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June 24, 2015

The Honorable Neal M. Kurk, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court  
State House  
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Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
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*[Signature]* 6/26/15  
Approved by Fiscal Committee Date

## REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFGD) to accept and expend one million one hundred thirty-six thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,136,400) in federal funds from the United States Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) from the date of Joint Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through September 30, 2015, for the purpose of distributing federal fisheries disaster relief funds to northeast multispecies commercial harvesters impacted by the federal fisheries disaster declared by the Secretary of Commerce in 2012. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds to be budgeted as follows:

### **020-07500-22880000 Marine Resources Program – FY 2015**

<u>Class</u>		<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
010	PERSONAL SERVICES - PERMANANT	\$525,864	\$0	\$525,864
020	CURRENT EXPENSES	52,497	0	52,497
022	RENTS/LEASES	1,599	0	1,599
026	ORGANIZATIONAL DUES	26,000	0	26,000
030	EQUIPMENT	14,420	0	14,420
041	AUDIT FUND SET ASIDE	500	0	500
050	PERSONAL SERVICES - TEMPORARY	115,969	0	115,969
060	BENEFITS	291,599	0	291,599
070	IN STATE TRAVEL	2,500	0	2,500
072	GRANTS FEDERAL	910,000	1,136,400	2,046,400
080	OUT OF STATE TRAVEL	4,000	0	4,000
102	CONTRACT FOR PROGRAM SERVICES	100	0	100
103	CONTRACT FOR OPERATIONAL SERVICES	17,311	0	17,311
Total Expenses		<u>\$1,962,359</u>	<u>\$1,136,400</u>	<u>\$3,098,759</u>

Source of Funds:

000	Federal Funds	\$1,422,495	\$1,136,400	\$2,558,895
009	Agency Income	55,665	0	55,665
	Fish and Game Funds	484,199	0	484,199
Total Revenues		<u>\$1,962,359</u>	<u>\$1,136,400</u>	<u>\$3,098,759</u>

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### EXPLANATION

Despite commercial groundfish harvester's adherence to catch limits over the past few years, several key groundfish stocks are not rebuilding. Low levels of these stocks have caused a significant loss of access to fishery resources with revenue declines that have greatly affected the northeast commercial groundfish fishery.

The Department of Commerce had received a number of requests and letters of support from the governors and congressional delegations in the northeast region for a stated commercial fishery failure for the Northeast Multispecies Groundfish Fishery. In September 2012, then-Acting Secretary of Commerce Rebecca Blank declared the Northeast multispecies groundfish fishery a commercial fishery failure under Section 312(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and Section 308(b) of the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries Service announced in February 2014 that \$75 million was appropriated by Congress to be allocated to six fisheries across the country that had declared fishery disasters by the Department of Commerce in 2012 and 2013. NOAA Fisheries and the New England states reached a compromise in May 2014 on how to distribute the \$32.8 million in federal fishery disaster funds allocated to the Northeast Multispecies Groundfish Fishery.

The disbursement of funds will be apportioned approximately in thirds as follows:

1. Direct Assistance: One-third will be for direct assistance and will be distributed equally to approximately 345 holders of permits in the Northeast multispecies fishery who landed at least 5,000 pounds of groundfish in any one of the past four fishing years (2010-2013). Qualified permit holders from each of the affected states will each receive a check for \$32,500;
2. State-specific grants: One-third to be apportioned among the states based on the percentage of revenue losses affecting each state. States will have discretion on how to determine the most appropriate way to distribute the funds to their affected fishing industry and communities.
3. Buy-out or Buy-back Program: One-third will be held in reserve as NOAA Fisheries, the states, and fishing industry members attempt to develop a federally-funded buyout or industry-funded buyback program.

New Hampshire is to receive a total of \$2,046,400; 1) \$910,000 has already been provided as direct assistance for New Hampshire groundfish harvesters based on defined criteria in November/December 2014, and 2) \$1,136,400 will be distributed to the groundfish industry at the State's discretion to help address both the immediate needs and the long term viability of its small boat groundfish fleet and its infrastructure as well as the For-Hire fleet.

