



**Gulf of Maine
Council on the
Marine Environment**

Annual Report

1995-1996

RECEIVED

MAR 21 1997

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT
Exec. Office of Environmental Affairs

Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment

ANNUAL REPORT

1995-1996

Mission

The mission of the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment is to maintain and enhance marine environmental quality in the Gulf of Maine and to allow for sustainable resource use by existing and future generations.

Focus Areas

In 1995, Council members identified five coastal and marine habitat issues that they pledged to work on for the next five years. These included:

- * Protect and Restore Regionally Significant Coastal Habitats
- * Restore Shellfish Habitats
- * Protect Human Health and Ecosystem Integrity from Contaminants
- * Reduce Marine Debris
- * Protect and Restore Fishery Habitats and Resources



The

Gulf of Maine Council

On the Marine Environment

Maine State Planning Office, 1995-96 Secretariat Jurisdiction

38 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333 • Telephone (207) 287-3261 Fax (207) 287-6489 • E-Mail jim.doyle@state.me.us

"To maintain and enhance environmental quality in the Gulf of Maine and to allow for sustainable resource use by existing and future generations."

Dear Friend of the Gulf of Maine:

During the past year, I have had the privilege of serving as Chair of the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment. It was a year of introspection as the Council engaged the region in a strategic planning process to reassess our shared natural resource goals and strategies in the Gulf of Maine and to chart a new course.

The ten-year Action Plan endorsed by the Governors and Premiers in 1990 called for a five-year update. The Council and its federal partners decided it should take the form of a strategic plan with specific measurable objectives. This planning process required us to examine our accomplishments over the previous five years, which we documented in *Work in Progress: Five-year report of the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment, 1990 - 1995*. The progress of the private sector and non-profits, as well as the governments of both nations, is quite impressive. But so are the challenges that lay ahead.

The Gulf of Maine is a huge asset, both environmentally and economically, to all of the people of the region. The Council's new *Action Plan: 1996 - 2001* and the region's shared commitment to improving our natural assets will help keep the Gulf of Maine a healthy and productive marine ecosystem.

Sincerely,

Evan D. Richert

Director, Maine State Planning Office
Chair, Gulf of Maine Council 1995-96

Maine
State Planning Office

Department of
Environmental Protection

Massachusetts
Office of
Environmental Affairs

New Brunswick
Department of
the Environment

Department of
Fisheries and Aquaculture

New Hampshire
Office of State Planning

Department of
Environmental Services

Nova Scotia
Department of
The Environment

Department of Fisheries

THE GULF OF MAINE COUNCIL ON THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT

In the late 1980's, the states and provinces bordering the Gulf of Maine recognized that growing stresses upon the Gulf of Maine posed real threats to its well-being. The five jurisdictions acknowledged that, although their individual management efforts differed, they shared a common interest in preserving and protecting its environmental quality.

In 1989, the Governors of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine, and the Premiers of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia convened a conference of 300 participants to discuss natural resource priorities in the Gulf of Maine. At the conclusion of the conference, the Governors and Premiers signed an agreement to cooperatively protect the resources of the Gulf and to establish the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment. The Council was given the mandate "to document the Gulf's ecological and environmental trends and develop recommendations for managing its resources" as part of its mission to maintain and enhance marine environmental quality in the Gulf of Maine and to allow for sustainable resource use by existing and future generations.

Thus began what has been an evolving experiment in multilateral, cross-jurisdictional collaboration around an extraordinary marine ecosystem. The Council's unique transboundary role has created a precedent for developing a bioregional policy perspective and for taking action to address the protection and sustainable use of ecosystems that cross political boundaries.

Meeting semi-annually, the Council is comprised of two senior state or provincial officials and one non-governmental, private sector appointment from each jurisdiction. Seven US and Canadian federal agencies participate on the Council as federal partners. The Council Secretariat rotates on an annual basis among the jurisdictions. Evan D. Richert, Director of the Maine State Planning Office, was Chair of the Council in 1995-1996.

