



**Gulf of Maine
Council on the
Marine Environment**

**Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment/
NOAA Habitat Restoration Partnership
Request for Letters of Intent
Habitat Restoration Grants Program 2007-2008**

The GOMC/NOAA Habitat Restoration Partnership is soliciting Letters of Intent (LOI) for coastal habitat restoration projects within the Gulf of Maine watershed, which includes the watershed area between the tip of Provincetown, Mass to Cape Sable, Nova Scotia). This solicitation is for funding that will be available through an RFP process to be released in August 2007. LOI's will be accepted anytime between **June 15, 2007 and August 15, 2007**. Entities eligible to apply for the funds include NGOs, municipalities, schools, and tribal and state governments.

The purpose of the LOI is to determine if potential restoration projects are candidates for the full grant application process. The letter should include the location of the project, a brief problem statement, a restorative solution(s), and identification of any known opportunities that would support the proposed restoration effort as well as any constraints. The letter should not exceed three typed pages in length. Letters must be sent via email to jon.kachmar@maine.gov.

Funding offered is for projects that restore diadromous fishes, coastal wetlands, riverine hydrology, submerged aquatic vegetation, and shellfish, as well as other related subtidal, intertidal and riverine habitats. Eligible activities related to these topics include feasibility, planning, implementation, and pre- and post-restoration monitoring.

A limited amount of funding will be available for contracting by **October 2007** based on review of LOI's and a case-by-case determination of projects. Those LOI's selected for accelerated application development will be notified ASAP by the Partnership once the LOI is received. The remainder of the habitat restoration grant funding will be available for contracting in **March 2008**. Full applications for remaining funds will be due by mid November and reviewed by the Partnership for a **January 1** decision. Grants will generally range between **\$25,000 to \$75,000**, with a funding cap of \$100,000.

Information about the full RFP that will be released in August at the Gulf of Maine Habitat Restoration Web Portal: <http://restoration.gulfofmaine.org/grants/>. Contact Jon Kachmar at 207-287-1913 or jon.kachmar@maine.gov.