

Quarterly Report

Date: November 1, 2016

Project Title: Fish Passage Culvert Assessment in the St. Louis River Area of Concern in Wisconsin

Grant Recipient: WDNR

Report Prepared by: Amy Eliot, UWS-LSRI Principal Investigator

Time period covered for this report: 2016-Q3

Activities completed/work accomplished this quarter:

Technical Team Convened and Meeting 1 Held:

A Technical Team of project experts was convened on October 12, 2016 to guide project decision making. Members of team include: Matt Steiger, WDNR Project Manager/AOC Coordinator; Madeline Roberts, WDNR Project Manager/Water Resources Management Specialist; Paul Piszczek, WDNR Fisheries Biologist; Amy Cronk, WDNR Environmental Analysis and Review Specialist; Craig Roesler, WDNR Water Quality Biologist; Matt Diebel, WDNR Water Resources Management Specialist; Tom Simmons, WDNR GIS Analyst; Christine Ostern, Douglas County Conservationist; Cameron Bertsch, Douglas County Engineering Technician; Kevin Schmid Douglas County Highway Technician; Darienne McNamara, City of Superior Environmental Regulatory Coordinator; Ted Koehler, USFWS Fish and Wildlife. During the first meeting we determined the species and barriers targeted for the project and made a draft list of background information needed to recommend priority sites. (Attached: Presentation; Agenda; Minutes)

QAPP:

The QAPP has been drafted by the PI with input from WDNR staff and is awaiting review and approval (Draft Attached).

LiDAR Analysis:

The LiDAR analysis has been completed by WDNR and a list of 159 culvert crossings have been sent to the PI for review (List Attached).

Budget:

Amount of the funds expended to date-- this can be approximate if an invoice is not yet available / Estimate = \$500.00

Subcontracts or sub-grants awarded this reporting period: None by LSRI

Local services and/or products purchased this reporting period: None by LSRI

Number of jobs created this reporting period: None by LSRI

Schedule:

Is the project on track for completion by end date? Yes

Grant End Date: LSRI's contract ends 9/30/2017

Problems / Issues:

The project contract between WDNR and UWS-LSRSI was delayed until October so reporting and project are slightly behind schedule.

Activities and work goals planned for next quarter: Complete approval process for QAPP. Hire an LTE and two students to help with assessments. Develop an assessment schedule from the LiDAR list and begin preliminary assessments. Begin background summary information.