The Council's Working Group, which meets quarterly, is composed of mid-level state, provincial and federal officials. Currently the Working Group contains over 150 public and private individuals and has four committees: Data and Information Management, Marine Debris, Environmental Quality Monitoring, and Public Education and Participation.

In 1993, the Council created tax-exempt organizations in Canada and the United States. The Canadian Association and the US Gulf of Maine Associations were formed to facilitate greater private participation and financial support for the Council. The mission and goals of the Associations are identical to those of the Council.

1995-1996 DIRECTORY OF COUNCIL, WORKING GROUP, COMMITTEES

GOM COUNCIL

Wayne Adams, Minister, Department of Environment (NS)
Robin Alden, Commissioner, Department of Marine Resources (ME)
Gerald Amero, Pierce Atwood Scribner (ME)
James Barkhouse, Minister, Department of Fisheries (NS)
Vaughn Blaney, Minister, Department of Environment (NB)
Peg Brady, Director, Massachusetts CZM Program (MA)
Trudy Coxe, Secretary, Executive Office on Environmental Affairs (MA)
Irene d'Entremont, Westmar Electronics Canada Ltd. (NS)
David Haney, The MEG Companies (NH)
Elizabeth Kay, Environmental Communications (MA)
Edward MacLean, President, Connor's Brothers Ltd. (NB)
Evan D. Richert, Director, State Planning Office (ME)
Jeff Taylor, Director, Office of State Planning (NH)
Bernard Theriault, Minister, Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NB)
Robert Varney, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Services (NH)

FEDERAL PARTNERS

Neil Bellefontaine, Director General, Fisheries & Oceans, Canada
David Fierra, Environmental Protection Agency - Region 1
George Finney, Environment Canada
Ron Lambertson, Regional Director, US Fish and Wildlife Service
John Major, Canadian Coast Guard
Dr. Allen Peterson, Jr., National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Earle (Clif) Richardson, US Army Corps of Engineers

GOM WORKING GROUP

Joe Arbour, Environment Canada
Bill Ayer, Department of Environment (NB)
Brad Barr, NOAA/Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary
Leigh Bridges, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries
Jean Brochi, Environmental Protection Agency - Region 1
Wendell Brown, University of New Hampshire & Co-Chair, Data & Information Management Committee
Kristine Cheetham, Coastal Program (NH) & Co-chair, Public Education and Participation
Susan Snow-Cotter, Massachusetts CZM Program (MA)
Cathy Demos, US Army Corps of Engineers
Brad Fay, NS Land Use Committee & Co-Chair, Data and Information Management
Stewart Fefer, US Fish and Wildlife Service
Gareth Harding, Fisheries and Oceans, Canada & Co-Chair, Monitoring Committee
Dave Hartman, Office of State Planning (NH)
Larry Hildebrand, Environment Canada
Barry Jones, Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NB)
Steve Jones, University of New Hampshire & Co-Chair Monitoring Committee
David Keeley, State Planning Office (ME)
Art Longard, Department of Fisheries (NS)
Frances Martin, Department of Environment (NS)
Linda Mercer, Department of Marine Resources (ME)
Brian Nicholls, Fisheries & Oceans, Canada
John Pearce, Deputy Center Director, NOAA/NMFS/NEFC
Don Pohl, Director, US Gulf of Maine Association

Chris Simmers, Department of Environmental Services (NH)
Brian Thompson, Fisheries and Oceans, Canada
Megan Trites, Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NB)

DATA AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Seth Barker, Department of Marine Resources (ME)
Wendell Brown, University of New Hampshire (NH)
Michael Butler, Dalhousie University (NS)
Brad Fay, Nova Scotia Land Use Committee
Karen Garrison, University of New Hampshire (NH)
Claudette LeBlanc, Oceans Institute of Canada (NS)
Henrietta List, Alternate, Wells National Estuarine Reserve (ME)
Wendell Mah, US Army Corps of Engineers
Daniel Martin, Massachusetts CZM Program
Bob Marvinney, Department of Conservation (ME)
Joan Palmer, Northeast Fisheries Science Center
Christopher Roberts, Environment Canada
Mike Sprague, Water Resource Monitoring Environment (NB)
Robert Turnbull, US EPA - Region 1
Steve Zeeman, University of New England (ME)

