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Tom Murray
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PO Box 1346
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Tom,

I believe this project was a great learning experience and I obtained a lot of knowledge.

- 1) Bags on longlines didn't foul as fast as bags in cages.
- 2) Longlines grew faster than cages.
- 3) Longlines were much easier to work on and clean, which means less labor, which means less cost to the grower.
- 4) Longlines were also less expensive to get to grow because the cost of cages is so high.
- 5) The best thing that came out of this project was the liability of using a small barge in unnavigable waters compared to a barge in deep water. Our insurance was due at this time which we learned would be a lot cheaper because we were working in water 2' to 4'

Thank you,

Ron Sopko

VIRGINIA FISHERY RESOURCE GRANT AWARD

AWARD DATE: April 15, 2011

PROJECT TITLE: "Dock Long Lining for Oyster Culture"

PROJECT PI(s): Ronald. T. Sopko

AFFILIATION: Sea Farms, Inc.

PROJECT#: FRGP 2011-16

PROJECT PERIOD: 4/2011-3/2012

AWARD AMOUNT: \$8,650.00

VIMS/FRGP Account No.: 1K4004

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All terms and conditions of this award are included in the Fishery Resource Grant (FRG) Procedural Guidelines for Grant Recipients accompanying this award document. The project deliverables are contained in the original FRGP application attached to this award. Additional copies of the guidelines may be requested from:

Thomas J. Murray, Associate Director
VIMS Advisory Services
Gloucester Point, VA 23062

APPROVAL

VIMS Advisory Services: TJ Murray Date: 4/20/11

Principal Investigator: Ronald T Sopko Date: 4/20/11

University recipients only

Office of Sponsored Programs: Katherine H. D. Small Date: 4/27/11

FISHERY RESOURCE GRANT PROGRAM (FRGP) PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS

Procedural Guidelines for Fishery Resource Grant Program (FRGP) Recipients

I. Funding Information

After a minimum of 30 days following the receipt of the completed Fishery Resource Grant Program (FRGP) Award form, the award recipient will receive the initial 25 percent of approved project funds. If more than the first 25% of the budget total is required for project start-up purposes, a letter detailing and justifying the need for additional funds must accompany the signed FRGP Award form.

The final 25 percent of requested funds will be awarded following approval of a final report (see Final Report Requirements section below).

The interim 50 percent of requested funds will be awarded on a reimbursement basis upon receipt of the completed "Request for Reimbursement" form (three blank copies and one sample copy are attached). No more than 25 percent of the total project budget will be disbursed at any one time unless accompanied by a budget needs and justification statement as well as approval by the FRGP manager.

II. Interim Progress Report Requirement

Interim progress reports must be submitted on a quarterly basis as follows: March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31. The first quarterly report will be due at the end of the first quarter in which the award recipient receives project funds. A copy of the report format is attached as information and may be copied for future submissions.

The progress report should contain a statement of all work undertaken during the quarter. A section should also note any significant findings, milestones reached and problems encountered or potential problems identified. All work will be conducted as outlined in the attached proposal. The collection of industry data as outlined in the proposal should be completed using the data sheet also attached herein and submitted with the quarterly progress reports.

A statement of expenditures, which follows the line item costs approved with the attached budget agreement, should accompany this report for the quarter and for expenditures to date. It is suggested that a separate checking account be maintained for the grant project. **All project receipts must be retained for possible review/audit. All tax questions associated with FRGP projects should be referred to the recipient's tax advisor.** (NOTE: monies for personnel or services may carry tax liabilities) The proceeds of

grants paid during the calendar year will be reported to the State and Federal government as required by law.

Two (2) copies of each interim progress report should be sent to:
Tom Murray, Associate Director, VIMS Advisory Services, VIMS, Gloucester Point, VA 23062.

Late progress reports will delay the processing of pending Request for Reimbursement forms.

