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Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Wildlife Restoration Grant

GRANT NUMBER: AKW-C-2-2019

PROJECT NUMBER : 23.R Region 2 Coordination

PROJECT TITLE: DWC Regional Coordination

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

REPORT DUE DATE: Submit to Coordinator August 24, 2019; due to FAC Sept 1, 2019

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Cynthia Wardlow

COOPERATORS:

I. PROGRESS ON PROJECT OBJECTIVES DURING PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

OBJECTIVE 1: Establish and maintain necessary practices to meet requirements for participation in and administration of the Wildlife Restoration (WR) program.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The regional leadership team worked directly with all involved staff members to establish regional priorities for development of new projects and continuation of standard survey and inventory activities in consideration of divisional priorities. Administrative staff met on a monthly basis to discuss W-R funded projects and to ensure proper protocols were being followed in the execution of each grant. W-R reports were generated and reviewed for accuracy and timely submission by employees listed in the project statement.

OBJECTIVE 2: Administer, coordinate, and provide regional oversight for the State of Alaska Pittman-Robertson projects to ensure eligibility in the WR program.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Regional leadership members visited remote offices in Kodiak and Soldotna for programmatic review of P-R projects. Meetings with PI's in the regional office (Anchorage), Homer and Cordova were held on a quarterly basis to discuss planned project execution, budgeting, and staff training on administrative protocols. Other projects received the same review telephonically. A regional meeting was held during the reporting period and review of the Federal Aid process and recent changes was given.

OBJECTIVE 3: Provide quality assurance with objectives that support wildlife conservation, restoration, management, education, access, and associated recreational benefits.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: S&I data was collected throughout the region and summarized by PI's for distribution to other staff for review. Data was analyzed and recorded following each activity and compared to previous years. Regional analysis included consideration of new projects based on changes in population trends or harvest data or exploring development of new protocols to address changing habitat conditions. 5-year management reports and plans were written for two species and submitted for publication. New project proposals were reviewed by the research/management coordinators and regional supervisors, with input during the development of proposals from subject matter experts. Project proposals were evaluated for technical content, substantiality in character and design, and suitability of objectives and procedures relative to the needs of the division.

OBJECTIVE 4: Participate in local, regional, state, and national meetings as a representative of the DWC to address issues related to WR-administered grants

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Staff associated with this project attended and participated in local state advisory committee meetings throughout southcentral Alaska (Region 2) and federal regional advisory committee meetings to discuss WR grant-funded projects. Presentations on ongoing research and S&I work in Region 2 were given at the state Board of Game meeting during the reporting period to identify and address issues currently effecting wildlife management in Region 2.

II. SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED ON PROJECT TO DATE.

Ongoing responsibilities of programmatic review, developing new project statements, budget development and management, and reporting on activities happen annually. Training of new PI's and discussions with existing PI's on W-R program compliance continues throughout the year, as it has previously.

III. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT REPORTS AND/OR AMENDMENTS.

None

IV. PUBLICATIONS

None

V. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT

This project should continue for the duration of the operating grant. The Regional Coordination project 23.R directly relates to the headquarters Coordination Project 23.0 in the main operating grant of each state fiscal year. Regional objectives ensure the regions comply with the overall coordination necessary to achieve the coordination, management, and reporting requirements of the Division's Federal Aid WSFR-funded programs each state fiscal year, and as such will be ongoing in future years.

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