 2.2.1; 2.2.3 - Communication & dissemination of program products to primary audiences	Outreach Committee with ESIP, SOE and GW co-chairs	TBD	Outreach committee circulated user needs assessment to ESIP, SOE and Gulfwatch co-chairs as first step in developing funding proposal(s); SOE has responded to survey.

Goal 3: Sustainable Communities
People who live and work in communities around the Gulf of Maine have information needed to adapt to the changing environment
Council Champions: Perry Haines (NB), Jack Wiggins (Urban Harbors Institute)
Working Group Leads: Rob Capozzi (NB), Theresa Torrent-Ellis (ME)

Outcomes	Activities		Resource Status	Comments
3.1 Understanding of How People Use the Gulf of Maine	3.1.1 Support region-wide exchange of information about human uses and values of the Gulf of Maine		Year 1: No resources required	No work plan available.
3.2 Community Stewardship	3.2.1 Recognize outstanding individuals, organizations and businesses through the annual Gulf of Maine Visionary, Longard, Snow-Cotter and Sustainable Industry Award Programs	Prassede	Year 1: Needs funding of \$4K	No work plan available. Exploring ways to leverage member agency contributions; WG will discuss merits of corporate sponsorship of the awards in October
	3.2.2 Engage community-level partners and facilitate region-wide information exchanges about sustainable practices		Year 1: No resources required	No work plan available

Cross-Cutting	Information Management		Year 1: \$21,240	Yellahoose is under contract via GOMA through June 30, 2013 for core services
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Gulf of Maine Times
Foundation cultivation

Outreach Committee
Ad-hoc Fund
Development Group
(Don, Lee, Jack, Ru)

FY 12: Have \$14,000
Need \$12,000/edition

Exploring alternative ways to distribute the Times; Two new sponsors of the Times of were secured (TNC Maritimes and Woods Hole/CINAR);
1) Organized and reported on September conference call of Canadian Community Foundations and other Canadian funders;
2) Worked with foundations to organize November 20th meeting of NE and Canadian foundations;
3) secured Canadian foundations sponsors and Curt Spalding as keynote. Chose to postpone until 2013;
4) Ad-hoc Councilor Work Group prepared fund development recommendations for December Council meeting

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