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MONITORING COMMITTEE

Robert Crawford, Department of Fisheries (NS)
Ken Freeman, Fisheries and Oceans, Canada
Gareth Harding, Fisheries and Oceans, Canada (NS)
Steve Jones, University of New Hampshire - Jackson Estuarine Laboratory (NH)
Amar Menon, Environment Canada
Carter Newell, Great Eastern Mussel (ME)
Wilfred Pilgrim, Department of the Environment (NB)
John Sowles, Department of Environmental Protection (ME)
Peter Thayer, Department of Marine Resources (ME)

MARINE DEBRIS COMMITTEE

Steve Barrett, Massachusetts CZM Program
Jennifer Carter, Environment Canada (NS)
Alan Chandler, Department of Fisheries (NS)
Kristine Cheetham, Office of State Planning (NH)
Ed Dietrich, Outward Bound School (ME)
Brian Jollymore, Fisheries & Oceans, Canada
Ishbel Munro, Maritime Fisherman's Union (NS)
Stephen Nofield, Provincetown Marine Debris Task Force (MA)
John Pearce, Deputy Center Director, NOAA/NMFS/NEFC
Ken Rich, Harbormaster, City of Rockland (ME)
Anne Rodney, US EPA - WQE 425
Thomas Henson, Jr., Massachusetts CZM Program
Joan Saxe, Executive Director, Portland Marine Debris Council (ME)
Anne Smrcina, Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary
Dr. K.L. Tay, Environment Canada
David Thompson, NB

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

Kristine Cheetham, Office of State Planning (NH)

Michelle Chisholm, Department of Fisheries (NS)
Beth Della Valle, State Planning Office (ME)
Anne Donovan, Massachusetts CZM
Arthur Doyle (NB)
Gerry Hill, Department of the Environment (NB)
Don Hudson, Director, The Chewonki Foundation (ME)
Alan Kindervater, Environment Canada
Sue Schneider, Massachusetts Bays Program
Sharon Meeker, Sea Grant Extension Programs (NH)
Paul Schwartz, Department of Environment (NS)
Anne Smrcina, NOAA/Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary
John Stone, Environment Canada
Lois Winter, US Fish and Wildlife Service

THE GULF OF MAINE PROGRAM SECRETARIAT

1995-1996 Jurisdiction

Maine State Planning Office

184 State Street, 38 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Tel. (207) 287-3261; Fax (207) 287-8059
Contact: David Keeley

1996-1997 Jurisdiction

New Brunswick Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

PO Box 6000
King's Place, York Tower
Fredericton, New Brunswick E3B 5H1
Tel. (506) 453-2047; Fax (506) 453-5210
Contact: Megan Trites & Barry Jones

1997-1998 Jurisdiction

Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Program

100 Cambridge Street, Room 2000
Boston, Massachusetts 02202
Tel. (617) 727-9530
Contact: Susan Snow-Cotter

1998-1999 Jurisdiction

Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries

PO Box 2223
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2C4
Tel. (902) 424-0347; Fax (902) 424-4671
Contact: Art Longard

1999-2000 Jurisdiction

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

6 Hazen Drive
Concord, New Hampshire 03301
Tel. (603) 271-2961; Fax (603) 271-2867
Contact: Chris Simmers

PARTNERSHIPS

Management and Science Agreement

In 1993, the Gulf of Maine Council entered into a collaborative agreement with the Regional Association for Research on the Gulf of Maine and the Gulf of Maine Regional Marine Research Board to promote research and sound management practices across political boundaries and scientific disciplines. The Agreement promotes consultation, collaboration, the exchange of information and participation among the organizations.

In 1995-1996, the organizations held two meetings -- one on March 15, 1996 and the other on June 14, 1996 -- to facilitate communication and collaboration among the groups. Recognizing that the annual rotation of the Council's Secretariat has created problems with coordination of efforts with the Association and Board, the Council designated Maine as its permanent liaison with the scientific community. Furthermore, it was agreed that the annual meeting will be held in the same location and immediately following the June Council meeting.

