



Gulf of Maine  
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Marine Environment

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## **Press Release**

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### **Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment Announces Recipients of the 2005-2006 Action Plan Grants Program**

**Augusta, Maine** - For the past several years, the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment (GOMC) has awarded grants to non-governmental organizations throughout the Gulf of Maine watershed. The purpose of the grants is to further the goals of the Council while assisting applicants with their own programs to the benefit of the inhabitants of the Gulf of Maine region. This year grants totaling \$107,000 have been awarded to the following recipients-

- 1. QLF Atlantic Center for Environment -- Marine Area Characterization Project - ME**
- 2. Maine Audubon -- Beginning With Habitat: Coastal Habitats - ME**
- 3. Clean Annapolis River Project -- Pesticide audit Pilot project - NS**
- 4. Boston Univ. Biology Dept -- Creating Scientists and Stewards - MA**
- 5. BioDiversity Research Institute -- Gulf of Maine Seabird Contaminant Assessment Network: Seabird Mercury Project - ME**
- 6. Mass Audubon -- Little River Action Plan for Restoration - MA**
- 7. Clam Harvesting Area 2 Management Board -- Clam Habitat Restoration Planning Project- NS**
- 8. APCC Assoc to Preserve Cape Cod -- Volunteer Monitoring of Salt Marshes on Cape Cod - MA**
- 9. Bird Studies Canada -- A volunteer Beached Bird Survey in the Bay of Fundy - NB**
- 10. Massachusetts Bay Estuary Assoc -- Storm Windows Stormwater Education Campaign, phase 1 - MA**
- 11. Centre for Community-Based Resource Management -- Developing an alliance and common understanding between the inshore fishery and tourism of Passamaquoddy Bay- NB**
- 12. Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation -- Jefferys Ledge Monitoring and Education Project, Phase 2 - NH**

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Non-governmental organizations (e.g., community associations, cooperatives, civic groups), municipalities, and schools are eligible to apply. The non-governmental organization and the proposed project must be located within the Gulf of Maine watershed. The Gulf of Maine watershed extends from Southern Cape Cod, Massachusetts to Cape Sable, Nova Scotia, and includes all lands that are part of coastal watersheds.

In both Canada and the United States, citizen groups, community organizations, and volunteers play an important role in ensuring the vitality of the Gulf of Maine. Recognizing the crucial role played by these organizations in the region, the Council funds projects that will address technical and educational aspects of the Gulf of Maine Council's Action Plan 2001-2006. The objectives and actions listed under the following goals may be found in the Action Plan at, [www.gulfofmaine.org/council/action\\_plan/](http://www.gulfofmaine.org/council/action_plan/).

The Council invites eligible organizations to apply for funding made available through a US Congressional appropriation administered by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Announcements of future funding opportunities will be posted on the Council's website at, [www.gulfofmaine.org/council/opportunities/](http://www.gulfofmaine.org/council/opportunities/). To be notified of future Council grant opportunities, register online in the People Finder at [www.gulfofmaine.org/people\\_finder/](http://www.gulfofmaine.org/people_finder/) .

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*The mission of the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment is to maintain and enhance environmental quality in the Gulf of Maine to allow for sustainable resource use by existing and future generations. For more information visit the Council's website at [www.gulfofmaine.org](http://www.gulfofmaine.org)*

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