New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

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September 13, 2024

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

1. Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFG) requests authorization to accept and expend $749,926 in federal funds from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for the purposes related to restoring and repurposing the former Emery Estate at Glenn's Cove Wildlife Management Area (WMA) to enhance public access and fulfill programmatic construction needs for the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through June 30, 2025. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds to be budgeted as follows:

GBNERRPAC2020						
03-75-75-753020-71590000						
Fiscal Year 2025						
	Accoun	Class Description	Revenue	Current	Requested	Adjusted
000		FEDERAL FUNDS	404233-16	$2,483,952	$749,926	$3,233,878
005		PRIVATE FUNDS	402756-20	36,150	0	36,150
00S		FISH and GAME	000020	712,255	0	712,255
Total				**$3,232,357**	**$749,926**	**$3,982,283**
Expens						
020	500200	CURRENT		12,000	0	12,000
041	500801	AUDIT FUND SET	404233-16	2,485	750	3,235
046	500463	CONSULTANTS	404233-16	3,192,872	749,176	3,942,048
047	500240	OWN FORCES		5,000	0	5,000
103	502664	CONTRACT FOR		20,000	0	20,000
Total				**$3,232,357**	**$749,926**	**$3,982,283**

2. Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, and contingent upon Requested Action #1 and Requested Action #3, authorize the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFG) to accept and expend a donation in the amount of $97,041 from the Great Bay Stewards, to be used as part of the federal match requirement for Action Item #1, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2025. 100% Private Funds (Donation).

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Funds to be budgeted as follows:

GBNERRPAC2020						
03-75-75-753020-71590000						
Fiscal Year 2025						
		Class Description	Revenue	Current	Requested	Adjusted
000		FEDERAL FUNDS	404233-16	$3,233,878	0	$3,233,878
005		PRIVATE FUNDS	402756-20	36,150	$97,041	133,191
005		FISH and GAME	000020	712,255	0	712,255
Total				**$3,982,283**	**$97,041**	**$4,079,324**
Expense						
020	500200	CURRENT EXPENSE		12,000	0	12,000
041	500801	AUDIT FUND SET		3,235	0	3,235
046	500463	CONSULTANTS	402756-20	3,942,048	97,041	4,039,089
047	500240	OWN FORCES MNT		5,000	0	5,000
103	502664	CONTRACT FOR OP		20,000	0	20,000
Total				**$3,982,283**	**$97,041**	**$4,079,324**

3. Pursuant to RSA 206:33-a, and contingent upon Requested Action #1, authorize the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFG) to accept a donation in the amount of $97,041 from the Great Bay Stewards, to be used as part of the federal match requirement for Action Item #1, effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2025. The Fish and Game Commission voted to accept this donation at their September 17, 2024 meeting. 100% Private Funds (Donation).

EXPLANATION

A large property was acquired by NHFG in 2000 that included a 12-acre life estate that would revert to NHFG management upon the death of the resident family. The family member passed away in the spring of 2018, whereas the farmhouse, garage, barn, five apartments, three cottages and associated sheds that were on the land reverted to NHFG. Most of the buildings are in poor or very poor condition, leaving the agency with the responsibility of cleaning up the area, removing all hazards, and determining what to do with the structures. The property is a part of a block of land on the eastern side of Great Bay now called Glenn's Cove Wildlife Management Area. The goal of these funds is to restore buildings that can be of use to NHFG and the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, remove buildings that are not safe or needed, and restore the site to be suitable for public access.

Each year, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) holds a competition for federal funds to support construction and land acquisition projects that support the 29 National Estuarine Research Reserves around the country. A grant of $999,595 in federal funds from NOAA was awarded to NHFG for this project in 2021. The original federal award plus match, $1,394,928, was added to the FY21 appropriation with Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval.

As is required, NHFG worked with the Department of Administrative Services to hire an engineering and design firm. The firm prepared detailed engineering plans, drawings, permits and cost estimates. It became clear that the original grant would not cover the required cost. Therefore, the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve applied for and was successful in being awarded a second federal award from the NOAA for $1,499,970.

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The second award and associated match was added to the FY24 appropriation with Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval in the spring of 2024. The project was put out to bid in February 2023, and bids were opened in March. There were no acceptable bids, and therefore the funds could not be expended within FY23. The project team re-scoped the project to take out some elements of the project, put the bid back out in

2024, and a contract was accepted by G and C in the spring of 2024. Recognizing the escalating costs of construction, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration allowed ongoing construction projects to apply for supplemental funds to complete projects as originally approved by the agency. NHFG applied for supplemental funds in the spring of 2024 and was awarded these funds in August of 2024. This request is to accept and expend the supplemental funds from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to complete the project.

Funds are being budgeted in Class 046, Engineer Consultants, to support a contract to complete all of the design work, site work, utilities, construction of a picnic pavilion and bathrooms, construction of a garage, and the relocation of an existing structure. Class 046 will also be used to support the Department of Administrative Services Public Works Division oversight of the project that is required by the state.

