

Award Specific Special Award Conditions

Cooperative Agreement/Substantial Involvement

NOAA Fisheries participation will be crucial to ensuring the development, selection and implementation of the most beneficial habitat restoration projects possible. NOAA Fisheries will:

- provide review of sub-award solicitations and proposals;
- verify the selected projects are of high quality and protect the federal interest in the expenditure of restoration funds;
- provide hands-on assistance on technical and permitting issues for each habitat restoration project;
- monitor the progression of the restoration from planning to implementation and post-construction follow-up, including one or more site visits;
- participate in public events to highlight the restoration activities and to ensure that they foster the concept of citizen-based habitat restoration.

Technical Monitor

The Technical Monitor for this project is: [include name, email address, and phone number]

NEPA Concurrence Required

The recipient will not expend funds for any project implementation activities until they have received written concurrence from NOAA Fisheries on project selection and clearance from NOAA Fisheries on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance on a project specific basis. The recipient agrees to assist and cooperate with NOAA Fisheries in the preparation of any NEPA compliance documentation related to projects sub-awarded under this cooperative agreement.

Adhere to All Applicable Laws

The recipient will ensure that implementation of the projects sub-awarded under this partnership will meet all federal environmental laws and regulations by completing any required federal consultations and obtaining all applicable permits and approvals prior to expenditure of federal funds for those activities requiring permits and consultations. Verification of federal permits and environmental compliance related to projects sub-awarded under this cooperative agreement must be available to the NOAA Program Officer if requested. The sub-recipient must be cognizant of all conditions and restrictions required by their permits and consultations, and will immediately halt activities and contact their NOAA Technical Monitor if events occur that threaten to violate the conditions or restrictions required by their permits and consultations.

Maintain Project Files

The recipient must maintain project files for the restoration projects funded under this agreement. These files must contain, at a minimum, project work plans and copies of all federal, state and local permits and consultations associated with project implementation.

Acknowledge Contributors

The partnership should be referred to as the "[Regional/National] Partnership between the NOAA Restoration Center and [the partner]."

The recipient and/or sub-recipients must display, where appropriate and practical, publicly visible signs indicating that the project has received funding through the NOAA Community-based Restoration Program. These signs should also identify other contributing partners. These contributions should also be acknowledged in all communications with the media and the public and in all outreach related to the projects.

Progress Report Format and Schedule

Progress reports for the overall management and administration of this award must use the NOAA Community-based Restoration Program's progress report narrative format and form approved by OMB under control number 0648 0472. This form will be provided to you by the NOAA Federal Program Officer.

Narrative progress reports will be due on the same schedule as financial reports--Oct. 30 and April 30--covering April 1-Sept. 30 and Oct. 1-March 31, respectively.

A comprehensive final report covering all activities during the award period is required and must be received by the NOAA Program Officer 90 days after the end date of this award. No final interim report is required.

Written Safety Plan

Safety is a critical consideration for restoration project implementation. The recipient must have a written safety plan for management of employees, contractors, and volunteers working on the project(s) as applicable. The plan should consider safety in and around project sites during and after project construction, and take into account potential safety concerns with regard to the current and future use of the sites. The recipient should ensure that a safety briefing is conducted for all project participants immediately prior to their involvement in hands-on restoration activities under this award, and require that any volunteers sign a liability release waiver. Recipients shall be responsible for exercising reasonable care and using best efforts to prevent accidents, injury or damage to all employees, contractors, persons and property, in and around the work site. This requirement also applies to all sub-awarded projects. All safety plans must be made available to NOAA upon request.

SCUBA Safety

For any Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus (SCUBA) diving activities in a project, it is the responsibility of the recipient to ensure that SCUBA divers are certified to a level commensurate with the type and conditions of the diving activity being undertaken. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the recipient to ensure that any SCUBA diving activities using Federal grant funds under this award meet, at a minimum, all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations pertaining to the type of SCUBA diving being undertaken.

Invasive Species Control

Pursuant to Executive Order # 13112, recipients of NOAA funding cannot implement any actions that are likely to cause or promote the introduction or spread of invasive species, and should provide for restoration of native species and habitat conditions in ecosystems that have been invaded. NOAA recipients are expected to take positive steps to prevent the introduction of invasive species, provide for control of invasive species, and minimize the economic, ecological, and human health impacts that invasive species cause. Where possible and/or practicable, recipients should also respond rapidly to and control populations of invasive species in an environmentally sound manner, promote public education on invasive species, and conduct post-construction monitoring to ensure that impacts on native species did not occur (as applicable). NOAA can provide additional guidance on the detection, control and prevention of invasive species impacts upon request.