

MASSACHUSETTS SUBCOUNCIL
of the
HOUSATONIC RIVER TRUSTEE COUNCIL

United States, et al., v. General Electric Company,
Civil Action Nos. 99-30225-MAP; 99-30226-MAP; and 99-30227-MAP (D. Mass.)

RESOLUTION # ~~42~~ 43

Approval to allocate \$10,000 from the USFWS to the Housatonic Valley Association to promote and educate the public regarding restoration efforts of the MA SubCouncil

1. *Whereas*, the United States Department of Commerce, acting by and through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA"), the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs ("EEA"), as administered by its Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), the State of Connecticut, acting by and through its Department of Environmental Protection ("CTDEP"), the United States Department of the Interior ("DOI"), acting by and through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS"), are the four Natural Resource Trustee agencies ("Trustees") responsible for restoration in the Housatonic River Environment with respect to the above-referenced case;
2. *Whereas*, the Trustees have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") effective January 30, 2002, to coordinate activities for the above-referenced case; and pursuant to Section VII Paragraph B (1) of the MOA, a Trustee SubCouncil for the Geographic Region of Massachusetts ("MA SubCouncil") has been established and subsequently revised pursuant to MA SubCouncil Resolution #4 to consist of two voting members from the Mass. Trustee and the Federal Trustee agencies, EEA and USFWS, and non-voting Ex Officio Delegates;
3. *Whereas*, the sums recovered for the restoration activities, in the civil action referred to above, are being held in the Natural Resource Damages Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) Fund, Account #0251 (Housatonic River - MA Restoration), administered by the DOI and jointly managed by the MA SubCouncil; and
4. *Whereas*, through Resolutions 7 and 15, the DOI/USFWS and EEA approved the transfer of \$237,637.55 and \$123,360, respectively, from the DOI NRDAR Account #0251 (Housatonic River - MA Restoration) to the USFWS Northeast Region's New England Field Office for the purpose of funding the Restoration Coordinator contract that the USFWS managed on behalf of the MA SubCouncil; and
5. *Whereas*, the USFWS utilized the funds to manage Restoration Coordination contracts, with the most recent being a contract with Stantac that expired in August, 2015, with a remaining balance of \$63,289.94; and
6. *Whereas*, through Resolution 38, the DOI/USFWS and EEA approved the transfer of \$127,463, from the DOI NRDAR Account #0251 (Housatonic River - MA Restoration) to the

Commonwealth for the purpose of funding the Restoration Coordinator contract that the USFWS had previously managed on behalf of the MA SubCouncil; and

6. *Whereas*, the MA SubCouncil proposes to re-purpose a portion of the funds originally allocated to the USFWS for managing the Restoration Coordination contract (\$10,000) to promote restoration accomplishments and on-going efforts of the MA SubCouncil through a cooperative agreement with the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA). The HVA is sponsoring a 10-day Source to Sound Paddle Trip. Throughout the trip they will promote ongoing Round 1, 2 and 3 Restoration Projects. As described in a SubCouncil approved scope of work, HVA will develop and distribute outreach materials and organize events at several MA SubCouncil project locations to celebrate and highlight project partners and successful restoration efforts.

6. *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, after a thorough review of the proposed uses for such sums, the MA SubCouncil authorizes the allocation of \$10,000 of remaining restoration coordination funds to the Housatonic Valley Association to promote restoration accomplishments and on-going efforts of the MA SubCouncil. These funds shall be transferred and allocated as follows at this time:

- **\$10,000 from the USFWS to the Housatonic Valley Association.** Funds will be awarded through a cooperative agreement to promote restoration accomplishments achieved by the MA SubCouncil. HVA will utilize funds to prepare and distribute outreach material throughout the watershed during their Source to Sound Celebratory Event.

CONCURRED IN by the following who are duly authorized:

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