To further collaboration in the upcoming year, the Council authorized the expenditure of funds from its 1996-1997 Budget for a sponsoring membership in the Association. In addition, there was support for the Association's scientific symposium scheduled for September in St. Andrews, New Brunswick and a follow-up management workshop in the spring of 1997.

BUSINESS ADVISORY GROUP

In December, the Council conceptually endorsed the Business Advisory Group as an effort to facilitate partnerships with business leaders in the Gulf region. The Group will advise the Council on policy matters and projects relevant to the business community, help develop support for Council projects, and work to increase public visibility of the Council and its mission.

Over the winter and spring, a committee drafted a strategic plan to launch the Group. The committee included private Council members Gerald Amero, Edward MacLean, Elizabeth Kay, Irene d'Entremont, David Haney, former Council member Wayne Jones, and Donald Pohl, Executive Director of the US Gulf of Maine Association.

1995 VISIONARY AWARD WINNERS

Maine

Coastal Enterprises, a community economic development corporation, for its contribution to marine and coastal sustainable development and expanded employment opportunities for Maine residents

Chewonki Foundation, a leader in environmental education and innovative learning programs, for the development of education materials about the Gulf of Maine, including Gulf of Maine Almanac.

Massachusetts

Stephen Greene, corporate environmental manager at Polariod, for leading the company toward better environmental reporting, policy and management practices.

Neponset River Watershed Association for its creation of a successful adopt-a-stream program, which focused on the link between the health of the river and adjacent land use activities.

New Brunswick

Garnet Matheson, aquaculturist, for his model salmon aquaculture businesses and for promoting the benefits of environmentally friendly practices among other growers.

St. Croix Estuary Project for its outstanding work with volunteer groups and private sector and government agencies concerned with coastal issues in Passamaquoddy Bay.

New Hampshire

Nicole Medlyn, a New Hampshire Swiftwater Girl Scout, for her school presentations on the plight of the endangered manatee and her organization of seven coastal cleanups.

Paul Vlassicn, an engineer for the City of Dover, for spearheading a stormdrain stenciling project involving 500 volunteers, school logo contests, and local officials.

Nova Scotia

Ted d'Eon -- a birdwatcher, naturalist, and researcher -- for his assistance in monitoring and evaluating the effects of aquaculture project on Roseate tern nesting area.

County of Annapolis and the **Community of Bear River** for their innovative and nature-based solution to wastewater treatment.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

July

Gulf of Maine Secretariat completes five-year circuit. Maine assumes Chair of Council and Secretariat for second time. Don Pohl hired as Executive Director of US Association of Delegates to the Gulf of Maine.

September

Island Institute in Rockland Maine releases The Gulf of Maine Environmental Atlas.

October

Working Group meets in Halifax, Nova Scotia. A Sea Beside the Sea brochure released.

November

PEP Committee meets in Falmouth, Maine.

December

Council and Working Group meet in Portland, Maine. The Wild Gulf Almanac released. 1995 Visionary Awards announced. "The Economic Prospect of the Gulf of Maine" released. Council awards \$50,000 in small grants to 13 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) throughout the Gulf region. Secretariat publishes GOM Reference Handbook. The US GOM Association, Data and Information Management Committee, and Public Education and Participation Committee meet in Portland, Maine.

January

Public Education and Participation Committee hires part-time staff person. An Analysis of the Implementation and Distribution of the Report: Land Based Sources of Pollution: An Inventory of Point Sources released. Monitoring Committee meets in Halifax, NS.

February

Vaughn Blaney, Minister, Department of the Environment from New Brunswick and 1991 Council Chair, returns to the Council.

March

Working Group meets in Essex, Massachusetts. Gulf Watershed Research and Management workshop held in Wells, Maine. ABC Annual Meeting held in Portland, Maine.

April

Council and Working Group meet in Orono, Maine to discuss revisions to the draft five-year action plan. Work In Progress: Five-Year Report of the GOMC-ME, 1990-1995 released. Council hires staff person to coordinate NGO grant program.