III. Project Extensions, Budget Revisions and/or Changes in Scope

Requests for no-cost time extensions, budget revisions or changes in project scope must be submitted in writing to Tom Murray, Associate Director, VIMS Advisory Services, VIMS, Gloucester Point, VA 23062.

Written authorizations must be obtained before proceeding with project modifications. Verbal agreements are not acceptable. No-cost extensions for up to six months are allowable.

IV. Final Project Report Requirements

The final project report should follow the sequence of project work laid out in the proposal, and the final report must be received in order to authorize the final 25 percent payment of project funds. Authorization of the final payment requires approval by Associate Director, VIMS Advisory Services. The "Fishery Resource Grant Final Report Statement" (format given below) must be completed and submitted with the final project report. In addition, the Request for Reimbursement form must also be completed and submitted.

In preparing the final report, the recipient should refer to the original proposal and make certain that the project has completed all stated goals and objectives. Failure to address all goals and objectives in the report will result in delays in receiving final payment.

The Fishery Resource Grant Final Report Statement must include the following:

1. An abstract or summary of one page or less;
2. Description of the project including its purposes, methodologies employed, specialized equipment used and a Summary of data collection and analysis.
3. Results, conclusions and recommendations

Five (5) unbound copies of the final report and one (1) completed final Request for Reimbursement should be submitted to Tom Murray, Associate Director, VIMS Advisory Services, VIMS, Gloucester Point, VA 23062.

Costs for producing reports should be included in the proposal budget.

If possible, the award recipient is encouraged to submit a computer disk containing the final report and pertinent raw data collected. This will facilitate VIMS ability to disseminate this information to interested parties and the general public via the Sea Grant web site.

REQUEST FOR ADVANCE PAYMENT

Send to:
 FRGP Manager
 Marine Advisory Program
 VIMS
 Gloucester Point, VA 23062

Date: April 15, 2011
 Principal Investigator: Ron Sopko
 Project Number: FRG 2011-16
 Period covered by request: April-June 2011
 FRGP Account No.: 1K4004

Object Code	Category	Approved Budget	Current Request	Cumulative Expenditures	Balance
xxxx	Personnel costs	\$ 1,500.00			
xxxx	Travel costs	\$ 50.00			
xxxx	Supplies	\$ 4,000.00			
xxxx	Equipment	\$2,000.00			
xxxx	Administrative & Contractual Services	\$			
xxxx	Other costs (2 mm. oyster seed)	\$ 1,100.00			
	TOTAL	\$ 8,650.00			
	Less 25% advance	\$ 2,162.50	\$2,162.50	\$2,162.50	\$6,487.50
	TOTAL REQUEST	\$8,650.00	\$2,162.50	\$2,162.50	\$6,487.50

"I certify that all expenditures reported for payments requested) are for appropriate purposes and are in accordance with the agreement set forth in the application and award documents."

Signature: Ronald T. Sopko

Name: Ronald T. Sopko

Address: 463 Mill Point Rd. Hudgens, Va. 23076

Tax I.D.

[Signature]
 Approved

Please pay ASAP — do not hold

Index: 1K4004
 Account: 212684
 Amount: 2162.50

4/27/11

[Signature]

**Quarterly Progress Report
Fishery Resource Grants Program**

Project Title:

Project Investigator:

Period Covered by this Report:

Summary of Progress / Work Accomplishments For this Quarter:

If necessary complete or continue the report on an additional sheet of paper and send by the end of the month following the end of the calendar quarter.