This request is to accept and expend a grant from NOAA Fisheries (Attachment A) for \$1,136,400 in State Assistance that is to be distributed to the commercial groundfish fishing vessel owners and their crew and the For-Hire groundfish fleet with a home port in New Hampshire, the groundfish fishing community infrastructure, and the Northeast Fishing Sector XI, Inc. based on defined criteria.

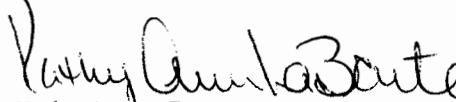
Class 041, Audit Fund Set-Aside, is not being budgeted as these funds are pass through funds only, no personnel costs will be incurred.

General Funds will not be requested to support this project.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Director



Kathy Ann LaBonte  
Chief Business Division

FORM CD-451  
(REV 10-98) LF  
DAO 203-26

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**AMENDMENT TO  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARD**

GRANT  COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

ACCOUNTING CODE

AWARD NUMBER

NA14NMF4540349

RECIPIENT NAME

New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

AMENDMENT NUMBER

1

STREET ADDRESS

11 Hazen Drive

EFFECTIVE DATE

10/01/2014

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Concord NH 03301

EXTEND WORK COMPLETION TO

09/30/2015

CFDA NO. AND PROJECT TITLE

11.454 Phase 2 - State-Specific Assistance to Commercial and For-Hire Groundfish Industry in New Hampshire

COSTS ARE REVISED AS FOLLOWS	PREVIOUS ESTIMATED COST	ADD	DEDUCT	TOTAL ESTIMATED COST
FEDERAL SHARE OF COST	\$910,000.00	\$1,136,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,046,400.00
RECIPIENT SHARE OF COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	\$910,000.00	\$1,136,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,046,400.00

**REASON(S) FOR AMENDMENT**

1. To provide continued funding for the project entitled "Phase 2 - State-Specific Assistance to Commercial and For-Hire Groundfish Industry in New Hampshire" per the recipient's application dated 12/19/2014, and revisions dated 03/19/2015 and 04/02/2015, which are incorporated by reference.
2. To incorporate DOC Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions.
3. In addition, this amendment is subject to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, codified at 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

This Amendment approved by the Grants Officer is issued in triplicate and constitute an obligation of Federal funding. By signing the three documents, the Recipient agrees to comply with the Amendment provisions checked below and attached, as well as previous provisions incorporated into the Award. Upon acceptance by the Recipient, two signed Amendment documents shall be returned to the Grants Officer and the third document shall be retained by the Recipient. If not signed and returned without modification by the Recipient within 30 days of receipt, the Grants Officer may unilaterally terminate this Amendment.

Special Award Conditions (Attachment B)

Line Item Budget (Attachment A)

Other(s) 2 CFR PART 200, UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO 2 CFR § 1327.101.

SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE GRANTS OFFICER

Janet Russell

TITLE

Grants Officer

DATE

04/22/2015

TYPE NAME AND SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED RECIPIENT OFFICIAL

Randy Curtis

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04/30/2015



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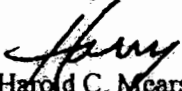
Dear Doug,

I am pleased to confirm approval of the Unallied Management project entitled, "Phase 2 – State-specific assistance to commercial and for-hire groundfish industry in New Hampshire." The Authorized Representative for the award, Randy Curtis, has recently received an email with instructions on how to accept this award amendment electronically through *Grants Online*. Upon acceptance, the Marine Fisheries Division is authorized to initiate project work for Amendment 1 under Grant # NA14NMF4540349. NOAA has obligated \$1,136,400 to fund the Federal share of project costs.

Semi-annual performance reports will continue to be required to detail progress toward the achievement of project objectives in six-month intervals. The next progress report covers the reporting period from February 1, 2015, through July 31, 2015, and is due on August 30, 2015. Any work completed from the amendment start date of October 1, 2014, should also be included in this report.

Nicole MacDonald is the Federal Program Officer for this award. She will monitor project activities and coordinate all programmatic issues or changes with NOAA's Grants Management Division. Please contact Nicole at (978) 281-9299 or via e-mail to [Nicole.MacDonald@noaa.gov](mailto:Nicole.MacDonald@noaa.gov), if you have any questions concerning the award.

Sincerely,

  
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for Operations and Budget

cc: Randy Curtis  
cc: Cheri Patterson

