

COASTAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE FINAL REPORT

Grant Number: 2P40 – P046

Grant Title: NC Marine Patrol Education Team

Grant Award Period: July 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017

Project Costs:

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance</u>
FY2017	\$ 11,800	\$ 4,138	\$ 7,662
FY2018 No Cost Extension	\$ 7,662	\$ 5,477	\$ 2,185
TOTAL PROJECT	\$ 11,800	\$ 9,615	\$ 2,185

(Balance will revert to Marine Resources Fund)

Final Project Summary The North Carolina Marine Patrol (NCMP) utilized this Coastal Recreational Fishing License (CRFL) grant to fund the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF) Marine Patrol Education Team. This team attends public events, such as boat shows, fishing seminars, festivals, high schools, colleges, and military career days, etc., to properly educate the public on the resources, and regulations, as well as the unique function of the NCMP and NCDMF. Many questions are asked during these events regarding regulations, fisheries resources, gears and the function of the NCMP that most often require an officer with the overall knowledge of NCDMF and its functions.

North Carolina has an abundance of fish, and along with those fish, a lot of fishermen. Latest estimates show that approximately 3,000 active commercial fishermen, 4,800 Recreational Commercial Gear License holders, and 1.5 million recreational anglers enjoy the state's marine resources. It is the responsibility of the Marine Patrol to make sure fishermen comply with general statutes and rules that are developed to protect the harvest of the state's fisheries. This grant is allowing the NCMP to be more pro-active and further our common mission of ensuring the fishing public is aware of conservation methods and regulatory guidelines.

During this grant project, the team purchased a utility trailer, tv and items to handout at numerous events. These events included, but not limited to:

- Saltwater Expo - Raleigh
- Cape Fear Wildlife Expo - Wilmington
- Cabela's Sportsman weekend - Raleigh
- Seafood Festival – Morehead City
- NC State Fair - Raleigh
- Numerous "touch a truck", career fairs, summer day programs, fishing club meetings.