May

Bridging the Gulf Conference on Environmental Monitoring in the Gulf held in Portland, Maine. Council identified federal, state and provincial actions that support implementation of the proposed five-year action plan

June

Council and Working Group meet in Bar Harbor, Maine to finalize Five-Year Action Plan and to develop annual Work Plan. Shellfish Restoration workshop held in St. John, New Brunswick. Council authorizes formation of Business Advisory Group. Council awards six marine debris mini-grants. ABC Meeting held in Bar Harbor, immediately following Council Meeting. The US GOM Association, Data Information and Management Committee, and Public Education and Participation Committee meet in Bar Harbor, Maine.

1995-1996 NGO GRANTS

The Clean Annapolis River Project (Annapolis Royal, NS) to produce and distribute a new series of fact sheets entitled "Bay of Fundy Issues," based on a scientific workshop addressing ecological and environmental issues in the Bay of Fundy. Awarded \$4,000.

The Clean Nova Scotia Foundation (Halifax, NS) to create a "Coastal Community Tool Kit" consisting of resources and information which focus on dealing with topics such as marine debris, local habitat issues, and community planning processes. Awarded \$4,000.

The Georges River Clam Fishery Restoration Project (ME.) to prevent overfishing of shellfish habitats in the Georges River and to increase softshell clam production in the estuary through networking with the Beals Island Regional Shellfish Hatchery and the Waldoboro Shellfish Committee. Awarded \$4,129.

Granite State Designers and Installers Association (Concord, NH) to produce and distribute a "Homeowner's Septic Tank System Guide and Record Keeping Folder" to assist homeowners in maintaining properly operating septic systems for the purpose of restoring shellfish habitat in coastal areas. Awarded \$3,900.

The Great Auk Land Trust (Beals, ME) toward purchase of Browney Island to protect coastal habitats and educate the public about habitat issues and solutions to habitat problems. Awarded \$5,000.

Maine Coast Heritage Trust (Brunswick, ME) to educate owners of privately held Maine coastal islands about ways to conserve the habitat values of their islands. Awarded \$1,000.

The Marine Environmental Research Institute (Brooklin, ME) to sponsor a series of Coastal Awareness Forums on selected coastal issues such as fisheries management and restoration, marine pollution and marine mammal issues in the GOM. Awarded \$1,550.

Massachusetts Audubon: North Shore (Wenham, MA) to hold a Great Marsh Summit in the spring of 1996 to develop a consensus on what actions are needed to insure the future integrity of the Great Marsh. Awarded \$4,956.

Friends of Odiorne Point (Rye, NH) to develop a bathymetric model of the GOM to accompany and complete a proposed GOM exhibit at the Seacoast Science Center in Rye, NH. Awarded \$4,700.

The Penobscot Bay Network (Rockland, ME) toward restoring shellfish habitats, in collaboration with shellfish harvesters, to improve municipal clam management in Maine. Awarded \$5,000.

The Portland Harbor Marine Debris Council (Portland, ME) to produce and distribute a "Best Management Practices Guide" for boat maintenance including advice on nontoxic products, tips on recycling, and maps of fuel pump-out stations specific to Maine's coastal waters. Awarded \$2,000.

Salem Sound 2000 (Salem, MA) for a public outreach program to make citizens aware of resources found in the region, what threatens these resources, and what citizens can do to assist in the protection of these resources. Awarded \$4,125.

West Isles Clean Environment Association Inc. (Deer Island, NB) to create a video on marine debris to be used as a communications tool at environmental workshops and public education presentations. Awarded \$4,930.

1995-1996 MARINE DEBRIS GRANTS (\$1,500 or less)

Cohasset High School (Cohasset, MA) to produce and distribute a brochure about marine debris, written and designed by Environmental Studies students.

Eastham Forum Inc. (MA) for production and distribution of educational flyers, signs, and posters.

Eastport Marine Debris Task Force (Eastport, ME) toward purchase of a waste oil collection igloo and to produce public awareness mugs.

Fundy Guild Inc. (Alma, NB) to carry out and document regular beach cleanups, breeding success of the piping plover, and maintenance of signage in Fundy and surrounding area.

Georgetown Conservation Commission (Georgetown, ME) toward a transfer station for collection and disposal of marine debris.

