INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT, CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION, AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Trustees Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. and Subsidiaries Sarasota, Florida

# Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidating financial statements of Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. and Subsidiaries (Laboratory), a nonprofit organization, which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of activities, and cash flows, the Mote Environmental Services, Inc. (MESI) changes in stockholders' equity and statements of functional expenses for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

# Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidating financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

# Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidating financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidating financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidating financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidating financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our audit opinion.

The Board of Trustees Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. and Subsidiaries Sarasota, Florida

# Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidating financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidating financial position of the Laboratory as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Other Matters

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic consolidating financial statements of Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. and Subsidiaries taken as a whole. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administration Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, and Chapter 10.650, Rules of the Auditor General, is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the consolidating financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of the Laboratory's management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidating financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic consolidating financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidating financial statements or to the consolidating financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United State of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidating financial statements as a whole.

## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated May 5, 2016 on our consideration of Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. and Subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. and Subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Sarasota, Florida May 5, 2016

# STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

# DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

		2015		2014
Assets  Cash and cash equivalents	\$	9,143,977	\$	4,511,390
Accounts receivable	Ψ	1,157,868	4	1,252,991
Due from Mote Marine Foundation, Inc.		326,769		133,817
		190,553		133,017
Bequest receivable		3,101,921		3,340,834
Pledges receivable		1.300,000		
Note receivable				1,400,000
Inventory		128,640		127,571
Prepaid expenses and other assets		33,433		77,996
Donated assets held for sale		103,105		101,935
Patents, net		96,254		95,069
Investment in deferred compensation plan		610,278		607,814
Land		7,498,190		7,498,190
Property and equipment, net		14,248,048		14,949,154
Construction in progress		448,401		63,799
Beneficial interest in the net assets				
of Mote Marine Foundation, Inc.		14,468,605		15,943,356
Total Assets	\$	52,856,042	\$	50,103,916
Liabilities, Net Assets and Stockholders' Equity				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$	417,549	\$	486,414
Accrued payroll		589,234		573,203
Memberships relating to future periods		702,003		655,558
Funds advanced on research programs		6,789,570		6,882,636
Deferred compensation payable		610,278		607,814
Lines of credit		4,025,101		4,127,101
Notes payable		3,361,916		4,468,274
Total Liabilities		16,495,651		17,801,000
Net Assets				
Unrestricted		16,231,252		14,382,374
Temporarily restricted		9,763,008		7,748,283
Permanently restricted		10,366,131		10,172,259
Total Net Assets		36,360,391		32,302,916
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	52,856,042	\$	50,103,916