Funds are being budgeted in Class 041, Audit Set Aside, to comply with RSA 124:16 that requires all agencies which receive federal funds to set aside a percentage of the federal revenue amount received to pay for financial and compliance audits.

General Funds will not be requested to support this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott R. Mason
Executive Director

Kathy Ann LaBonte
Chief, Business Division

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
NOS Office for Coastal Management (OCM)

Notice of Award (NoA)
NA22NOS4200195-T3-01S001

RECIPIENT INFORMATION

1. Recipient Name
NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH & GAME
11 HAZEN DR
CONCORD, NH 03301

2. Congressional District of Recipient
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3. Employer Identification Number (EIN)
026000618 1

4. UEI
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5. Recipient Point of Contact
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FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION

10. Award Number / FAIN
NA22NOS4200195-T3-01S001 / NA22NOS4200195 / Mod 2

11. Award Type
Grant

12. Period of Performance Start Date & End Date
07/01/2024 – 09/30/2025

13. Federal Share of Cost
$749,926

14. Recipient Share of Cost
$132,340

15. Total Federal and Recipient Cost
$882,266

16. Opportunity Number
NOAA-NOS-OCM-2024-2008300

17. Project Title
Great Bay NERR Glenn Cove Public Access Project 2024 Supplemental NERRS PAC Cost Inflation (RFA) Application

18. Assistance Listing Number and Name
11.420 Coastal Zone Management Estuarine Research Reserves

19. Award Action Type
Supplement/Change for Expansion

20. Multiyear Award?
No

21. R&D Award?
No

22. Construction Award?
Yes

23. Grants Officer – Signature and Date
Halima Turner – 08/22/2024

NOTICE OF NOAA AWARD COVER LETTER

Congratulations, you are the recipient of NOAA award Number NA22NOS4200195-T3-01S001.

This Notice of Award (NoA) approved by the NOAA Grants Officer, constitutes the official grant award and the obligation of Federal funding. The NoA serves as the official legal document issued to notify the recipient and others that an award has been made. The NoA contains all terms and conditions of the grant award.

The complete NoA can be found and downloaded under eRA Commons using the following instructions: View Notice of Award | eRA

This NoA was sent to the specified email address entered in the NoA email field by the recipient organization when completing the electronic Research Administration (eRA) Commons registration process. The Signing Official (SO) can update this email address through the Institutional Profile section in eRA Commons. The NoA can also be viewed from the Status Information page in eRA Commons. By accepting the award, the recipient agrees to comply with the award provisions specified on the award document.

As the Signing Official (SO) you are authorized to legally bind the institution in grant-administration matters. In providing your signature approval on the grant application submission you are responsible for monitoring grant related activities and authorizing expenditures under this award.

Additional Information about your award is shown below:

- Assistance Listing Number: 11.420
- Project Period: 07/01/2024 – 09/30/2025
- Program Office: NOS Office for Coastal Management (OCM)
- Program Officer: Claudia Mazur
- Program Officer Phone:
- Program Officer Email: Claudia.Mazur@noaa.gov
- Total Federal Funding: $749,926
- Total Non-Federal Funding: $132,340
- Organization Name: New Hampshire Fish and Game Department
- Project Title: Great Bay NERR Glenn Cove Public Access Project 2024 Supplemental NERRS PAC Cost Inflation (RFA) Application
- Name of Principal Director/Project Investigator (PI/PD) as identified in the negotiated application:
  - Cory A Riley

This email was sent from a source that is not monitored for responses. If you need assistance, contact your Program/Project Officer (for programmatic issues) or the eRA Help Desk (for technical issues).

SECTION I – BUDGET INFORMATION

Approved Budget

	Year 1 Federal	Year 2 Federal	Total
424C Administrative and legal expenses	$29,020	$0	$29,020
424C Architectural and engineering fees	$14,135	$0	$14,135
424C Site work	$61,226	$0	$61,226
424C Construction	$566,903	$0	$566,903
424C Miscellaneous	$78,642	$0	$78,642
Total Direct Charges	$749,926	$0	$749,926
Indirect Charges	$0	$0	$0
Federal	$749,926	$0	$749,926
Non-Federal	$132,340	$0	$132,340

Authorized

	Cumulative
Federal	$749,926
Non-Federal	$132,340
Total	$882,266

Authorized Funding Codes

					Cumulative
14012KC204	24P33	141017000000000000	41001300	NERRS PAC	$749,926
				Total	$749,926

SECTION II – NOAA STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 2 CFR PART 200, UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO 2 CFR § 1327.101
  https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200?toc=1

- DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS
  https://www.commerce.gov/oam/policy/financial-assistance-policy
  The Department of Commerce Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions (ST&C) issued November 12, 2020, are incorporated by reference into this award.
- Bureau Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions
  Administrative Standard Award Conditions for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Financial Assistance Awards U.S. Department of Commerce

- Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements (REF: 79FR 78390)
  https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2014-12-30/pdf/2014-30297.pdf

SECTION III – SPECIFIC AWARD CONDITIONS

SPECIAL TERMS

Foreign Air Carrier

The recipient shall comply with the provisions of the Fly America Act (49 U.S.C. § 40118). The implementing regulations of the Fly America Act are found at 41 C.F.R. §§ 301-10.131 through 301-10.143. If a foreign air carrier is anticipated to be used for any portion of travel under a DOC financial assistance award the recipient must receive prior approval from the Grants Officer.

