

# *Grant Awards Summary by Category*

## *Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund - 2012 - Session 2*

*Grants Awarded on November 1, 2012*

### **Category 1 Fisheries & Wildlife & Habitat Conservation**

122-01-01	ACF	<b>Ecological Integrity Assessment: A New Method for Evaluating Maine Wetlands</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$14,722</b>	<b>Statewide</b>
Adapt a national methodology that involves remote and field-based metrics, the identification of key ecological attributes and stressors, standard protocols for evaluating those attributes and the use of aggregated metrics to rank wetlands in terms of their ecological integrity.				
122-01-02	IFW	<b>Using New Tracking Technology to Determine Shorebird Habitat Use</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$15,000</b>	<b>Statewide</b>
Determine real time movement related to shorebird foraging and roosting behaviors as well as those in response to human related disturbance at coastal staging areas and enhance public education about coastal areas and conservation.				
122-01-05	ACF	<b>Innovative Approaches to Watershed Protection Using Portable Forestry Bridges</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$13,500</b>	<b>Kennebec County</b>
Develop and implement an innovative program to protect drinking water sources in municipal water supply watersheds by providing portable skidder bridges for temporary use during active harvest operations, establishing a long-term tracking and monitoring system for the bridges' use and effectiveness and using the full reach of the partnership to inform and educate a broad audience within the target area.				
122-01-06	ACF	<b>Monitoring, Outreach, and Education on Our Sand Beaches</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$8,362</b>	<b>Southern Maine</b>
Provide comprehensive monitoring of southern Maine beaches to improve state and municipal access to the quality-controlled beach elevation data on a monthly and pre/post storm basis to inform beach management to promote conservation of wildlife and their habitats, dune management, beach nourishment and public access for recreation.				
122-01-07	ACF	<b>Conservation Recreation Forum</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$1,500</b>	<b>Statewide</b>
Reinvigorate the Conservation Education Forum to bring together sportsmen, environmentalists, outdoor recreationists, landowners, state natural resource agencies to learn about key issues, reduce areas of conflict and find new ways to collaborate.				
122-01-08	DEP	<b>First "Citizen's" Guide to Best Practices for Management of Invasive Aquatic Plants</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$12,500</b>	<b>Statewide</b>
Develop and publish the first complete resource, available in print as well as on-line, to assist citizen lake groups who are battling milfoil.				
122-01-10	DEP	<b>Privatization of the MDEP Lake Protection Program, LakeSmart</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$10,000</b>	<b>Statewide</b>
Privatize LakeSmart, an incentivized lake protection program introduced by Maine DEP in 2003 that educates lakefront property owners about sustainable land use and rewards those whose properties model best management practices.				
122-01-12	IFW	<b>Little Androscoggin River Watershed Passage Survey and Barrier Prioritization</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$12,416</b>	<b>Oxford County</b>
Survey and GIS map road/stream crossings and barriers to passage within the watershed and provide information to towns, state and federal agencies. Seek additional funding for restoration of habitat connectivity in priority areas.				

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122-01-15	IFW	<b>Establishing Breeding and Wintering Purple Sandpiper Population Connectivity</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$5,000</b>	Statewide
<p>Establish wintering and breeding population connectivity of the rarely surveyed Purple Sandpiper to determine which breeding populations winter in the northwestern Atlantic which will prioritize monitoring and protection efforts for those breeding populations most at risk.</p>				

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**Total Amount Funded for Category: 1 \$93,000**

## Category 2 Acquisition & Mgmt of Public Lands, Parks, Wildlife Conservation Areas & Public Access

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122-02-01	IFW	<b>Mattawamkeag River System Wildlife Management Area Upland Habitat Joint Venture</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$10,000</b>	Drew Plantation
<p>Continue habitat management efforts on the Page Farm Unit within the Mattawamkeag River System WMA that benefit early successional habitat species including American woodcock, wild turkey and ruffed grouse.</p>				

122-02-02	IFW	<b>Securing Public Access on the Moose River</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$3,000</b>	Rockwood Strip - Moosehead
<p>Assist in acquiring a 100 acre parcel with over 4,000 feet of frontage on the Moose River to ensure lifetime public access by contracting with an appraiser to determine the fair market value of the property which will determine the maximum amount the Department is able to pay for the property.</p>				

