

Format for Project Final Report

I. Report Title, Author, Organization, Grant Number, Date

II. Executive Summary

A brief and succinct summary of Final Report.

III. Purpose

A. Overarching goal(s) of the project.

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B. Hypotheses (if applicable) and objectives of the project.

IV. Approach

A. Detailed description of the work that was performed.

B. Project management: List individuals and/or organizations actually performing the work and how it was done.

V. Findings

A. Actual accomplishments and findings.

B. If significant problems developed which resulted in less than satisfactory or negative results, they should be discussed.

C. Description of need, if any, for additional work.

VII. Applications

Outputs and management outcomes achieved. Outputs are defined as products (e.g. publications, models) or activities that lead to outcomes (changes in user knowledge or action).

A. Outputs

- i. New fundamental or applied knowledge
- ii. Scientific publications
- iii. Patents
- iv. New methods and technology
- v. New or advanced tools (e.g. models, biomarkers)
- vi. Workshops
- vii. Presentations
- viii. Outreach activities/products (e.g. website, newsletter articles)

B. Management outcomes - I. Management application or adoption of:

- i. New fundamental or applied knowledge
- ii. New or improved skills
- iii. Information from publications, workshops, presentations, outreach products
- iv. New or improved methods or technology
- v. New or advanced tools

C. Management outcomes - II. Societal condition improved due to management action resulting from output; examples: improved water quality, lower frequency of harmful algal blooms, reduced hypoxic zone area, improved sustainability of fisheries.

VIII. Evaluation

Describe the extent to which the project goals and objectives were attained. Provide explanation for modification of goals and objectives.

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