



21 December 2017

LTC Dennis P. Sugrue, District Engineer  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District  
477 Michigan Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1135 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, Public Law 99-662, as amended (33 U.S.C. 2309a; hereinafter "Section 1135"), which authorizes the Corps to carry out projects for the purpose of: (1) making such modifications in the structures and operations of water resources projects constructed by the Secretary of the Army which the Secretary determines will improve the quality of the environment, or (2) undertaking measures for restoration of environmental quality when the Secretary determines that construction or operation of a water resources project has contributed to the degradation of the quality of the environment, the Great Lakes Fishery Commission (Commission) hereby confirms its intent to serve as a non-Federal sponsor for the Section 1135 Manistique River sea lamprey barrier project.

The Commission understands that this study indicates that the proposed Manistique River sea lamprey barrier project has merit, and that feasibility level study can be continued upon approval of the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement. The Commission understands that although the feasibility phase has been initially federally funded, it will be now cost shared 50/50 until report approval, and with the balance due in four (4) equal payments over two years upon signature of the Project Partnership Agreement. The Commission intends to serve as a non-Federal sponsor and be responsible for providing the local cooperation requirements, which would generally be as follows:

1. Provide without cost to the government all lands, easement, rights-of-way and relocations necessary for the construction and maintenance of the project.
2. Comply with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970, Pub. L. 91-646, as amended, and its implementing regulations for all lands, easements, right-of-way and relocations that must be acquired for the project.
3. Provide during the period of implementation a contribution necessary to make up the non-Federal cost share, equal to a maximum of 25% of the total project costs for the authorized project we intend to support.
4. Hold and save the government free from claims for damages arising from the implementation, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation of the project and any related betterments, except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the government or its contractors.

5. Operate, maintain, and rehabilitate the project upon completion without cost to the government in accordance with regulations and directives prescribed by the Secretary of the Army.

The Commission understands the general requirements of the non-Federal sponsors associated with this project and the Section 1135 authority described above. We are aware that this letter serves as an expression of the Commission's intent to cooperate on the project described above, but that it is not a contract obligation. The Commission, as the non-Federal sponsor, and the Corps will define all formal obligations in the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement for this project. The Commission understands that either party may discontinue these efforts at any point prior to signing of these agreements.

Sincerely,



Executive Secretary  
Great Lakes Fishery Commission

cc: Jessica Barber, Alternative Control and Evaluation Unit Supervisor, USFWS  
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March 22, 2018

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477 Michigan Avenue  
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Dear LTC Sugrue:

SUBJECT: Manistique Sea Lamprey Barrier Project

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1135 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, Public Law 99-662, as amended (33 U.S.C. 2309a; hereinafter "Section 1135"), which authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to carry out projects for the purpose of: (1) making such modifications in the structures and operations of water resources projects constructed by the Secretary of the Army which the Secretary determines will improve the quality of the environment, or (2) undertaking measures for restoration of environmental quality when the Secretary determines that construction or operation of a water resources project has contributed to the degradation of the quality of the environment, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) hereby confirms its intent to serve as a non-federal sponsor for the Section 1135 project described below.

The MDNR understands that this study indicates that the proposed project has merit, and the feasibility level study can be continued upon approval of the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement. The MDNR understands that although the feasibility phase has been initially federally funded, it will now be cost shared 50/50 until report approval, and with the balance due in four equal payments over two years upon signature of the Project Partnership Agreement.

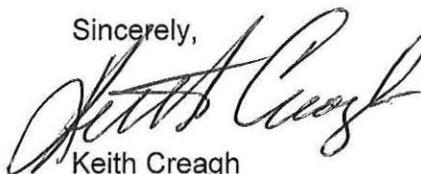
The MDNR intends to serve as a non-federal sponsor and be responsible for providing the local cooperation requirements, which would generally be as follows:

1. Provide without cost to the government all lands, easement, right-of-ways and relocations necessary for the construction and maintenance of the project.
2. Comply with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970, Pub. L. 91-646, as amended, and its implementing regulations for all lands, easements, right-of-ways and relocations that must be acquired for the project.
3. Provide during the period of implementation a contribution necessary to make up the non-federal cost share, equal to a maximum of 25 percent of the total project costs for the authorized project we intend to support.
4. Hold and save the government free from claims for damages arising from the implementation, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation of the project and any related betterments, except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the government or its contractors.

5. Operate, maintain, and rehabilitate the project upon completion without cost to the government in accordance with regulations and directives prescribed by the Secretary of the Army.

The MDNR understands the general requirements of the non-federal sponsors associated with this project and the Section 1135 authority described above. We are aware that this letter serves as an expression of the MDNR's intent to cooperate on the project described above, but that it is not a contract obligation. The MDNR, as a non-federal sponsor, and the Corps will define all formal obligations in the Project Partnership Agreement for this project. The MDNR understands that either party may discontinue these efforts at any point prior to signing of these agreements.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. William O'Neill, Natural Resources Deputy, DNR  
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