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

#### YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

# (WITH SUMMARIZED COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2014)

	Unrest	ricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2015 Total	2014 Total
Support, Revenue and Reclassifications						
Program revenue						
Research revenue						
Federal	\$ 1,49	4,583	\$	3	\$ 1,494,583	\$ 1,247,374
Scate	2,76	0,388			2,760,388	2,344,106
Other	3.87	9.613			3,879,613	4.019.877
Aquarium	-6.77				450.00	(17.7)
Admission fees	331	5.683			3,315,683	3.211.437
Gift shop	7.65	5,140			1.025.140	988,259
Other		4,063			454,063	460,203
	73	4,003			434,063	
Fish and caviar sales		4 191			200	632,323
Memberships		6,191			866,191	888,032
Education		8,217			798,217	658,344
Protect Our Reefs-License Plate	92	6,381			926,381	1,000,258
Other programs	73	6,886			736,886	449,654
Contributions						
Construction			3,831,858		3,831,858	60,010
Aguarium			314,123		314,123	49,736
Other programs	4 07	6,235	523,563		4,599,798	2,753,661
Non-cash contributions		1,939	343,303		931,939	718.725
		111000				
Grants from Mote Marine Foundation, Inc.		0.137	1 664		1,190,137	1,354,318
Investment income	3	11.559	1.024		32,583	6,619
Unrealized gain on investments, ner			(1,276)		(1,276)	175
Realized gain (loss) on investments, net		(1,085)			(1,085)	1,954
Realized gain (loss) on disposal of assets	2	3,288			23,288	(465.956)
Change in beneficial interest in the net assets						
of Mote Marine Foundation, Inc.			(1,668,623)	193,872	(1,474,751)	248,502
Net assets released from restrictions	98	5,944	(985,944)		4 014	2001345
Total support, revenue and		414.13	17441711			-
reclassifications	23,49	5,162	2,014,725	193,872	25,703,759	20,627,611
Expenses						
Cost and expenses						
Processing and packing						78,302
Selling, general and administrative						2,886
Program services						
Research	10.29	4,135			10,294,135	9,425,137
Education		8,346			1,168,346	1.145,779
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Aquarium		5,424			4.015,424	3,831,445
Protect Our Reefs-License Plate		9,796			829,796	970,834
MAP facility operations		39,666			689,666	1,264,485
Other	50	9,653			509,653	785,264
Supporting services						
Administrative and general	2.33	7,905			2,337,905	2,153,545
Fundraising		11,359			1,801,359	1,618,797
Total expenses		16,284		-	21,646,284	21,276,474
Increase (decrease) in net assets and net loss before						
equity losses in subsidiary and minority interest	1,84	8,878	2,014,725	193,872	4,057,475	(648,863)
Minority interest in MESI					¥	93,711
Loss on sale of subsidiary					12	(534,550)
Increase (decrease) in net assets and net loss	1,84	8,878	2,014,725	193,872	4,057,475	(1,089,702)
Net assets/retained earnings at beginning of year	14,38	32,374	7,748,283	10,172,259	32,302,916	33,392,618
Net assets/retained earnings at end of year	\$ 16,23	7.0	\$ 9,763,008	\$ _10,366,131	\$ 36,360,391	\$ 32,302,916
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# CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

# YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

# (WITH SUMMARIZED COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2015)

	Laboratory							
		Unrestricted		emporarily Restricted		Permanently Restricted		Total
Support, Revenue and Reclassifications	_	o in out reced			-	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	_	
Program revenue								
Research revenue								
Federal	\$	1,247,374	\$		\$		\$	1,247,374
State		2.344,106						2,344,106
Other		4,019,877						4,019,877
Management fee-MAP		863,688						863,688
Aguarium								7624572
Admission fees		3.211.437						3,211,437
Gift shop		988.259						988,259
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Other		460,203						460,203
Fish and caviar sales		*****						***
Memberships		888,032						888,032
Education		658,344						658,344
Protect Our Reefs-License Plate		1,000,258						1,000,258
Other programs		449,654						449,654
Contributions								
Construction				60,010				60,010
Aguarium				49,736				49,736
		1,637,703		1,115,958				2,753,661
Other programs		10.00		1,113,730				
Non-cash contributions		718.725						718,725
Grants from Mote Marine Foundation, Inc.		1,354,318		- 0523				1,354,318
Investment income		52.127		2,976				55,103
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments, net				175				175
Realized gain (loss) on investments, net		1,954						1,954
Realized gain (loss)on disposal of assets		(465,956)						(465,956)
Change in beneficial interest in the net assets		1.50						T. markey
of Mote Marine Foundation, Inc.				(366,287)		614,789		248,502
Net assets released from restrictions		455,575		(455,575)		9. 11. 0.		210,502
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Total support, revenue and		10.005.470		104.002		414.700		20.007.440
reclassifications	190	19,885,678	-	406,993		614,789	-	20,907,460
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Expenses								
Cost and expenses								
Cost of products sold								~
Processing and packaging								100
Selling, general and administrative								
Interest								
Program services								
Research		9,425,137						9,425,137
Education		1.145,779						1,145,779
Aguarium		3,831,445						3,831,445
		970,834						970,834
Protect Our Reefs-License Plate								
MAP facility operations		1,264,485						1,264,485
Other		785,560						785,560
Supporting services								
Administrative and general		2,155,190						2,155,190
Fundraising		1,626,916						1,626,916
Total expenses		21,205,346	_					21,205,346
Company of the Compan	_				_		-	
Increase (decrease) in net assets and net loss before								
equity losses in subsidiary and minority interest		(1,319,668)		406,993		614,789		(297,886)
equity losses in subsidial y and millionity interest		(1,517,000)		400,773		014,707		(277,000)
E I		Vacaassi						(257266)
Equity losses in subsidiary		(257.266)						(257,266)
Minority interest in MESI		de Arrabania						A
Loss on sale of subsidiary		(1,689,993)		-				(1,689,993)
Increase (decrease) in net assets and net loss		(3.266,927)		406,993	1	614,789		(2,245,145)
and the second s	_				-			
Net assets/retained earnings at beginning of year	3-	17,649,301	_	7,341,290	_	9,557,470	-	34,548,061
Net assets/retained earnings at end of year	T.	14,382,374	\$	7,748,283	\$	10,172,259	\$	32,302,916
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MESI	Eliminations	_	2014 Total	-	2015 Total
\$	\$	\$	1,247,374	5	1,494,583
3			2,344,106		2,760,388
			4,019,877		3,879,613
	(863,688)		1.		
			3,211,437		3,315,683
			988,259		1,025,140
			460,203		454,063
642,383	(10,060)		632,323		
			888,032		866,191
			658,344		798,217
			1,000,258		926,381
			449,654		736,886
			60,010		3,831,858
			49,736		314,123
			2,753,661		4,599,798
			718,725		931,939
			1,354,318		1,190,137
	(48,484)		6,619		32,583
			175		(1,276)
			1,954		(1,085)
			(465,956)		23,288
			248,502		(1.474,751)
1,242	444 444	-			
642,383	(922,232)	-	20,627,611	-	25,703,759
520,552	(520,552)				
208,605	(130,303)		78,302		
215,719	(212,833)		2,886		
48,484	(48,484)		2,000		-
			9,425,137		10.294,135
			1,145,779		1,168,346
			3,831,445		4,015,424
			970,834		829,796
			1,264,485		689,666
	(296)		785,264		509,653
	(1,645)		2,153,545		2,337,905
	(8,119)		1,618,797		1,801,359
993,360	(922,232)	-	21,276,474	-	21,646,284
(350,977)			(648,863)		4,057,475
	257,266				
	93,711		93,711		
	1,155,443		(534,550)		
(350,977)	1,506,420	2 =	(1,089,702)	-	4,057,475
(3,411,206)	2,255,763	-	33,392,618		32,302,916
\$ (3,762,183)	\$3,762,183	\$_	32,302,916	\$_	36,360,391

# STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY - MESI

	G.	Stock and Paid In Capital	Retained Earnings	Total Stockholders' Equity
Balance - December 31, 2013	\$	4,628,168	(3,411,206)	1,216,962
Net loss			(350,977)	(350,977)
Sale of stock	-	(4,628,168)	3,762,183	(865,985)
Balance - December 31, 2014	\$ =	\$		

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Increase (decrease) in net assets and	\$ 4,057,475
net gain (loss)	( <u> </u>
Adjustments to reconcile increase (decrease) in	
net assets and net gain (loss) to net cash	
provided by operating activities	
Depreciation and amortization	2,326,820
Realized loss on disposal of assets	(23,288)
Unrealized / realized loss on investments, net	1,085
Change in beneficial interest in the net assets	.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
of Mote Marine Foundation, Inc.	1,474,751
Non-cash contributions	(506,630)
(Increase) decrease in operating assets	(0.00,000)
Accounts receivable	95,125
Due from MESI	100,000
Due from Mote Marine Foundation, Inc.	(192,952)
Bequest receivable	(190,553)
Pledges receivable	238,913
Inventory	(1,069)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	44,563
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities	3,122
Accounts payable	(68,865)
Accrued payroll	16,031
Due to Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc.	15,551
Memberships relating to future periods	46,445
Funds advanced on research programs	(93,066)
Total adjustments	3,267,310
Net cash provided by operating activities	7,324,785
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Purchases of property and equipment	(1,914,605)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	21,831
Patent costs	(6,895)
Proceeds from donated assets held for sale	415,829
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,483,840)

