



NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONSERVATION NEEDS GRANT PROGRAM



Northeast Regional Conservation Needs **2008 Grant Cycle** **Administrator's Executive Summary**

ACTION TO APPROVE 2008 RCN GRANTS

1. **On November 5, 2008, NEAFWA Directors approved five 2008 RCN Grants. See the Projects section for Grant Description.**
2. The 2008 RFP was issued in January 2008 and resulted in 16 pre-proposals submitted. One pre-proposal was subsequently withdrawn due to match issues. The total SWG request was \$760,000. Pre-proposals were scored by Tech Coordinators and review teams. NEWAA/NEFAA deliberated on pre-proposals and Tech Coordinator scores and ranked whether the proposal should be advanced to full proposal status. The RCN Exec Committee reviewed the NEWAA/NEFAA action and selected ten full proposals. Full proposals were vetted by the NEWDTC, and ranked and prioritized at the 2008 fall meeting. NEWAA/NEFAA then reviewed the NEWDTC scores and ranked full proposals.

STATUS OF 2007 RFP

1. NEAFWA approved eight grants in fall 2007. A ninth grant was approved by NEFWA Directors in the spring of 2008 to fund highest priority work on White

- Nose Syndrome in bats. Funding for the ninth proposal was generated by lower than expected administrative costs during first year of RCN grant program. Contracting between WMI and Bucknell University has been finalized and the PI is beginning work. Grants approved within the 2007 grant cycle are listed in Appendix A (Page 43).
2. March 4, 2008 was declared the first day of eligibility for grant recipients to begin charging time to projects based on final submittal of federal aid documentation. Contracts between WMI and recipients have been delivered to all but one grant recipient (USGS – instream flow). Liability insurance issues have been resolved.
 3. Contracts between WMI and state agencies took longer than expected. One contract is pending (NJ) and one will be approved at this meeting (NY).
 4. Quarterly reports were delivered to WMI by grant recipients on June 30, 2008 and September 30, 2008. Quarterly reports were reviewed and approved by Tech Coordinators. WMI Administrative expenses were reviewed and approved by the RCN Exec Committee. Quarterly invoices are being sent to states.
 5. A question was raised and resolved on the amount of detail to include in invoices and quarterly reports. The RCN Exec Committee have agreed to review and officially approve all WMI administrative expenses; and Tech Coordinator reviews and approvals of quarterly reports from grant recipients will constitute formal approval.
 6. Secure file download will be altered to include both invoice and documentation in one pdf file.

STATUS OF 2009 RFP

1. NEWDTC reviewed and edited RFP topics slightly to better focus grant applicants on state needs. Technical Coordinators have been secured for all but one RCN Topic Areas. Revised topic areas are included in Appendix B (page 44).
2. RFP will be issued on January 1 2009.

STATUS OF 2010 RFP

1. NEWDTC have begun discussion of 2010 RCN Topic Areas
2. NEWAA/NEFAA will be ranking RCN Topic recommendations during fall 2008.
3. Action will be requested during the 2009 spring NEAFWA meeting on selection of 2010 RCN topics.
4. Following action, RFP will be issued on January 1, 2010.

2008 FUNDING LEVELS

State	4% Apportionment	WMI Admin Fee	Project Fee
CT	\$24,302	\$10,500	\$13,802
DE	\$24,302	\$10,500	\$13,802
DC	\$12,151	\$10,500	\$1,651
ME	\$24,302	\$10,500	\$13,802
MD	\$31,803	\$10,500	\$21,303
MA	\$37,025	\$10,500	\$26,525
NH	\$24,302	\$10,500	\$13,802
NJ	\$48,260	\$10,500	\$37,760
NY	\$116,947	\$10,500	\$106,447
PA Game	\$39,584	\$10,500	\$29,084
PA Fish	\$39,584	\$10,500	\$29,084
RI	\$24,302	\$10,500	\$13,802
VT	\$24,302	\$10,500	\$13,802
VA	\$49,361	\$10,500	\$38,861
WV	\$24,302	\$10,500	\$13,802
	\$544,828	\$157,500	\$397,828

Table 1: 2008 RCN proposals ranked in descending score by average NEWAA/NEFAA rank. Cum_Swg column illustrates the cumulative SWG funds needed if proposals are approved in the ranked order. Project funds for 2008 are around \$398,000.

Number	Brief Title	Pre-Proposals						Full Proposals						
		TECH COOR.		NEWAA/NEFAA		NEWDTC		ADMIN RANK			Funding			
		Score	Rank	%Yes	Rank	%Yes	Pts.	NEWAA	NEFAA	AVG	RCN	Non-Fed	Total	Cum_SWG
8	Key Habitat and Species Indicators and Measures	35.6	5	88.2%	2	100.0%	12	1.67	3.00	2.43	\$64,804.00	\$64,804.00	\$129,608.00	\$64,804.00
15	GIS Application to Estimate Target Fish Communities	35.8	3	100.0%	1	86.7%	6	3.25	2.00	2.63	\$64,131.00	\$64,500.00	\$128,631.00	\$128,935.00
6	Implementation of Bird Monitoring	37.6	2	88.2%	2	93.3%	9	3.67	2.00	2.83	\$47,759.00	\$47,760.00	\$95,519.00	\$176,694.00
12	Model Guidelines for Local Planning Boards	38.8	1	88.2%	2	86.7%	10	2.33	4.25	3.43	\$149,146.20	\$151,283.05	\$300,429.25	\$325,840.20
9	Focal Area Resilience and Adaptive Capacity	29	7	52.9%	6	80.0%	7	3.33	3.50	3.43	\$73,413.00	\$73,413.00	\$146,826.00	\$399,253.20
3	Evaluation of Coarse-Filter Umbrella Species	30.3	6	52.9%	6	20.0%		7.67	6.00	6.83	\$65,396.00	\$77,000.00	\$142,396.00	\$464,649.20
4	Thalweg Profile for Brook Trout	27	10	52.9%	6	33.3%		7.00	8.00	7.50	\$11,581.00	\$11,581.00	\$23,162.00	\$476,230.20
16	Instream Flow Models VA & Mid-Atlantic	29	7	64.7%	5	13.3%		8.20	7.14	7.58	\$60,541.00	\$86,200.00	\$146,741.00	\$536,771.20
14	BMPs for Wind Facilities and Bats	24.75	13	47.1%	10	20.0%	1	6.75	9.00	7.71	\$52,564.40	\$61,815.00	\$114,379.40	\$589,335.60
10	Red Knot Management Plan	35.7	4	52.9%	6	13.3%		8.33	8.00	8.17	\$35,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$77,000.00	\$624,335.60

