

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Determination for Issuing a Single Source Financial Assistance Award

Instructions: In accordance with Service policy 516 FW 6, *Issuing Discretionary Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards without Competition*, complete this form to document the justification for issuing a single source grant or cooperative agreement award. This form must be signed by both a program representative and the employee with signature authority for the award to be issued (see 516 FW 3, *Signature Authority for Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards*). The completed and signed form must be maintained in the official award file.

Recipient Name: University of Georgia Research Foundation
Project Title: Assessing Annual Gulf Sturgeon Recruitment and Overwinter Survival in the Apalachicola River
Program Contact: Dr. Douglas Peterson

Select all criteria that apply (from 505 DM 2):

☒	(1) Unsolicited Proposal: The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited application that represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach that is not the subject of a current or planned award, but is found to be advantageous to program objectives.
☒	(2) Continuation: The activity to be funded is necessary for the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of, an activity we are funding and holding a competition would have a significant adverse effect on continuing or completing the activity.
☐	(3) Legislative Intent: The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates the intent of Congress to restrict the award to a particular recipient or purpose.
☒	(4) Unique Qualifications: The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based on a variety of demonstrable factors such as location; property ownership; voluntary support capacity; cost-sharing ability, if applicable; technical expertise; or other such unique qualifications.
☐	(5) Emergencies: Because of a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety, there is not enough time to follow adequate competitive procedures.

Explain below why competition for this award is not practical. As applicable, summarize the program legislative history, unique capabilities of the proposed recipient, and any cost-sharing contribution offered by the proposed recipient. Be brief and specific:

There is a cost sharing component of the proposed recipient as they will absorb many costs in terms of time and travel not paid by us and will only be using funds to purchase supplies and process samples. Additionally, we will be working cooperatively on sample collection and data analysis.

This activity is a continuation of data collection begun in 2013 by the recipient on the ESA listed gulf sturgeon. Continuing this activity is necessary in order to provide consistent and continuous long-term recruitment and population estimates for the under-studied juvenile age class. This activity will also fulfill a critical information-gap on the overwintering movements and, for the first time, seek to identify key marine foraging habitat for the juvenile age class. These activities directly support recovery program objectives for this listed species. The recipient is uniquely qualified with technical expertise in the collection, handling, sampling, tagging and tracking of the juveniles of this species.

I have determined that this project meets the requirements for a single source award and recommend that it be awarded to the recipient named above.

I, as the Service employee with signature authority for this award under 516 FW 3, have reviewed this program recommendation and find that it meets the requirements for a single source award.

For Mark Cantrell 7/14/16

<u>Stacy E. Bela</u> Program Representative Sign and Date	<u>Catherine T. Phillips</u> Authorized Signator Sign and Date
<u>Mark A. Cantrell</u> Printed Name of Program Representative	<u>Catherine T. Phillips</u> Printed Name of Signator