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

Cash Flows from Financing Activities	
Net change in lines of credit	(102,000)
Repayments of notes payable	(1,106,358)
Net cash used in financing activities	(1,208,358)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	4,632,587
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	4,511,390
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$9,143,977_
Supplemental Disclosure of Non-Cash:	
Investing and Financing Activity	
Cash paid for interest	\$182,828

# CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Laboratory	MESI	Consolidated Total
Cash Flows from Operating Activities Increase in net assets and net loss	\$ (2,245,145)	\$ (350,977)	\$ (2,596,122)
Adjustments to reconcile decrease in	4 (2,273,173)	Ψ (330,777)	φ (2,370,122)
net assets and net loss to net cash			
used in operating activities			
Depreciation and amortization	2,317,042	5,894	2,322,936
Pledge Write-off of uncollectible amount	1,689,993	4,44	1,689,993
Realized gain on disposal of assets	465,956		465,956
Unrealized / realized loss on investments, net	(1,954)		(1,954)
Equity losses in subsidiary	257,266		257,266
Change in beneficial interest in the net assets	1000		0.000
of Mote Marine Foundation, Inc.	(248,502)		(248,502)
Non-cash contributions	(718,725)		(718,725)
(Increase) decrease in operating assets			
Accounts receivable	205,576	212,088	417,664
Due from MESI	(772,107)		(772, 107)
Due from Mote Marine Foundation, Inc.	(124,853)		(124,853)
Bequest receivable	10,000		10,000
Pledges receivable	(3,171,459)		(3,171,459)
Beneficial interest in life estate	56,700		56,700
Inventory	55,269	(618,815)	(563,546)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	84,294		84,294
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities			
Accounts payable	95,176	(16,980)	78,196
Accrued payroll	(330,057)		(330,057)
Due to Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc.		772,107	772,107
Memberships relating to future periods	(26,649)		(26,649)
Funds advanced on research programs	3,107,559		3,107,559
Total adjustments	2,950,525	354,294	3,304,819
Net cash provided in operating activities	705,380	3,317	708,697
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Purchases of property and equipment	(1,197,807)	(3,817)	(1,201,624)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	201,500		201,500
Proceeds from sale of investment in MESI	401,850		401,850
Patent costs	(12,442)		(12,442)
Proceeds from donated assets held for sale	202,979		202,979
Net cash used in investing activities	(403,920)	(3,817)	(407,737)

# CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

	Laboratory	MESI	Consolidated Total
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Net change in lines of credit	549,697		549,697
Proceeds from issuance of notes payable	700,000		700,000
Repayments of notes payable	(1,075,503)		(1,075,503)
Net cash provided by financing activities	174,194		174,194
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	475,654	(500)	475,154
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	4,035,736	500	4,036,236
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 4,511,390	\$	\$ 4,511,390
Supplemental Disclosure of Non-Cash Investing and Financing Activity			
Property and equipment purchased through financing	\$33,850	\$	\$33,850
Cash paid for interest	\$191,228_	\$48,484_	\$ 239,712

