

2019 PROGRESS REPORT

Quarter: (circle one) 2019 1st 2019 2nd 2019 3rd 2019 4th

Grant Program, Number and Title: GSA 00046

Organization: The Mid-Atlantic Center for Herpetology and Conservation

Project Leader: Brandon Ruhe and Lori Erb

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Abstract: Please provide a short (1-2 paragraphs) abstract that addresses EACH of the following: the objectives of your project, accomplishments to date, future plans and timelines with an estimate for when the project will be completed.

The objective of the Eastern Box Turtle project is to develop a status assessment and conservation plan for the species to advance conservation efforts for this species. During this quarterly period, we executed our contract with the Wildlife Management Institute. During the next quarter, we held a kick off meeting. We also plan to hold monthly calls, draft a population monitoring protocol and test the protocol at several locations from MA to MD. We will also begin collecting Eastern Box Turtle observation data from state data sources.

Were planned goals/objectives achieved last quarter? Yes

Progress Achieved: (For each Goal/Objective, list Planned and Actual Accomplishments)
The contract was fully executed and is effective as of January 15, 2019.

Difficulties Encountered: None.

Activities Anticipated Next Quarter:

- We will hold a kick off meeting.
- We will hold monthly conference calls with the steering committee.
- We will draft a population monitoring protocol.
- We will test the draft protocol at several locations from MA to MD.
- We will also begin collecting Eastern Box Turtle observation data from state data sources.

Expected End Date: The end data of the next quarter is June 30, 2019

Costs:

Total life to date expenses (include this quarter): \$0.00
Total Approved Budgeted Funds:
Are you within the approved budget plan and categories?

Signature:

Date: 4/17/2019