

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Marine Fisheries Service
Northeast Region
State, Federal & Constituent Programs Office



COMPLETION REPORT

Grantee: NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

Project No: 3-ACA-045

Grant No: NA76FG0406

Project Title: LAW ENFORCEMENT OF ASMFC MANAGED SPECIES IN NH

Period Covered: 09/01/97 - 12/31/98

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Date: AUGUST 5, 1999

Statutory Funding Authority: Anadromous Fish Conservation Act
(P.L. 89-304)

- Chesapeake Bay Studies
- Endangered Species Act
- Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act (Title III of P.L. 99-659)
- Magnuson Act
- Oyster Disease Research
- Saltonstall-Kennedy
- Unallied Industry Projects
- Unallied Science Projects
- ACFCMA

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Management Division
State-Federal Relations Branch

PERFORMANCE REPORT

State: New Hampshire

Award No: NA76FG0406

Project Title: Law Enforcement of ASMFC Managed Species in
New Hampshire

Period Covered: September 1, 1997 - December 31, 1998

Project Dates: September 1, 1997 - December 31, 1998

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Major Ronald P. Alie
Law Enforcement Division Chief

Date: April 26, 1999

PERFORMANCE REPORT

STATE: New Hampshire

GRANT: NA76FG0406

GRANT TITLE: Law Enforcement of ASMFC Managed Species in New Hampshire

PROJECT OBJECTIVE: To increase the effectiveness of law enforcement activities directed at enforcement of rules and statutes promulgated for compliance with ASMFC fisheries management plans.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES:

Conservation Officers conducted details directed towards enforcement of rules and statutes promulgated for compliance with ASMFC management plans. Details are summarized as follows:

Conservation Officers implemented an outreach program encouraging New Hampshire fishermen to voluntarily commit their shrimp nets to inspection for legal mesh size requirements. Twenty-six shrimp fishermen committed their nets to inspection. Eleven of these fishermen (42%) were found to have cod ends that did not meet the legal requirement of 1 ¾ inches stretched mesh opening between knots and the cod ends were replaced.

The outreach program was a success in that it accomplished two objectives; It protected the shrimp resource by removing undersized nets before they had an opportunity to take shrimp and, it conveyed to the commercial fishermen that the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is committed to working with them to protect their interest as well as that of the marine resource.

Conservation Officers conducted law enforcement operations targeting striped bass fishermen. The operations were conducted on the water, at dockside, and shoreside. As a result of these operations, 18 individuals were apprehended for violating striped bass regulations and they were issued a total of 62 summonses for the following violations:

- 45 violations of possessing sub-legal striped bass
- 15 violations for possessing an overlimit of striped bass
- 1 violation for the illegal sale of striped bass
- 1 violation for the illegal use of a gaff

A high percentage of these apprehensions were as a direct result of conducting nighttime shoreside surveillance's utilizing an Owl Dark Invader Night scope.

Covert and overt boat patrols, which were conducted in the daylight hours, were not effective in uncovering illegal striped bass activity; however, the high visibility patrols are necessary as they do offer a deterrent effect by reinforcing the fact that conservation officers are out and about enforcing the striped bass regulations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Resume outreach program encouraging New Hampshire fishermen to voluntarily commit their nets to inspection.

Striped bass enforcement details should be continued, emphasizing an appropriate blend between nighttime and daytime patrols and surveillances.

NOAA grant project should be modified to de-emphasize boat use and augment marked and unmarked vehicle utilization.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT
Federal Grant Financial Report

Title: LAW ENFORCEMENT OF ASMFC SPECIES OF NH

Federal ID: NH76FG0406
 Grant Period: 01/01/98-12/31/98
 Report date: 6/10/99

Division Chief: Major Ronald Alie
 Project Manager: Lt. Edmond Cournoyer

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

| | STATE | | | FEDERAL | | | TOTAL | | |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | ACTUAL | BUDGET | VARIANCE | ACTUAL | BUDGET | VARIANCE | ACTUAL | BUDGET | VARIANCE |
| Project I | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 18,648.61 | 21,951.87 | 3,303.26 | 18,648.61 | 21,951.87 | 3,303.26 |
| In-Kind Match | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash Match | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Indirect Cost | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,513.24 | 3,672.13 | (841.11) | 4,513.24 | 3,672.13 | (841.11) |
| Adj/Ineligible | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTALS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 23,161.85 | 25,624.00 | 2,462.15 | 23,161.85 | 25,624.00 | 2,462.15 |