

Project Abstract Summary

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Applicant Name

Outdoor Stewards of Conservation Foundation, Inc.

Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project

2023 MSCGP - Native American Fishing Participation and Perceptions

Project Abstract

Award Purpose: Even though Native Americans were America's original fishermen and conservationists, we do not know much about their current participation rates in fishing or their cultural trends pertaining to fishing. There are nearly 600 federally recognized Native American tribes with approximately seven million members living across the United States today. This grant project is needed to better understand Native Americans' current barriers to entry, access to lands and waters (both on and off reservation properties), as well as what their thoughts are on current laws, regulations, licensing and what their perceptions are of industry and state and federal wildlife agencies.

Activities to be performed: A strong need exists to better understand Native American's current participation and future interest in fishing. This project aligns nicely with the strategic priority of R3 and engaging new audiences. Project tasks include survey questionnaire development, deployment, analysis, reporting and communicating/presenting results.

Expected deliverables or outcomes: We will develop and promote a final report that will cover the results from both the fishing and the hunting projects making it easier for industry and agency staff to get a complete picture of Native Americans outdoor participation. We expect the useful shelf life of the insights from this study to be five+ years.

Intended Beneficiaries: 600 federally recognized Native American tribes with approximately seven million members living across the United States today.

Subrecipient activities: Approximately 56% of the budget for this project is allocated to Dynata contractual support for survey deployment, promotion and sample costs to obtain as many responses as possible.