

Attachment B
QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Quarter: (circle one)

2019 1st **2020 2nd** 2020 3rd 2020 4th
Oct 1-Dec 31 2019 Jan 1-Mar 31 2020 Apr 1-Jun 30 2020 Jul 1-Sep 30 2020

Grant Program, Number and Title:

Subaward Number: GSA 00041
RCN Spotted Turtle Assessment in MD/DE

Contractor: Salisbury University

Project Leader: Eric Leibgold

Abstract:

In this time period, our goals were to a) collect more DNA from 2018/2019 sites (before the requested number of tissue samples was bumped up from 7 to 20) and b) to set up and begin the 2020 spring sampling season at 3 new sites.

Were planned goals/objectives achieved last quarter? Yes Most of our goals for the quarter were completed despite some intense difficulties due to weather and coronavirus.

Progress achieved:

- a) More tissue samples were collected at two of four anticipated previous locations sampled in 2018/2019. One of the four had no captures due to weather and the other site visit was postponed due to coronavirus.
- b) We sampled the first trapping event at 2 of our 3 new sites, setting up trap locations and catching spotted turtles at both locations

Difficulties encountered in meeting goals and objectives:

Not to overstate the obvious, but we did the best we could despite the increasing coronavirus restrictions. We first lost half our student help because they had to go to their homes or were isolating due to spring break travel or immunocompromised relatives. Then, we lost our ability to take students out (even with social distancing) completely, then, finally, with the MD stay at home order, we were unable to continue research by the end of the month. The good news was that we changed our schedule to make sure we got to go a highly anticipated site and had a great week our last week with 91 captures of about 80 individuals in 5 days.

Activities anticipated next quarter:

We anticipate that no sampling will occur during the next quarter due to coronavirus restrictions, but will reevaluate throughout to see if some trapping can occur, even if it is limited. Hopefully, things will improve and we will be able to sample and turtles will still be available into the 3rd quarter.

Expected End Date:

Anticipated end date for sampling and adding to our tissue samples was the 2nd quarter of 2020 with data in the 3rd quarter of 2020. Due to coronavirus, our goals will not be met at that time. We would like to formally request that the RCN sampling be extended through the second quarter of 2021. Even if trapping can restart later in 2020, the peak turtle season is the 2nd quarter and sampling later in the year is not going to be representative in this region.

Total life to date expense (include this quarter) 12,748.12

Total approved budget funds: 27,447

Are you within the approved budget plan and categories? Yes

The foregoing information is accurate as of the date set forth below.

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