122-02-03	ACF	<b>Securing Maine's Conservation and Recreational Needs</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$18,000</b>	Statewide
<p>Provide current and accurate GIS parcel records for state lands to meet conservation business needs; to meet standards required for inclusion of parcel records in the statewide conservation land layer; and to supply information used in brochures and other public information about recreation opportunities and other interests on state lands.</p>				

122-02-04	ACF	<b>Making the Maine Coastal Public Access Guide Available Online</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$15,000</b>	Statewide
<p>Create an online companion component to the Maine Coastal Access Guide that will provide information about all coastal access sites in Maine to the public at no cost.</p>				

122-02-05	ACF	<b>Conservation Walk at Height of Land Project</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$15,000</b>	Rangeley
<p>Complete the purchase of the land that provides the viewscape and hiking trail portion of the project to provide opportunities for hiking, wildlife watching, hunting, fishing, snowshoeing and an inspiring nationally recognized monument to conservation through the Conservation Walk at Height of Land that will also greatly benefit the local eco-tourism based economy.</p>				

122-02-06	ACF	<b>Natural Resource Protection of the Appalachian Trail: Gulf Hags Region</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$20,000</b>	Gulf Hags Region
<p>Provide critical trail reconstruction on the Gulf Hags Rim Trail where the trail is eroding as well as place a Ridgerunner to provide stewardship and Leave No Trace education to hikers. Safeguard access to a popular, outdoor destination and protect plant and wildlife habitat and water quality, strengthen volunteer activity in conservation.</p>				

122-02-07	IFW	<b>Study of Recreationists' Attitudes Toward Access to Private Land</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$7,000</b>	Statewide
<p>Conduct a study (similar to the 2009 SWOAM study) of the attitudes of land users towards the owners of the land they recreate on and use the analysis of the data to further expand upon the recent changes made in the Landowner Relations Program.</p>				

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**Total Amount Funded for Category: 2 \$88,000**

### Category 3 Endangered & Threatened Species Conservation Projects

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122-03-01	ACF	<b>Web Mapping Migration for Conservation &amp; Biodiversity Database</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$11,200</b>	Statewide
<p>Upgrade Biotics 4, Maine's Conservation and Biodiversity Database, which will aid Maine biologists in understanding and managing our rich resources, key items in keeping Maine as The Way Life Should Be and Open for Business.</p>				
122-03-03	IFW	<b>Building Respect for Piping Plovers and Least Terns Among Beach Residents and Visitors</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$11,531</b>	Southern Maine - Statewide Application
<p>Help reduce disturbance to nesting plovers and terns through plover outreach and educational post cards, booklets, packets and videos targeted to beach goers,</p>				
122-03-04	DMR	<b>Noise and Vessel Characterizations in Right Whale Habitats</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$22,269</b>	Statewide - Statewide Application
<p>Generate valuable data products, leveraging significant state and federal contributions, data, and expertise with regards to conservation and management of endangered right and other large whales as well as the facilitation of economic development through the creation of unique and dynamic shipping and vessel traffic data in the Gulf of Maine.</p>				

**Total Amount Funded for Category: 3 \$45,000**

### Category 4 Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Protection of Public Health

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122-04-03	IFW	<b>Shooting Range and Facilities Access Improvement Program</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$14,300</b>	Statewide
<p>Increase public safety and hunter satisfaction by improving the availability of adequate facilities for the training and maintenance of skillful shooters and hunters.</p>				
122-04-04	ACF	<b>BayScaping: Growing Green Lawns that Keep Our Coastal Waters Blue</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$7,100</b>	Cumberland and Sagadahoc Counties
<p>Educate homeowners on how they can grow green healthy lawns that will not harm coastal waters.</p>				
122-04-05	WNER	<b>Serosurvey for Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus (EEEV) antibody in Passerine Birds In Maine</b>	<b>Amt Funded: \$12,600</b>	York & Cumberland Counties
<p>Quantify the EEEV exposure of neotropical migrants returning to Maine in spring and departing in fall to help predict future EEEV outbreaks and prepare natural resource managers and public health agencies for the spread of the disease.</p>				

**Total Amount Funded for Category: 4 \$34,000**

**Total All Categories: \$260,000 # of Grants Awarded: 22**