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Contract Number 003-047	Report Date 1/10/2020	Period Covered by Report (7/30/2019-1/9/2020)
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Project Name
Working Wetlands in North Dakota

Project Sponsor Name
Delta Waterfowl

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Financial Update

Please provide the following information regarding the funding for your project based on the contract award:

	Funds Spent THIS Reporting Period*	Total Funds Spent to Date	Balance of Remaining Funds
Match Funding	\$723,539.89	\$3,571,699.45	\$0 (Matching funds were \$441,699.45 in excess of submitted budget)
In-kind Funding	\$10,065	\$85,940	\$0 (In kind exceeded budget in the amount of \$15,940)
OHF Funding	\$345,080.90	\$1,733,630.71	\$16,369.29
Total	\$1,078,685.79	\$5,391,270.16	\$16,369.29

Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension? /_/ Yes /X/ No

If yes, please explain:

*As appropriate please provide copies of receipts for purchases.

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:

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This year was the fifth and final year of the North Dakota Working Wetlands pilot funded by the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF). Again there were no issues with non-compliance and all participating producers conserved small wetlands consistent with their agreements. NRCS field offices conducted field visits late in fall which was somewhat hampered by the exceptionally wet fall and presence of abundant standing crops.

In numerous conversations with participating landowners, there is continued high demand for the program and enthusiasm is high for the rollout of the new Working Wetland program via NRCS which was authorized in the 2018 Farm Bill. NRCS is currently finalizing their program, based heavily on the experiences from the pilot project, and it is anticipated that there will be an enrollment in the spring of 2020.

In conclusion, the project went as smoothly as possible from the early stages where demand was exceptionally high, to the positive feedback received from participating landowners from the survey work conducted with NDSU and the regular operations of the pilot. The funding from OHF truly catalyzed a new conversation about small wetland conservation and allowed for a living experiment to test a new conservation tool. We are confident that the lessons learned in the pilot project will further not only valuable conservation outcomes but collaboration amongst conservation interests and the agricultural community.

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