1. Describe *work scheduled* for this quarter from proposal:

2. Describe *work accomplished* this quarter:

3. Explain any *special problems* or *differences* between work scheduled and actually accomplished:

Signature Principal Investigator

Date

Please send completed Progress Report to:

Thomas J. Murray
Marine Business Specialist
Virginia Institute of Marine Science
P.O. Box 1346
Gloucester Point, Virginia 23062
Telephone: 804-684-7190
Fax: 804-684-7161

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Fishery Resource Grant Program

Application

- 1. Project title: Dock Long Lining
- 2. Name of applicant: Ronald T. Sopko
- 3. Company (if applicable): _____
- 4. Telephone: 804-366-2170
- 5. Address: 463 Mill Point Rd
Hudgins, VA 23076
- 6. Priority addressed by project (see list): Aquaculture
- 7. Fishing license/permit number(s): VMRE ID: 0050
- 8. Social security or federal tax ID number: _____
- 9. Funding requested: \$10,000
- 10. Project dates: beginning April 2011 completion May 2011
- 11. Other project participant(s), affiliation, address and phone:
Bob Fisher 804-815-7665

[Note: Use additional pages as needed to respond to the items below.]

- 12. Give a brief summary of the situation or problem to be addressed.

With this method almost anyone with a pier could raise oysters with a pair of waders. The advantage is that no boat is necessary and we can lower the lines during low tides in the winter or bad storms. With Taylor floats this is not an option.

no labor
exp cost
for
insurance

13. What is the purpose (objectives) of the project?
So people living on the water can grow oysters without having a dedicated work boat.

14. What work do you intend to do, and how do you plan to accomplish it?
I plan to do all the work myself.

15. Explain how the expected results will address the problem and/or enhance fishery resources.
This will entice people to grow oysters who don't feel comfortable on a boat.

16. Explain how the expected results will be made available to the fishing industry.

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Bob Fisher

Results of this study can be disseminated through DA Sea Grant communications.

17. Briefly outline who will be responsible for each aspect of the work plan (attach letters from cooperators outlining their participation).

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18. Briefly summarize the qualifications of each participant.

① Ronald T Sopko - 39 yrs experience own and operate three seafood companies and one pier building company.

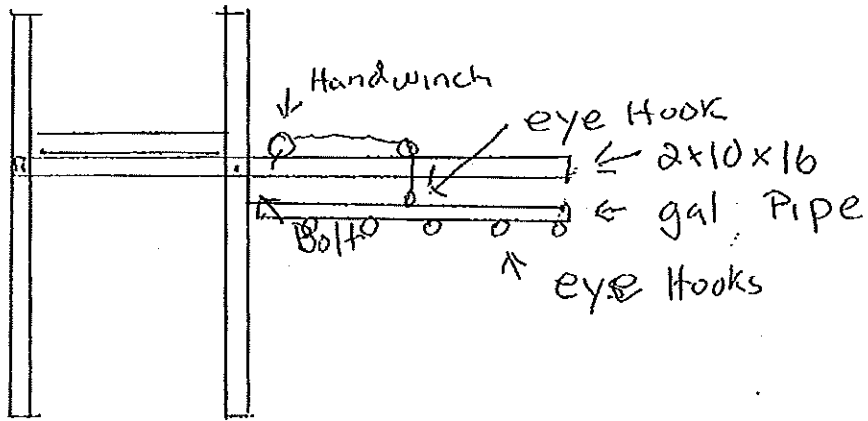
② Bob Fisher - commercial fisheries advisor 23 years experience with several oyster growing research projects completed.

19. Provide project budget and cost justification.

ITEM/CATEGORY	AMOUNT
a. Personnel Costs (time x unit cost) 200 man hours	\$ 1500
b. Travel (trip or mileage x unit cost) 100 miles	\$ 50
c. Supplies bags, Longline clips, plastic PVC pipe, crab pot buoys	\$ 4000
d. Equipment (items more than \$500) wire cable, salt treated wood, hand winches, galv pipe	\$ 2000
e. Contractual Services (itemize) none	
f. Other Costs (itemize) 50,000 - 2mm oyster seed	\$ 1,100
g. Total Project Costs	\$ 8650

20. Provide budget item justification and/or explanations.

Applicant Signature: Paul T. Sedberry Date: 1/12/11



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