

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

(version dated: July 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 - Late September, 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 recommendations developed on release of request of fall LOI & pursuit of additional sources of restoration dollars; "discovery and documentation" for Provincial restoration initiative (see WG progress report for details)
	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) IT to work to link NOAA 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	Framework for a proposal (6-pages) is completed - based on interviews with 10+ communication experts in the region; pertinent polling data is accumulated to understand audience awareness; pertinent economic costs and benefits analyses being

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 two Letters of Intent to NOAA/SARP/CSI/COCA programs seeking \$100,000 for <i>Vulnerability of community infrastructure to extreme weather: a guide to implementing infrastructure risk assessments</i> and \$100,000 for <i>Increase awareness about extreme weather events: documenting and using historic extreme weather event to communicate about our changing climate</i>
	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 \$19,458 Needs additional \$35,542 (inclusive of \$8,000 from USGS pending contract)	MSPO is funding 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, Brian Thompson, Mel Cote, Ru Morrison	TBD	In July two conference calls were organized to begin work on a sentinel monitoring strategy including ways to integrate Gulfwatch; white paper for IOOS summit submitted; next steps being devised
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: Plans for full year Funding of \$81,267. Still awaiting funding contracts.	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/Wes Shaw is under contract for \$21,000 to provide IT support for all parts of the NOAA grant to GOMA
	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)	Five 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 is circulating 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 - October WG meeting will review recommendations; Two new sponsors of the Times of were secured in July (TNC Maritimes and Woods Hole/CINAR);
1) Working to organize September conference call of Canadian Community Foundations and other Canadian funders; 2) Working to organize fall meeting of NE and Canadian foundations and soliciting sponsors; 3) Ad-hoc Councilor Work Group is developing fund development recommendations for October WG and December Council meetings

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