# MOTE MARINE LABORATORY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES - LABORATORY

## YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

# (WITH SUMMARIZED COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2014)

**Program Services** MAP Facility Protect our Reefs Research Education Aquarium License Plate Operations Salaries and benefits \$ 4.990.759 \$ 1.941.052 \$ 231,729 \$ 161.095 703.144 \$ Contracted services 1,007,020 184,364 99,900 148,166 7,045 185.637 372,016 Depreciation and amortization 189.461 442,591 24,720 64.384 Repairs and maintenance 7.812 347,115 Travel, meals and seminars 84,084 65,517 11,393 500.143 8,015 Research supplies 457,953 Merchandise 344,365 26,938 1,163 Office expense 256,153 44,877 26.529 232,967 22.759 97.586 Electricity 41.867 46,986 13,280 33,065 Insurance Telephone 40,686 6.646 20,300 20,744 7,846 55,168 59,235 60,034 Promotion and advertising 131,061 Expendable supplies 13,246 16,657 95 19.674 5,273 Printing and publication 12,562 12,583 Vessel 8.294 1.634 Vehicle 191 2,441 2,625 (1,598)94,003 4.625 10,605 Interest 8,620 1,684 Accounting and legal Equipment rental 5,244 2,557 6,497 Library 3,011 Licenses and fees 15,335 1,828 4,219 13,445 25,635 9,148 Rent Miscellaneous 50 7,679,253 1,131,944 3,939,389 615,638 759,329 201,731 Overhead allocation 2,413,621 6.491 (71,044)Rental use charges allocation: 12,427 Vessel, vehicle and equipment 201.261 29.911 76.035 1,381 1,168,346 \$ 4,015,424 \$ 829,796 \$ 689,666 Total Expenses 10,294,135 \$

Percent of Total

			Sup	porting Service	ces			2015 Total	2014 Total
	Other	Total	Administrative and General	Fund Raising		Total		Functional Expenses	Functional Expenses
\$	341,213 \$	8,368,992 \$	1,947,253 \$	599,567	\$	2,546,820	\$	10,915,812	\$ 11,074,252
	17,036	1,463,531	91,195	603,363		694,558		2,158,089	2,000,235
		557,653	1,758,957			1,758,957		2,316,610	2,317,042
	36,826	765,794	424,132	8,574		432,706		1,198,500	1,183,615
	40,903	549,012	19,083	211,768		230,851		779,863	825,851
	398	508,556				Α.		508,556	615,966
		457,953				4		457,953	449,182
	99,806	773,302	62,469	117,050		179,519		952,821	465,874
	50,976	430,817	214,663			214,663		645,480	653,563
	36,863	172,061	190,290			190,290		362,351	384,920
	3,222	99,444	38,725	3,880		42,605		142,049	138,998
	28,478	333,976	3,849	114,990		118,839		452,815	336,182
	120	30,118	3,274			3,274		33,392	53,918
	9,191	59,283	4,096	90,569		94,665		153,948	163,828
	42,465	52,393						52,393	51,566
	26,919	30,578	17,124			17,124		47,702	45,585
	30,296	139,529	43,299			43,299		182,828	191,228
	1,345	11,649	51,189			51,189		62,838	55,157
	3,816	18,114	44,077	26,912		70,989		89,103	74,965
	4,435	4,435	12,909			12,909		17,344	29,773
	3,051	40,889	12,865	15,038		27,903		68,792	67,735
		34,783						34,783	10,111
	995	1,045	10,940	277		11,217		12,262	15,800
	778,354	14,903,907	4,950,389	1,791,988		6,742,377		21,646,284	21,205,346
	(73,263)	2,477,536	(2,477,536)			(2,477,536)		-	18
	(195,438)	125,577	(134,948)	9,371		(125,577)	-	4	 -1-14
\$_	509,653 \$	17,507,020	2,337,905 \$	1,801,359	\$_	4,139,264	\$	21,646,284	\$ 21,205,346
		81%	11%	8%	2			100%	

#### STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES - LABORATORY

# YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

# (WITH SUMMARIZED COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2015)

Program Services Protect our Reefs MAP Facility Research Education License Plate Operations Aquarium Salaries and benefits 4,576,681 \$ 757,511 \$ 1,781,355 \$ 355,081 \$ 568,389 781,614 143,951 218,204 171,476 Contracted services 9,686 Depreciation and amortization 217,676 428,565 170,147 9.986 426,760 36,977 Repairs and maintenance 61,087 Travel, meals and seminars 418,974 88,454 34,156 8,522 271 10,808 430 Research supplies 604,728 448,929 Merchandise 253 33.632 Office expense 50.662 163,782 15.844 2.009 24,255 245,708 21,043 92,609 Electricity 5,805 41,854 45,262 42,209 Insurance 5,833 18,349 19,275 11,778 Telephone 38,247 Promotion and advertising 83,418 47,027 49,605 52,335 Expendable supplies 7,320 41,452 Printing and publication 18,849 13,562 11,458 856 161 Vessel 4.033 1,101 1,580 6,760 7.589 925 Vehicle 98,664 5,304 10.074 Interest Accounting and legal 6,100 445 6,837 Equipment rental 1,240 4,325 Library 8,362 14.608 Licenses and fees 7.465 2,249 13,511 Rent 10.111 15,800 Miscellaneous 1,116,730 3,727,380 763,515 1,235,955 6,918,373 Overhead allocation 2,305,954 197,770 27,620 Rental use charges allocation: Vessel, vehicle and equipment 200,810 29,049 104,065 9,549 910 9,425,137 \$ 1.145,779 \$ 3,831,445 \$ 970,834 \$ 1,264,485 Total Expenses

Percent of Total

					Sup	porting Servic	es			2014 Total		2015 Total
_	Other		Total	Administrative and General		Fund Raising		Total		Functional Expenses		Functional Expenses
\$	465,952	\$	8,504,969	\$ 1,809,380	\$	759,903	\$	2,569,283	\$	11,074,252 \$	5	10,915,812
	136,457		1,461,388	161,563		377,284		538,847		2,000,235		2,158,089
			646,241	1,670,801				1,670,801		2,317,042		2,316,610
	92,294		797,251	383,226		3,138		386,364		1,183,615		1,198,500
	73,695		624,072	29,751		172,028		201,779		825,851		779,863
			615,966					-		615,966		508,556
			449,182							449,182		457,953
	26,988		292,917	72,337		100,620		172,957		465,874		952,821
	49,061		432,676	220,887				220,887		653,563		645,480
	32,592		167,722	217,198				217,198		384,920		362,351
	5,950		99,432	34,135		5,431		39,566		138,998		142,049
	18,580		250,965	3,571		81,646		85,217		336,182		452,815
	2,354		51,126	2,782		10		2,792		53,918		33,397
	22,117		67,003	5,682		91,143		96,825		163,828		153,948
	30,085		35,219	16,347				16,347		51,566		52,393
	118		16,972	28,344		269		28,613		45,585		47,703
	33,120		147,162	44,066				44,066		191,228		182,828
			6,100	49,057				49,057		55,157		62,838
	4,035		16,882	43,399		14,684		58,083		74,965		89,103
	16,450		16,450	13,323				13,323		29,773		17,344
	1,783		47,978	9,789		9,968		19,757		67,735		68,793
			10,111							10,111		34,783
			15,800							15,800		12,262
	1,011,631		14,773,584	4,815,638		1,616,124		6,431,762		21,205,346	1	21,646,284
	(37,680)		2,493,664	(2,493,664)				(2,493,664)				
_	(188,391)		155,992	(166,784)	L	10,792		(155,992)				
\$ _	785,560	\$	17,423,240	\$ 2,155,190	\$_	1,626,916	\$_	3,782,106	\$	21,205,346	5 =	21,646,284
			82%	10%		8%				100%		

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

# Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

## Organization

Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. (Laboratory), a nonprofit corporation, operates and maintains a marine and environmental sciences laboratory for the encouragement and development of the study of marine sciences and the advancement of the general knowledge of kindred subjects through education, training, scientific research, exchange of scientific information and dissemination of information to the public. The Laboratory began operations in 1955.

Mote Environmental Services, Inc. (MESI) was a for-profit subsidiary of the Laboratory, majority-owned at December 31, 2013 and through the date of its sale to an independent third party on November 19, 2014. Prior to the date of sale, Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc., together with a stockholder, owned and operated MESI, a sturgeon farm and a related sturgeon meat and caviar harvesting and production business. The operations were conducted and managed by the Laboratory at Laboratory owned facilities named Mote Aquaculture Park (MAP). During 2009, the Laboratory entered into a stock purchase agreement with a stockholder. MESI was authorized to issue 1,000,000 shares of \$0.01 par value common stock. The outstanding common stock as of December 31, 2013 was as follows: Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. owned 1,000 shares and a stockholder owned 364 shares. The value of common stock outstanding as of December 31, 2013 totaled approximately \$10 and \$4 for the Laboratory and the stockholder, respectively, which was included in stockholders' equity.