GREAT BAY STEWARDS

Supporting education, research & conservation on Great Bay

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March 27, 2024

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NERRS 2024 Procurement, Acquisition and Construction Competition Managers

Re: ***"The Great Bay Glenn Cove Public Access Project" – Matching Funds for Supplemental Award for NA22NOS4200195***

Dear Reviewers;

Please be advised that on March 26, 2024, the Executive Committee of the Great Bay Stewards Board of Directors voted to continue our commitment to raise and appropriate matching funds in the amount of $132,340 to match federal supplemental funds to support ***"The Great Bay Glenn Cove Public Access Project"***. Our organization has been a major supporter of this project alongside the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (GBNERR) for several years now, and has already successfully raised $264,701 in matching funds for the original Procurement, Acquisition and Construction grant NA22NOS4200195. We also provided $20,000 in funding to support the initial design work for the re-use of this property in 2019.

"The Great Bay Glenn Cove Public Access Project" is an exceptional opportunity to connect more people to Great Bay. The parcel has unparalleled views of the estuary, is a short distance from the most populated parts of the N.H. Seacoast, and has a long history of traditional recreational uses on Great Bay, including waterfowl hunting and ice fishing. The people who live in the N.H. Seacoast are incredibly eager to see public access to the site developed, and we are eager to welcome them.

The mission of the Great Bay Stewards is the long-term protection and conservation of the Great Bay estuarine ecosystem by supporting education, land protection, research, and stewardship of Great Bay. For more than 25 years, we have worked to make sure people know about and care about the estuary and about the Reserve. We believe the "The Great Bay Glenn Cove Public Access Project" will open up new programming opportunities for the Reserve; will draw new people to Great Bay, GBNERR, and N.H. Fish and Game; and will help strengthen our organization's connection to area residents. This project will also provide much needed outdoor programming and event space, which will benefit both GBNERR and the Great Bay Stewards.

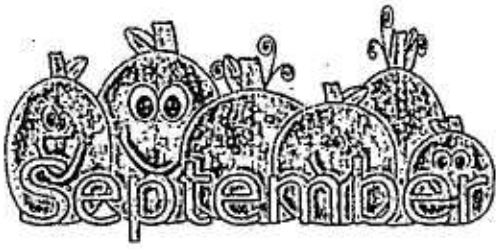
As the official 501c3 non-profit friends group of the Reserve, a key goal of our organization is to provide funding to support critical programs. Through fundraising events, private donations, and working with local businesses, funds are made available each year to augment programming at GBNERR, to maintain and improve GBNERR facilities and grounds, and to protect Great Bay for future generations. In addition to funding for this project, over the past five years the Great Bay Stewards have raised more than $300,000.00 in support of the Reserve and have acted as fiscal agents for more than $700,000.00. Our Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from eight Seacoast towns and has broad commercial business, non-profit, and public policy experience. In addition, the Stewards are currently managing a $1-million-dollar donation dedicated to strengthening education and volunteer programming. The

organization and its members have the financial depth, capacity, experience, and passion to continue supporting the great work of GBNERR and making ***"The Great Bay Glenn Cove Public Access Project"*** a reality.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the Great Bay Stewards or our commitment to this project.

Sincerely,

Steve Paquette
Chair
Great Bay Stewards



September 9, 2024

TO: NH Fish & Game Commission & Staff

FROM: Scott R. Mason, Executive Director

SUBJECT: COMMISSION AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

There will be a meeting of the NH Fish and Game Commission on Tuesday, **September 17, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.**, at the NH Fish & Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

The public is entitled to attend all Commission Meetings and when recognized by the Chairman, the public may speak on any item on the agenda. The Chairman reserves the right to limit public comments to the extent necessary for the orderly conduct of the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

1.) Approval of the August 20, 2024 Commission Minutes. (R. Green)

2.) Consent Agenda – The following items have been grouped together and noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action on routine matters, which may not require public discussion. Commission members may remove certain items, if further public input or discussion is deemed necessary.

2a.) Approval to accept the donation of $250.00 from Dennis Fiorillo, for use by the Department's Advanced Search & Rescue Team. (K. Jordan)

2b.) Approval to accept the donation of $100.00 from Parke Sickler in memory of Mark Lamothe, for use by the Department's Advanced Search & Rescue Team. (K. Jordan)

3.) Approval to accept the donation of $97,041.00 from the Great Bay Stewards to provide the non-federal match for a supplemental grant to complete the Glenn Cove Project. (C. Riley)

INFORMATION ITEM:

1.) Financial Statement. (K. LaBonte)

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Public policy development & recommendations, as well as Commission advocacy before legislature.

Commissioner Stohl Chair; Commissioners: Caveney, DeBow, Hodgson & McGonagle.
Staff members: Kevin Jordan & Marty Mobley.