



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Joint Fiscal Committee members  
From: Daniel Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst *DWD*  
Date: June 11, 2018  
Subject: Position and Grant Requests – JFO #2917- #2918

Enclosed please find two (2) items, which the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the administration.

**JFO #2917** – One (1) limited-service position within the VT Military Department. The position would be titled Military Property Management Specialist and would be charged with maintaining real property records for the VT Army National Guard (VTARNG). The additional position is being requested due to increasing audit and regulation requirements in recent years and due to the increase in the real property value of VTARNG land and facilities. The position would be funded through 9/30/2019 from 100% federal dollars.

*[JFO received 6/6/18]*

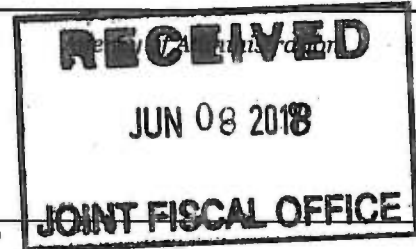
**JFO #2918** – \$250,000 from the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission to the VT Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. The grant money would be used to fund an angler survey of Lake Memphremagog aimed at improving the management of the lake as a fishery. \$175,000 of the money would be given as a sub-grant to an organization in Quebec for survey work on the Canadian side of the lake and the remainder would be used for seasonal staff and operating expenses over two years on the Vermont side of the lake.

*[JFO received 6/8/18]*

Please review the enclosed materials and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Daniel Dickerson at (802) 828-2472; [ddickerson@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:ddickerson@leg.state.vt.us)) if you have questions or would like an item held for legislative review. Unless we hear from you to the contrary by June 25, 2018 we will assume that you agree to consider as final the Governor's acceptance of these requests.

State of Vermont  
 Department of Finance & Management  
 109 State Street, Pavilion Building  
 Montpelier, VT 05620-0401

**JFO 2918**  
 [phone] 802-828-2376  
 [fax] 802-828-2428



**STATE OF VERMONT  
 FINANCE & MANAGEMENT GRANT REVIEW FORM**

<b>Grant Summary:</b>	To perform a survey of Lake Memphremagog anglers to help guide management of fisheries				
<b>Date:</b>	5/25/2018				
<b>Department:</b>	Department of Fish and Wildlife 6120000000				
<b>Legal Title of Grant:</b>	Lake Memphremagog Angler Survey				
<b>Federal Catalog #:</b>	n/a				
<b>Grant/Donor Name and Address:</b>	Great Lakes Fisheries Commission, 2100 Commonwealth Blvd Suite 100, Ann Arbor MI 48105				
<b>Grant Period:</b>	<b>From:</b>		<b>To:</b>		
<b>Grant/Donation</b>	\$250,000				
	<b>SFY 1</b>	<b>SFY 2</b>	<b>SFY 3</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Grant Amount:</b>	\$5,000	\$146,000	\$99,000	\$250,000	

<b>Position Information:</b>	<b># Positions</b>	<b>Explanation/Comments</b>

**Additional Comments:** The \$250K grant will be used for \$173K passthrough subgrant, \$40,000 for F&W seasonal staff and \$37K for operating expenses at F&W. A correction was made to the first year spending authority on the AA-1.

<i>5/25/18</i> Department of Finance & Management	<i>MPR</i>	(Initial)
Secretary of Administration	<i>ISJ</i>	(Initial)
Sent To Joint Fiscal Office		Date <i>6/6/18</i>



STATE OF VERMONT REQUEST FOR GRANT (\*) ACCEPTANCE (Form AA-1)

BASIC GRANT INFORMATION				
1. Agency:	Agency of Natural Resources			
2. Department:	Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department			
3. Program:	Fish Management			
4. Legal Title of Grant:	N/A LAKE MEMPHRETAGOG ANGLER SURVEY			
5. Federal Catalog #:	N/A			
6. Grant/Donor Name and Address:	Great Lakes Fisheries Commission 2100 Commonwealth Blvd., Ste 100 Ann Arbor MI 48105			
7. Grant Period:	From:		To:	
8. Purpose of Grant:	Lake Memphremagog angler survey			
9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted:	Without the survey, lack of current data could present a problem for fisheries management.			
10. BUDGET INFORMATION				
	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Comments
Expenditures:	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	
Personal Services	\$	\$20,000	\$20,000	
Operating Expenses	\$5,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	
Grants	\$	\$110,000	\$63,000	
<b>Total</b>	\$	\$	\$	
Revenues:				
State Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Cash	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$	\$	\$	
Federal Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
(Direct Costs)	\$	\$	\$	
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
(Departmental Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
Other Funds:	\$5,000	\$146,000	\$99,000	
Grant (source )	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Total</b>	\$	\$	\$	
Appropriation No:	6120000000	Amount:	\$	E418
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		<b>Total</b>	\$	

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**PERSONAL SERVICE INFORMATION**



**11. Will monies from this grant be used to fund one or more Personal Service Contracts?**  Yes  No  
 If "Yes", appointing authority must initial here to indicate intent to follow current competitive bidding process/policy.

