

## APPENDIX F

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### FORMAT FOR PROJECT OR PROJECT COMPONENT TERMINATION REPORT

#### PART 1

**Project:** 4<sup>th</sup> National Aquaculture Extension Workshop/Conference

**Dates of Work:** September 1, 2006 – August 31, 2007

**NCRAC Funding Level:** \$5,000.00

#### **Participants:**

Co Hosts:

Laura G. Tiu, Ohio State University

Forrest Wynne, Kentucky State University

National Steering Committee:

Arkansas	George Selden	University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Hawaii	Clyde Tamaru	University of Hawaii
Michigan	Chuck Pistis	Michigan State University
Rhode Island	Michael Rice	University of Rhode Island
Virginia	Michael Schwarz	Virginia Tech University
Washington	Steve Harbell	Washington State University

Conference Ex-Officio Advisory Committee:

Kevin Fitzsimmons	Former Conference Chair	University of Arizona
Graham Young	WRAC	University of Washington
Joe Morris	NCRAC	Iowa State University
Gary Jensen	USDA CSREES	
Max Mayeaux	USDA CSREES	
Andy Lazur	National Sea Grant Office	
Jim Murray	National Sea Grant Office	

Local Arrangements Committee:

Geoff Wallat, Ohio State University

Dr. Bill Wurts, Kentucky State University

Dr. Bob Durborow, Kentucky State University

Ms. Julie Strawser, Ohio State University

**Reason for Termination:** The project objectives were completed

## **Project Objectives:**

1. Learn successful approaches to problem-solving through case studies that can be replicated in other states (i.e., lessons learned).
2. Demonstrate and conduct hands-on experiences with state-of-the-art computer applications for improving delivery of extension programs.
3. Identify national extension priorities and critical issues with development of corresponding action plans for implementation.
4. Identify potential interregional extension projects, such as curriculum development or national decision-support databases.
5. Share educational materials and programs in addition to expertise.
6. Strengthen regional and national communication networks to improve services to our clientele.
7. Examine successful extension components and outcomes to research projects and develop approaches to improve integration nationwide.
8. Develop a collective strategy to define extension's role in measuring impacts of RAC projects and collaboration with others in academia and the private sector.
9. Improve business management skills related to aquaculture and enhance knowledge concerning marketing of aquatic products

## **Principal Accomplishments:**

The 4<sup>th</sup> national Aquaculture Extension Conference was organized by a national Steering Committee comprised of representatives from each Regional Aquaculture Center, the National Association of County Agriculture Agents, USDA CREES and the National Office of Sea Grant.

The conference was held in Cincinnati OH, 30 April – 4 May 2007. The program was designed by a National Steering committee with input from the Conference Ex-officio Advisory Committee and the Local Arrangements Committee. Eighty-three people from thirty-eight states and territories attended the conference.

Multiple presentations made during the three day event addressed many of the objectives. Two workshops, dealing with the media and working with [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), helped attendees gain new skills. The keynote speaker, Dr. Steve Otwell, spoke on Seafood Marketing and Consumption issues, identified as a critical issue by the Steering Committee.

A field trip to Jungle Jim's, a large, unique, international market in Cincinnati, OH that employs recirculating technology to hold live fish, improved attendees knowledge concerning marketing of aquatic products. Socials and local tours gave attendees time to share programming and expertise.

A website with the conference agenda linked to abstracts, attendee list and photos has been created and can be accessed by the anyone:  
<http://southcenters.osu.edu/aqua/extension%20conference/extension%20conference.htm>.

**Impacts:**

Short term impacts were measured with an on-site evaluation. Highlights include:

- Great networking
- Great program
- Good location
- Well-coordinated sessions
- Diverse variety of topics
- Jungle Jim’s field trip amazing!
- Diverse participants
- Great reviews of advances and successful programs
- Time to interact
- Great time span for a conference

**Recommended Follow-up Activities:**

Attendees will be sent a post-conference evaluation survey to determine how the conference has impacted their actions or activities. Plans for the next conference are being coordinated by the National Aquaculture Extension Steering Committee.

**Support:**

Years	NCRAC- USDA Funding						Total Support
		University	Industry	Other Federal	Other	Total	
2006-07	\$5000			\$20,000		\$25,000	\$25,000
Total	\$5000			\$20,000		\$25,000	\$25,000

\* Each of the five Regional Aquaculture Centers contributed \$5,000 to the conference. Some travel grants were supported by National Sea Grant Office.