



PROGRESS REPORT FORMAT (maximum of 2 pages)

Grantee: Inwater Research Group, Inc.

Contract Number: STGP Contract 06-004R

Project Title: Satellite Tracking Large Green Turtles

Report Period: 1 May 2006 through 1 November 2006
Six month Progress Report and Request for Extension

Project Manager(s)/Principle Investigator(s): Project Manager – Dean Bagley
Principal Investigator – Dean Bagley

Tasks: The following tasks were listed as Project Tasks.

Task 1 – Deployment of all four satellite transmitters.

Task 2 – To learn if these turtle remain in this are or migrate elsewhere

Task 3 – If the turtles did migrate, provide routes, destinations and estimate of travel time

The six-month deliverables were to include photo documentation of having at least half of the units deployed.

Accomplishments:

At the time this grant was awarded we made sure that it was understood that the new fast-loc GPS units at two major companies were being tested and that results of those tests needed to be in before we purchased the units using STGP funds. We do not want to purchase equipment that will not be able to do the job for which it was being purchased. Dean has been using Telonics transmitters for her other satellite tracking and hoped to be able to use their GPS units for this project. At the time of the grant committee meeting, testing was scheduled to take place in Jensen Beach within a very short time in spring 2006. That did not occur, and Wildlife Computers GPS units were being tested by researchers during the summer of 2006. We waited for results from those tests and to find out when Telonics would reschedule their tests with Barbara Schroeder. Within the last three weeks, we understand from Telonics that testing will take place this winter in Florida and from Wildlife Computers that their units are working well.



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If Telonics testing does not occur or if their units are not working properly, we will purchase from Wildlife Computers.

We have not spent any of the funds advanced by the STGP and are waiting for the right equipment to purchase, therefore we are requesting a six-month extension and no additional funds until that time. We expect by that time that transmitters will be purchased, and although weather conditions often prevent us from working in the area where we find these larger green turtles, we will be ready for deployment when they are captured.

Any questions can be directed to Dean at de315786@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu or by phone at (407) 765-5250.