

## COASTAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE FINAL REPORT\*

Grant Number: 5121

Grant Title: VANDEMERE WATERFRONT PARK INITIATIVE

Grant Award Period: (the start and end dates of the entire grant period)

Project Costs: \$1,000,000

	Budgeted	Expenditures
YEAR 1	\$ 333,333.33	\$ 333,333.33
YEAR 2	\$ 333,333.33	\$ 333,333.33
YEAR 3	\$ 333,333.34	\$ 333,333.34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,000,000.00</b>	<b>1,000,000.00</b>

**Final Project Summary:** (Write approximately 200-300 words (no more than this page) in third person, using a writing style suitable for both the public and legislators, that summarizes the intended purpose and goals of the project, staff procedures and duties that were completed to meet those goals, and results/outcomes and/or major accomplishments. Be sure to provide information about each Study or Job of the project. Generally describe observations and/or data trends, deviations, recommendations, and future proposed activities related to the project. Provide a brief description of any publications, reports, datasets or other materials that resulted and describe how products will be distributed. If products are available on-line, please give the web address. If you did not meet your project goals or complete all of your grant objectives, briefly describe the reasons as to why (e.g., change in direction, staffing issues, weather problems). Describe how these deviations may have impacted your results and expected outcomes. This summary should be similar to an abstract, but should be written for the public's understanding.)

\*This page is to be included with your final report. SEE ATTACHED

## FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY

The Town of Vandemere applied for and was subsequently approved for a Coastal Recreational Fishing License grant in the amount of one million dollars for the purchase of 8.77 acres of land adjacent to the Bay River and Vandemere Creek. Payments of \$333,333.33 were made over three years with payments approved each grant cycle.

With this land acquisition, the goals of the Town were to partner with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission in constructing a new dual boat ramp on the property and facilitate the Town's need for a water access park. Through a CAMA grant, the Town will be constructing approximately 600 feet of new concrete docks and a kayak launch area.

Today, Wildlife is on the site overseeing all construction. The Town's project goals are being met and exceeded.

The Town of Vandemere has always been a destination point for hunters, fishermen and boaters alike. There has been a noticeable increase of interest in the Town since the park project became public. Three start-up businesses have located within the Town (not on the park property) that all attribute the park property as a reason for locating in Town. While a long shot, the town is presently in negotiations with an international boat builder wishing to locate to this area. One of those locations is on land adjacent to the park property. Needless to say, the park property is having a positive influence on property values within the area.

Unfortunately, it is very difficult for a small town to receive serious consideration for a grant of this size when larger towns and cities are competing for the same funds. The Town of Vandemere is grateful and appreciative the Coastal Recreational Fishing License advisory committee saw the potential of this project, its benefit to the state, and chose to fund the project. The Vandemere Waterfront Park project will be an asset to the state of North Carolina.