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June 19, 2013

TO: SCSGC Program Advisory Board

FROM: M. Richard DeVoe

Executive Director

RE: Consortium State Budget Situation and Update

Good afternoon:

Today, the South Carolina General Assembly completed its work on the FY13-14 state budget, which will be forwarded to the Governors office for review tomorrow. Both the House (by a vote of 106-0) and the Senate (by a vote of 39-4) approved the Consortiums state budget request for level funding.

The General Assembly has plans to reconvene the middle of next week to address the vetoes that might be forthcoming from the governors office. That means if the Consortiums budget is vetoed again, the legislature will have very little time to act before the end of the current fiscal year.

We have provided a good bit of information to the S.C. General Assembly about the Consortium during the past few months. I would like to share some of it with you, so you can use it and pass it on to others, should we need to respond next week.

First, as I shared you earlier this week, the NOAA National Sea Grant Office informed us of the results of our performance assessment; to summarize:

The Consortium was evaluated by the NOAA National Sea Grant College Program (NSGCP) via an external Sea Grant Site Visit Team in fall 2010 and a Sea Grant Program Performance Review in fall 2012 as part of the NSGCPs first network-wide review of the 32 state Sea Grant College Programs.

On June 10, 2013, the Consortium was notified by the NSGCP Director that the Consortium has reached the standard of excellence expected of all Sea Grant College Programs and is a well-managed, cost-effective program that provides valuable services to its stakeholders.

As a result, the NSGO will be providing the Consortium with \$113,000 in Sea Grant merit funding beginning in FY2014, which reflects an additional 10% to the Consortiums base Sea Grant funding.

We were informed that only 10 programs of 32 nationwide received an increase in their merit funding.

Second, the following bullets highlight a few actions the Consortium has taken to improve its efficiency and effectiveness:

The Consortium requested no increase in its state recurring funds (\$444,486) for FY13-14.

Of the Consortiums state-supported operating costs, which are only \$90,473, \$61,713 is for office space, at \$10.60 per square foot.

The Consortium has reduced by 64% its expenditures on travel over the past four years.

The Consortium has merged two of its extension specialist positions into one, thereby consolidating its outreach services to the sustainable marine fisheries and aquaculture industries in the state.

The Consortium is in the process of merging two of its management positions (Assistant Director-Program Development and Sea Grant Extension Program Leader) into one; this consolidation will take effect in FY13-14.

And third, I have attached two fact sheets that I have used and continuously revised during the course of the FY13-14 state budget process, which contain additional information about the Consortium. The first is an overview of the agency; the other focuses in on agency budget efficiencies.

I will be in touch with you if and when it is necessary to follow-up, once we know the fate of our FY13-14 budget.

As always, thank you all very much for your efforts.

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