



## Great Lakes Fishery Commission

### POLICY ON PAYMENT OF INDIRECT COSTS AND OVERHEAD ON RESEARCH PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE GREAT LAKES FISHERY COMMISSION

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission (Commission) is an international treaty organization established in 1955 by the *Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries* between Canada and the United States. The Commission encourages the rehabilitation and protection of healthy aquatic ecosystems in the Great Lakes, manages a sea lamprey control program, and forges partnerships with the public, natural resources agencies, and other institutions.

The Commission is not a major grantor of research; it has only a modest budget to fund research contracts each year. Payment of indirect costs and overhead seriously limits the amount of work that can be accomplished within this small program. The Commission's policy is to eliminate allocation of funds for administrative overhead and indirect costs in its contracts with government agencies and research institutions. Where cooperating entities cannot eliminate administrative overhead charges to the Commission, the Commission may grant approval for up to 5% indirect costs to be applied to the contract to secure projects that are of high priority. In addition, indirect costs on subcontracts to other entities for Commission-sponsored work may not exceed 5%.

Your support in eliminating indirect costs and overhead charges is very much appreciated and will further the rehabilitation and protection of the Great Lakes ecosystem.



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