Gouldsboro Solid Waste Committee (Gouldsboro, ME) to produce signs and posters about proper handling of recyclables/trash.

Hingham Harbor Development Committee (Hingham, MA) for material advertising local spring harbor cleanup.

Kittery Conservation Commission (Kittery, ME) for production of poster advertising a volunteer lobster trap pickup campaign.

Land-Sea-Land Coalition (Portland, ME) for production of T-shirts to advertise annual summer harbor cleanup.

L'Institut de Developement Communautaire (Point d'Eglise, NS) to deliver/present educational materials to school children as part of "Projet Enviro-peche."

Maritime Fisherman's Union (Shelburn County, NS) to distribute marine debris public posters at 150 wharfs.

Massachusetts Bays National Estuary Program (MA) for educational materials in several languages on contaminated shellfish and pollution caused by marine debris and other sources.

Merrimack River Watershed Council (MA and NH) to develop a brochure, informational videotape, press materials, and workshops for educators and volunteers, culminating in a bi-state watershed wide river cleanup.

NH Adopt-A-Beach Program (NH) for public service announcement about cigarette butt litter on beaches.

NH Commercial Fishermen's Association (Rye, NH) for removal of debris collected during annual fishing gear cleanup.

NH Division of Parks and Recreation (NH) for production of signs discouraging littering on beaches.

Piscataqua Region Council on Marine Debris (NH) for production of trash bags for distribution to boat owners.

Piscataqua Region Council on Marine Debris (NH) to identify and document the bulk debris problems throughout the watershed, research potential solutions which involve partnership efforts, and conduct a bulk debris cleanup event.

Portland Harbor Marine Debris Council (Portland, ME) for production of a brochure for fishermen on proper net, used oil, and trash disposal.

Rockland Harbor Debris Council (Rockland, ME) toward purchase of a waste oil collection igloo and distribution of brochures and factsheet about marine debris.

Saint John River Society (NB) to produce 350 marine debris educational signs for docks, marinas, and beaches.

Salem Sound 2000 (MA) for storm drain stenciling guides and information flyers for distribution in five towns.

Save Our Shores (St. John, NB) to conduct an education program directed at vessel owners and operators, fishermen, shoreline residents and property owners, marinas, schools, and the general public.

Stonington Marine Debris Task Force (Stonington, ME) to produce and distribute mugs with public awareness message about marine debris.

Town of York (York, ME) for production/distribution of plastic bags and leaflets encouraging proper disposal of trash.

Tusket River Environmental Protection Association (NS) to produce a permanent "Enviro Wall" in a local shopping mall advertising marine debris issues.

1995-1996 WORK PLAN

RESTORE SHELLFISH HABITATS

GOM Volunteer Monitoring Network, through the Gulf of Maine Collaboration of Community Foundations, to offer training, networking, data management, integration with the scientific community, and financial support to volunteers around the Gulf, \$45,000 (\$55,000 match).

Shellfish Habitat Restoration Workshop, organized by the New Brunswick Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, in Saint John, NB to discuss innovative methods to restore shellfish flats, \$18,000 (\$6,500 match).

State of the Gulf Factsheet on Shellfish in the GOM, through the Nova Scotia Department of Environment, explaining the condition of shellfish beds in the GOM region, \$5,000 (\$4,500 match).

Gulfwatch Monitoring Program to determine short-term trends in contamination of blue mussels as indicator organisms of water column levels of toxic compounds in coastal areas of the GOM. \$120,000 (\$91,500).

RESTORE FISH RESOURCES AND HABITATS

Groundfish Community Surveys, through the Island Institute and Fisheries Oceans, Canada, to identify and map on NOAA electronic charts the historic spawning and juvenile habitat areas for cod, haddock, and herring, \$30,000 (\$26,000 match).

REDUCE MARINE DEBRIS

Marine Debris Recovery, through new or expanded local port marine debris recovery programs, to reduce/recycle the amount of marine debris introduced into the GOM, \$26,000 (\$26,000 match).

PROTECT AND RESTORE COASTAL HABITATS

Pilot Projects for the identification and conservation of regionally significant habitats in the Great Bay Estuary, NH and Passamaquoddy Bay, NB, \$100,000 (\$310,067).

