



New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

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September 2, 2014

The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairperson
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, New Hampshire, 03301

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFGD) to accept and expend nine hundred ten thousand dollars (\$910,000) in federal funds from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) from date of Joint Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 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	46,000	0	46,000
022	RENTS/LEASES	1,500	0	1,500
026	ORGANIZATIONAL DUES	26,000	0	26,000
030	EQUIPMENT	10,000	0	10,000
041	AUDIT FUND SET ASIDE	500	0	500
050	PERSONAL SERVICES - TEMPORARY	84,969	0	84,969
060	BENEFITS	289,228	0	289,228
070	IN STATE TRAVEL	2,500	0	2,500
072	GRANTS FEDERAL	0	910,000	910,000
080	OUT OF STATE TRAVEL	1,500	0	1,500
102	CONTRACT FOR PROGRAM SERVICES	100	0	100
103	CONTRACT FOR OPERATIONAL SERVICES	16,000	0	16,000
Total Expenses		<u>\$1,004,161</u>	<u>\$910,000</u>	<u>\$1,914,161</u>

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Source of Funds:

000	Federal Funds	\$512,495	\$910,000	\$1,422,495
009	Agency Income	15,374	0	15,374
	Fish and Game Funds	476,292	0	476,292
	Total	<u>\$1,004,161</u>	<u>\$910,000</u>	<u>\$1,914,161</u>

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 \$2,046,400; 1) \$910,000 is going to direct assistance for New Hampshire groundfish harvesters based on defined criteria, 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 infrastructure.

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This request is to accept and expend a grant from NOAA Fisheries (Attachment A) for \$910,000 in Direct Assistance that is to be distributed to commercial groundfish fishing vessel owners with a home port in New Hampshire.

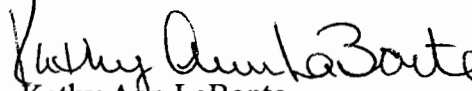
Because all of the \$910,000 in funds being received are to be passed through to the fishing vessel owners, no funds are being budgeted for class 041, Audit Fund Set-Aside. Future disbursement of NOAA funds to the State of New Hampshire will include both administrative funds and audit funds.

General Funds will not be requested to support this project.

Respectfully submitted,



Glenn Normandeau
Executive Director



Kathy Ann LaBonte
Chief Business Division

Attachment A

NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Fisheries Disaster Direct Assistance Grant Award and Confirmation
Letter.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

GRANT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARD

AWARD NUMBER
NA14NMF4540349

RECIPIENT NAME New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

STREET ADDRESS 11 Hazen Drive	FEDERAL SHARE OF COST \$910,000.00
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CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE Concord NH 03301	RECIPIENT SHARE OF COST \$0.00
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AWARD PERIOD 08/01/2014-07/31/2015	TOTAL ESTIMATED COST \$910,000.00
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AUTHORITY 16 U.S.C. 1881a(d)

CFDA NO. AND PROJECT TITLE
11.454 Direct Assistance to New Hampshire's Commercial Groundfish Vessels - 2014

This award offer approved by the Grants Officer constitutes an obligation of Federal funding. By accepting this award offer, the Recipient agrees to comply with the award Terms and Conditions checked below. If this was a paper issued award offer, please send two signed documents to the Grants Officer and retain one set of signed award documents for your files. If this award offer is not accepted without modification within 30 days of receipt, the Grants Officer may unilaterally withdraw this award offer and de-obligate the funds.

- Department of Commerce Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions
- Government Wide Research Terms and Conditions
- Bureau Specific Administrative Standard Award Conditions
- Award Specific Special Award Conditions
- Line Item Budget
- 15 CFR Part 14, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, Other Non-Profit, and Commercial Organizations
- 15 CFR Part 24, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements to States and Local Governments
- OMB Circular A-21, Cost Principles for Educational Institutions
- OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments
- OMB Circular A-122, Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations
- 48 CFR Part 31, Contract Cost Principles and Procedures
- OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations
- Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements
REF: 77 FR 74634 (December 17, 2012)
- Other(s)

SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE GRANTS OFFICER Alan Conway	TITLE Grants Officer	DATE 08/06/2014
TYPE NAME AND SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED RECIPIENT OFFICIAL Mr. Randy Curtis	TITLE	DATE 08/18/2014



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
GREATER ATLANTIC REGIONAL FISHERIES OFFICE
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Gloucester, MA 01930-2276

Mr. Douglas Grout, Chief
New Hampshire Fish & Game Department
Marine Fisheries Division
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Dear Doug,

I am pleased to confirm approval of the Unallied Management project entitled, "Direct Assistant to New Hampshire's Commercial Groundfish Vessels - 2014." The Authorized Representative for the award, Randy Curtis, has recently received an email with instructions on how to accept this grant electronically through *Grants Online*. Upon acceptance, the Marine Fisheries Division is authorized to initiate project work for Grant # NA14NMF4540349. NOAA has obligated \$910,000 to fully fund the Federal share of project costs.

Semi-annual performance reports will be required to detail progress toward the achievement of project objectives in six-month intervals, beginning from the award start date of August 1, 2014. Reports are due 30 days following the end of each reporting period and should be submitted through *Grants Online*. The progress reporting schedule for this award is:

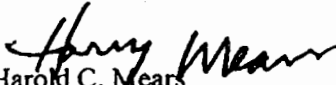
<u>Reporting Period</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
August 1, 2014 – January 31, 2015	March 2, 2015
February 1, 2015 – July 31, 2015	August 30, 2015

In addition, a completion report, addressing study accomplishments throughout the award period is due 90 days after the award ends on July 31, 2015.

Financial Status Reports should be entered directly into the *Grants Online* system. A user manual is available at http://www.corporateservices.noaa.gov/grantsonline/gol_training.html.

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, if you have any questions concerning the award.

Sincerely,


Harold C. Mears
Assistant Regional Administrator
for Operations and Budget

cc: Randy Curtis
cc: Cheri Patterson