Appointing Authority Name: Louis Porter Agreed by: \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

12. Limited Service Position Information:	# Positions	Title
<b>Total Positions</b>		

**12a. Equipment and space for these positions:**  Is presently available.  Can be obtained with available funds.

**13. AUTHORIZATION AGENCY/DEPARTMENT**

I/we certify that no funds beyond basic application preparation and filing costs have been expended or committed in anticipation of Joint Fiscal Committee approval of this grant, unless previous notification was made on Form AA-1PN (if applicable):	Signature: 	Date: 04/27/18
	Title: Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources	
	Signature: 	Date: 4/26/18
	Title: Commissioner, Vermont Fish and Wildlife	

**14. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved:	(Secretary or designee signature) 	Date: 5/24/18
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**15. ACTION BY GOVERNOR**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check One Box: Accepted	(Governor's signature) 	Date: 6/6/18
<input type="checkbox"/> Rejected		

**16. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED**

**Required GRANT Documentation**

<input type="checkbox"/> Request Memo	<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Donation (if any)
<input type="checkbox"/> Dept. project approval (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grant (Project) Timeline (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Extension (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> Form AA-1PN attached (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Budget	

**End Form AA-1**

(\*) The term "grant" refers to any grant, gift, loan, or any sum of money or thing of value to be accepted by any agency, department, commission, board, or other part of state government (see 32 V.S.A. §5).



May 24, 2018

Mr. Louis Porter, Commissioner  
Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife  
111 West Street  
Essex Junction, VT 05452

Dear Commissioner Porter,

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission is pleased to award VT Fish and Wildlife \$250,000 for a bi-national assessment of the Lake Memphremagog fishery. Upon receipt of a request, we will release the funds. The request may be sent to Dr. Marc Gaden of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission staff at the address below or to [marc@glfc.org](mailto:marc@glfc.org). Please feel free to contact me should you have further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Lambe".

Robert Lambe  
Executive Secretary

**GREAT LAKES FISHERY COMMISSION**

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Agency of Natural Resources

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jason Aronowitz, Budget Analyst  
FROM: Elizabeth Stratton, Financial Manager  
SUBJECT: Grant Acceptance Request  
DATE: April 23, 2018

*Grant to fund angler  
survey of Lake Memphremagog.  
Last survey done in 2001.  
Winter 2018 through open water 2020  
\$250,000.*

Enclosed is a Request for Grant Acceptance (Form AA-1) for \$250,000 from the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission that will fund an angler survey on the entirety of Lake Memphremagog (Magog).

In 1988 a joint Quebec Ministry of Natural Resources and Wildlife (MFFP)/Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife (VTFW) angler survey was conducted on both sides of the international border during the open water angling season. In 1991 and in 2001 VTFW conducted winter and open water angler surveys on portions of Magog. Since 2001, no angler surveys have been conducted on the Vermont portion or the Quebec portion of the lake but multiple tributaries (Clyde River, Willoughby River, Barton River and Black River) have been assessed for angler use. This lack of current data presents a problem for management of the fisheries, particularly when considering the multitude of changes that have occurred since the last joint survey in 1988; introduction of white perch and northern pike, introduction of starry stonewort and other aquatic nuisance species, a general decrease in angling license sales, an increase in other outdoor recreational user groups and new regulations and management objectives to respond to species of concern on the lake.

For all these reasons, whether fish management through regulation or to have a further understanding of angling pressure and angler preference, we propose a collaborative, contemporary angler survey to collect data on the entire lake beginning in the winter of 2018/19 and continuing through the open water season of 2020. The total project cost is \$250,000 of which approximately \$175,000 will be passed through to a non-profit conservation organization for work in Quebec in the form of a subgrant, \$40,000 earmarked for seasonal staff over a two-year period and the balance for operating expenditures related to the project.

The department will measure the success of this project by analyzing and reporting angler effort, angler catch rate, angler harvest, angler opinions of fisheries regulations and angler satisfaction. These data will be used to guide stocking rates and future changes to regulations including; length limits, catch limits and season lengths.



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A response can be returned to my attention at:

Fish & Wildlife Department  
1 National Life Drive, Davis 2  
Montpelier, Vermont 05620

Please let me know if you need any further information. I can be reached at 802-377-5602.