Grant Awards Summary by Category Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund - 2014 - Session 1

Grants Awarded on May 8th, 2014

Category 1 Fisheries & Wildlife & Habitat Conservation

Gulf of Maine Research Institute	Vital Communities	\$15,949	141-01-01	
	Create and pilot resources to support youth-led community events to raise awareness and collect data on occurrence of invasive species in service to state agencies and re-energizing citizen science in Maine.	Kennebec County	DEP	
Dept. of Marine Resources	Tracking River Herring Returns to the St. Croix Watershed	\$4,510	141-01-02	
	DMR will be the lead agency in a multi-partner study (federal, Canadian, tribal, and conservation) to track the first returns of river herring to the upper St. Croix watershed in 18 years.	St. Croix watershed	DMR	
Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (KELT)	Green Crab Monitoring and Management in the Kennebec Estuary	\$9,470	141-01-03	
	This project will develop a regional approach to managing green crabs, providing information and equipment resources that make possible the study and control of green crab populations and the protection of soft-shell clams and eelgrass.	Kennebec Estuary	DMR	
University of Maine	Small Mammal Community Stability	\$12,984	141-01-04	
	The project examines the small mammal community's ability to withstand environmental stress, and projects how potential changes may unfold when stress limits are exceeded.	Statewide	IFW	
Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve	Measuring Invasive Green Crab Impacts on Salt Marsh Erosion with the First Documented Use of Computed Tomography in Maine	\$10,752	141-01-05	
	Quantify green crab abundance and measure direct erosional impacts on Maine salt marshes from crab activities using conventional methods and the novel application of computed tomography, a first for the State of Maine.	York, Cumberland	WNERR	
Dept. of Agriculture,	Identifying Wetland Restoration and Protection Opportunities in Maine	\$14,500	141-01-11	
Conservation-& Forestry - MNAP	Use outreach, landscape analysis and ecological integrity assessments to identify high quality wetland protection, restoration, or enhancement opportunities and provide technical support towards the identification and evaluation of ecologically meaningful mitigation projects.	Statewide	ACF	
University of Maine	Demography and Population Status of Spruce Grouse in Northern Maine Forests	\$17,835	141-01-12	
	Evaluate the population performance of spruce grouse in northern Maine.	Northern Maine	IFW	

Total Amount Funded for Category:

\$86,000

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Casco Bay Estuary Partnership	Paddling Guide to the Presumpscot River	\$6,000	141-02-01	
	Create a fold-up waterproof map & guide to the Presumpscot River and its primary tributaries.	Presumpscot River	ACF	
Natural Resource Education Center at	Restoration of the Big Moose (Squaw) Mountain Fire Tower	\$8,500	141-02-02	
Moosehead	Restore the first manned fire tower in the United States.	Greenville	ACF	
Vaughan	Vaughan Woods Trail Maintenance	\$4,800	141-02-03	
Homestead Foundation	Perform trail maintenance in the Vaughan Woods this summer to ensure the public will continue to have safe access to the Woods' three miles of unique, picturesque walking trails.	Hallowell	ACF	
Sheepscot Wellspring Land	Sheepscot Headwaters Wildlands Project	\$15,000	141-02-04	
Alliance	Acquire 3 properties totaling 141 acres, all with frontage on the Sheepscot River in the towns of Liberty and Palermo. The land is in a priority focus area from a 2008 conservation plan for the Sheepscot River Watershed.	Waldo County	ACF	
Southern ME Reg'l Planning Comm.	Creating an Integrated Multi-Use Recreational Trail in York County	\$12,000	141-02-05	
	Creation of a mulit-purpose recreational trail extending from northern York County to the coast, utilizing existing trails, examining potential new links and working with property owners to formalize those links.	York County	ACF	
Mount Blue State Park	Mount Blue Nature Center Upgrade and Program Expansions	\$5,533	141-02-06	
	Upgrade and expand educational displays, materials, equipment and supplies at the Park Nature Center	Mt Blue State Park	ACF	
Dept. of IF&W	Maine's Hatchery Heritage	\$1,613	141-02-07	
	Educational video promoting the history and importance of the state's hatchery system, as well as the lifecycle of the eastern brook trout, Maine's heritage fish.	Statewide	IFW	
Dept. of IF&W	Enhancement of Educational and Outdoor Programs on Swan Island	\$6,470	141-02-08	
	Create hooked on fishing not drugs opportuntiy on Swan Island to promote family togetherness through fishing and adding an aquatic program to the educational programs available to a variety of public and private groups.	Swan Island	IFW	
Androscoggin Land Trust	Youth Land Stewards: Hands-on & High Tech	\$10,000	141-02-09	
	Consistent, quality environmental appreciation programming for youth agency partners in Lewiston/Auburn that offers opportunities to hike, fish, paddle and achieve land stewardship projects in the downtown with the chance to share the experience on a mobile application.		IFW	
St. Croix International	A New Integrated Management Plan for the St. Croix Waterway	\$7,500	141-02-10	
Waterway Commission	Update the SCIWC's 1993 international management plan for the St. Croix boundary corridor which will be done via a series of public education and feedback meetings, and a scientific conference.	St. Croix Corridor	SCIW	

Total Amount Funded for Category: 2 \$77,416

Dept. of Marine Resources	Seafloor Mapping to Enhance the Management & Recovery of Endangered North Atlantic Whales		141-03-01	
	To enhance bathymetric and habitat mapping capabilities in areas of overlap between the endangered Northern Atlantic Whales and fixed gear fisheries near Coastal Maine.	Statewide	DMR	
Dept. of Integrating 21st Century Science into Maine's State Wildlife Action Plan		\$15,690	141-03-03	
Conservation-& Forestry- MNAP Revise and update Maine's 2005 State Wildlife Action Plan to include current information on wildlife habitats, species of greatest conservation need, habitat connectivity, and resilience.		Satewide	Satewide ACF	
Brunswick Parks & Recreation Department	Captain Fitzgerald Conservation and Recreation Area Sandplain Grassland Restoration Project		141-03-04	
	Restore 66 acres of Little Buestem-Lowbush Blueberry Sandplain Grassland (S1 natural Community) through prescribed burning, and install interpretive signage for visitors.	Brunswick	ACF	

Total Amount Funded for Category: 3 \$37,000

Category 4 Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Protection of Public Health

Department of Marine Resources	Digital Side Scan Sonar Unit To procure a new Digital Side Scan Sonar Imaging Unit to replace an existing analog unit that has become obsolete and unreliable.			\$23,542 Statewide	141-04-02 DMR
Marine Patrol					
Maine Warden Service	Heat Alarms for Warden Serv	ice K9 Vehicles		\$7,308	141-04-04
	Install K9 Heat Alarms in the Warde the canines in case the cooling syst		ehicles to help ensure the safety of	Statewide	IFW
Dept. of IFW	Black Bear Deterrent Tool - M	linimizing Human	and Bear Interactions	\$2,150	141-04-05
	Acquire two projectile guns for use by trained MDIFW wildlife and law enforcement staff to be used to fire oleoresin capsicum (OC or pepper spray) to humanely deter repeat nuisance bears or paint balls which would be used to identify animals as habitual offenders that may present a danger to the public.			Ashland	IFW
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Total All Categor	ies:	\$233,416	# of Grants Awarded: 2	3	