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Public Education and Outreach to inform sectors of the public about the GOM environment and the public's role in maintaining its health through *Program Highlights*, *Our Common Heritage* and media coverage, \$20,000 (\$5,400 match).

Great Auk Project, through the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, to produce a curriculum book, video, and audiotape, \$10,000 (\$15,000 match).

Wild Gulf Almanac for printing and distribution of 5,000 copies of the Almanac by the Chewonki Foundation, \$17,000 (\$7,000).

Partnership with the National Marine Educators Association (NMEA) to support the Annual Conference: "Making Connections - Global Lessons from the GOM" to share information about the GOM with 450 people from Canada and the United States, \$5,000 (\$67,900 match).

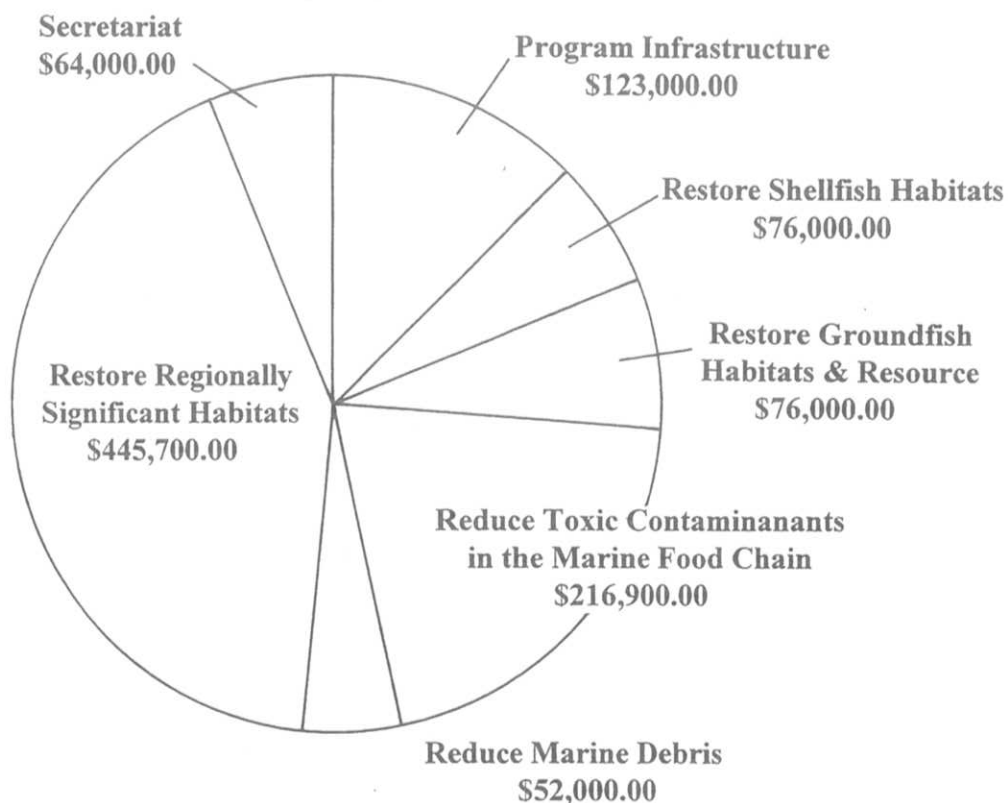
PROGRAM INFRASTRUCTURE

GOM Environmental Data and Information Management System at the University of New Hampshire to establish an operational service for basic communications, networking, and information sharing needs of GOMC members and its collaborators, \$60,000 (\$5,338 match).

Program Administration to provide the necessary administrative and financial management support for GOMC work elements, \$172,478.

