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Patrick Campfield Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission 1050 N. Highland St. Suite 200A-N Arlington, VA 22201-2196

Dear Patrick,

On behalf of the Association of the Fish & Wildlife Agencies ("Association"), I would like to thank you for applying for Multistate Conservation Grant Program funding during the 2012 Cycle.

The National Grants Committee met on Monday, September 12, 2012 in Omaha, Nebraska during the Association's Annual Meeting. The National Grants Committee established its priority list of projects for grant funding, a majority of the directors of state fish and wildlife agencies approved the priority list during the Association's business meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2011, and the Association's Multistate Conservation Grant Program Coordinator submitted the priority list to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for consideration by the mandated October 1 deadline.

In your grant proposal, you requested 100% Sport Fish Restoration funding for CY2012 and CY2013. Specifically, you requested \$543,840 with a distribution of \$271,920 in 2012 and \$271,920 in 2013. Ultimately, the National Grants Committee selected 11 projects for full funding during the 2012 Cycle. The National Grants Committee also determined that, based on the available Sport Fish Restoration funding, ASMFC's project entitled "Conserving Fish Habitat from Whitewater to Bluewater" could only be funded for *one year* at the reduced amount of \$261,440.38.

The National Grants Committee recognizes the importance of your project and we strongly encourage you to apply for additional funding during the 2013 Cycle. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Marcum, the Association's Multistate Conservation Grant Program Coordinator.

Sincerely

Dr. Yonathan Gassett

President, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (2011-2012)

Chair, National Grants Committee (2010-2011)