

**Wildlife Restoration OPERATING GRANT
FINAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

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**Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Wildlife Restoration Grant**

GRANT NUMBER: AKW-E-3-2020 Amendment #1

PROJECT NUMBER : P2.0

PROJECT TITLE: Hunter Education Enhancement

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

REPORT DUE DATE: Submit to Coordinator August 27, 2021; due to FAC Sept 1, 2021

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Authorities: 2 CFR 200.328
2 CFR 200.301
50 CFR 80.90

I. PROGRESS ON PROJECT OBJECTIVES DURING PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

OBJECTIVE 1: National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP)

Description: Recruit new schools and school districts to participate in NASP. Increase the number of students involved in archery statewide. Conduct Basic Archery Instructor training for schoolteachers and volunteers.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- This past year, 43 Alaskan school teachers became certified as Basic Archery Instructors (BAI). BAI trainings, conducted by HIT Program staff, were held in Anchorage, Wasilla, Hooper Bay, and Anaktuvuk Pass. NASP BAI booklets were purchased to conduct the trainings for all the teachers.
- During the 2020-2021 school-year, NASP was offered in 62 schools to students.
- During the 2020-2021 school year, 3,309 youth enjoyed the sport of archery in physical education classes.
- Since NASP's inception in Alaska, 73,900 youth have enjoyed the sport of archery in physical education classes.
- Four schools received NASP grants to purchase kits for their schools.
- Some NASP trainings were cancelled or postponed in this fiscal year due to COVID-19, and many schools were unable to participate in NASP due to COVID-19 restrictions or shutdowns.

OBJECTIVE 2: Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) Program

Description: Recruit and retain new hunters, shooters, and outdoor enthusiasts. Offer skill development in hunting and shooting sports to women. Provide training for volunteer instructors. Coordinate the sign-up and equipment needs for the BOW workshops and clinics.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- All three Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) workshops were cancelled due to COVID-19.
- During this fiscal year, 28 Beyond BOW classes were offered for 276 individuals. Topics included: hunter education, shotgun shooting, firearms cleaning & maintenance, big game rifles, handguns, bear safety, deer field dressing and hunting, fur sewing, upland bird hunting, beaver skinning and hide prep, and survival skills. Six

OBJECTIVE 3: Youth Opportunities

Description: Coordinate and conduct youth conservation camps which promote the development of outdoor-related skills. Coordinate and conduct youth shooting leagues. Provide training for shotgun coaches/instructors statewide.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 6 coaches were trained by HIT Program staff in order to coach the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) and USAYes teams throughout Alaska. The shotgun sports continue to expand statewide and the HIT Program is assisting in this recruitment program by training new coaches.
- HIT Program staff and volunteer coaches instructed 87 participants in the fall and 100 participants in the spring as part of the Rabbit Creek Shooting Park (RCSP) Youth Shotgun League. The sessions were 8 weeks long and the participants practiced safe firearm handling and discovered the lifelong sport of shotgun shooting.
- HIT Program staff and volunteers conducted two session of Outdoor Youth Days camps for a total of 60 participants (ages 10-14). Participants learned a variety of outdoor-related skills over three-day sessions.
- The youth shotgun league coaches volunteered 1,162.25 hours, and their effort provided 582 hours (\$26,748.72 of in-kind match) for P2.0 and 580.25 hours of in-kind match for P1.0.

EXPENDITURES FOR FY21:

The actual expenditures per budget category in this fiscal year are below:

	Awarded	Spent	Remaining
1000-Staff time	\$18,877.81	\$14,902.25	\$3,975.56
2000-Travel	\$2,704.96	\$2,704.95	\$0.01
3000-Contractual	\$22,859.45	\$22,859.45	\$0.00
4000-Supplies	\$32,447.02	\$36,422.59	(\$3,975.57)
Total	\$76,889.24	\$76,889.24	\$0.00

- Funds were shifted from line 2000 (travel) to 4000 (supplies). Items purchased included shotgun ammunition for the youth shotgun league and materials to enhance the Fairbanks archery range.

- Due to the cancellation of the BOW workshops, the Education Associate II spent more time on other duties budgeted to Section 4c funds.
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II. SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED ON PROJECT TO DATE.

This is an annual grant with similar objectives and results completed each year. The HIT Program is involved in a variety of activities designed to educate both new and existing hunters/shooters on additional hunting/shooting opportunities and provide them with opportunities to become proficient in various shooting sports, hunting techniques, and skills.

III. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT REPORTS AND/OR AMENDMENTS.

In the project statements submitted for AKW-E-3-2020 HIT Amendment #1 and AKW-E-3-2020 HEE Amendment #2, we included the following amounts regarding volunteer in-kind match hours:

HIT Project #1:

Generate 5,750 hours of in-kind match (\$45.96/hr. * 5,750 hours = \$264,270.00)

Use an additional 218 hours generated from Project 2 (\$45.96/hr. * 218 hours = \$10,019.28)

Total In-Kind Match Used= \$264,270.00 + \$10,019.28 = \$274,289.28

HEE Project #2:

Generate 800 hours of in-kind match (\$45.96/hr. * 800 hours = \$36,768)

Only use 582 hours as match for this project.(\$45.96/hr. * 582 hours = \$26,748.72)

Use additional 218 hours generated from this project as partial match for Project 1 (\$45.96/hr. * 218 hours = \$10,019.28)

Project #1 did not generate enough hours of in-kind match due to COVID-19 cancellations. Project #2 generated an additional 362.25 hours (\$18,913.01) above the expected 800 hours.

IV. PUBLICATIONS



A Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) participant with her son after successfully harvesting her first caribou. She attended a BOW Big Game Rifle class to obtain the skills and knowledge to feel comfortable hunting caribou.



Teachers in Anaktuvuk Pass being trained as National Archery in the Schools (NASP) basic archery instructors



A participant learning how to shoot a shotgun for the first time at the Outdoor Youth Days Camp.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT

AKW-E-3-2020 P2.0 Amendment #1 is a year-long grant, however it's an ongoing annual project, so the recommendation is for continuation

Date: August 2021