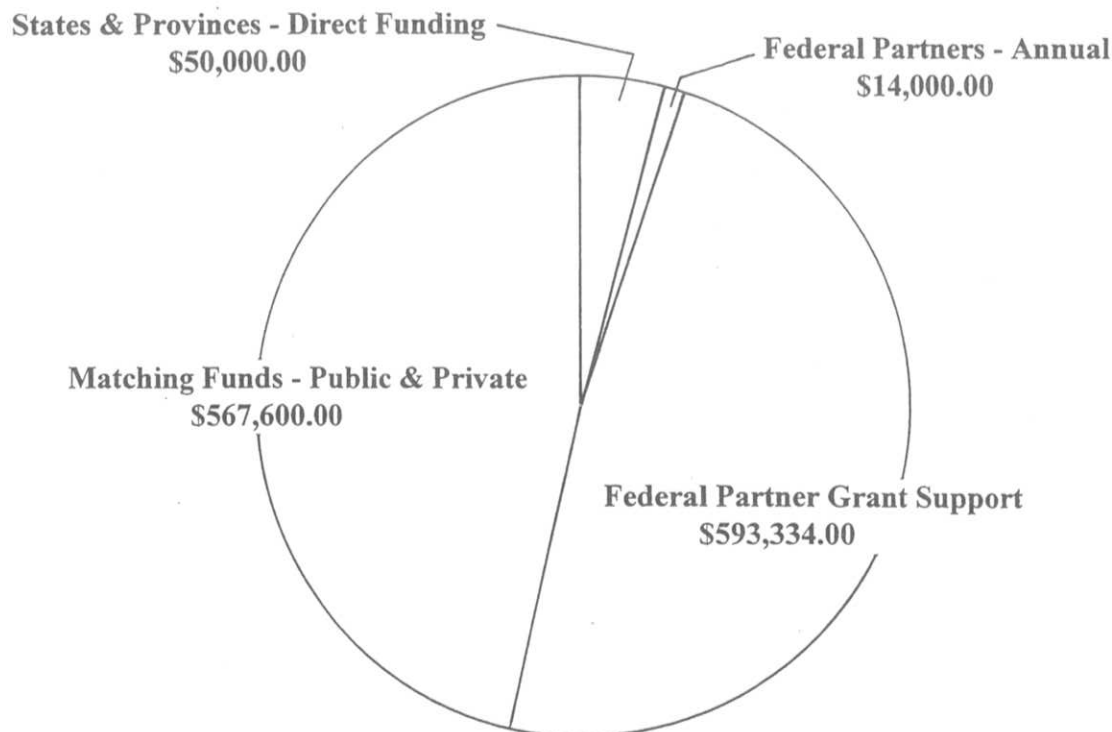
Gulf of Maine Program Budget 1995-1996

Total \$1,053,600.00



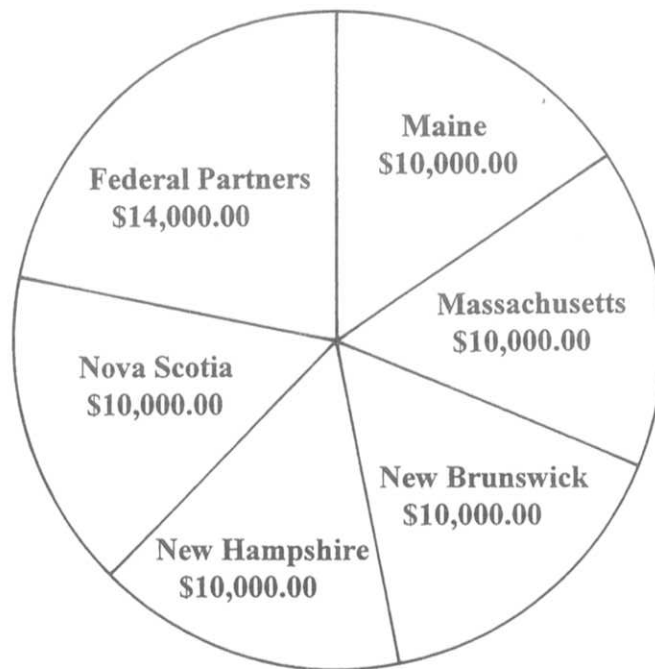
Gulf of Maine Program Revenues 1995-1996

Total \$1,224,934.00



Secretariat Income 1995-1996

Total \$64,000.00



Secretariat Expenditures 1996-1996

Total \$64,000.00