On November 19, 2014, Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. entered into an agreement with an independent third party investor to sell its shares of MESI stock. Mote Marine Laboratory sold 1,000 MESI shares at a purchase price of \$401.85 for an aggregate purchase price of \$401,850. The purchase price was paid to the lab in its entirety on the closing date, November 19, 2014. The sturgeon farm and related sturgeon meat and caviar harvesting and production business will continue to operate at the Mote Aquaculture Park and a lease agreement was entered into between Mote Marine Laboratory and the purchaser for the use of the facilities.

Mote Aquaculture, Inc. is a wholly-owned, for-profit subsidiary of the Laboratory. Mote Aquaculture, Inc. was incorporated in 1996 and has been inactive since 1997.

#### Financial Statements

The consolidating financial statements and notes are representations of the Laboratory's management who is responsible for their integrity and objectivity. The accounting policies conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and have been consistently applied in the preparation of the consolidating financial statements.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

# Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

# Basis of Accounting

The Laboratory prepares its consolidating financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# Use of Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of consolidating financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidating financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates and assumptions.

## Principles of Consolidation

The consolidating financial statements include the accounts and operations of Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc., Mote Environmental Services, Inc., and Mote Aquaculture, Inc. All material inter-company transactions and accounts have been eliminated.

#### Reclassifications

To facilitate comparison of financial data, certain amounts in the 2014 consolidating financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the 2015 reporting presentation. Such reclassifications had no effect on the change in net assets or net loss previously reported.

# Internal Borrowings

From time to time, the Laboratory borrows temporarily restricted assets for operating purposes. These borrowings are repaid as other resources become available. There were no borrowings outstanding for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

#### Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist primarily of amounts due from program fees and grants receivable. A significant portion of grants receivable are research grants.

Substantially all research grants are cost reimbursement grants. Research grants receivable consists of billed and unbilled costs incurred on research contracts. Due to the nature of the grants, management considers them to be collectible and no allowance has been established. These amounts are included in accounts receivable on the consolidating statement of financial position.

Based on the Laboratory's collection history, management believes no allowance for uncollectible amounts is necessary.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

# Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

# Inventory

Inventory is stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market (net realizable value).

## Donated Assets

Donated assets are recorded at fair market value at the date of gift. Donated property and vessels, which are not classified by management for use by the Laboratory, are recorded as assets held for sale. The carrying value of such assets is adjusted to the lower of fair market value or the recorded value at the date of gift in order to more closely reflect the net realizable value.

## Bequest Receivable

Bequests are recorded as support when the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated as provided by the executor of the estate.

# Pledges Receivable

Pledges are recorded as support when the donor's commitment has been received.

# Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost, if purchased, or fair market value at the date of gift, if donated.

Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets using the straight-line halfyear method. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

	Years
Vehicles	3
Vessels	5
Buildings and improvements	5 - 40
Furniture, fixtures and exhibits	5 - 10
Library	5 - 20
Laboratory equipment	5 - 20
Trailers	5 - 10

The Laboratory capitalizes all fixed asset purchases or donations with an estimated useful life of greater than one year and a cost or fair market value of \$1,000 or greater.

# Revenue Recognition

Revenue associated with research grants or contracts is generally recognized as related costs are incurred. Membership revenue is recognized ratably throughout the membership year.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

# Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

# Revenue Recognition (Continued)

All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Contributions received with donor stipulations that limit the use of donated assets are treated as temporarily restricted net assets. When the purpose of the restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the consolidating statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Gifts of cash restricted for the purpose of acquiring or constructing long-lived assets are recorded as temporarily restricted net assets until the long-lived assets are acquired or constructed at which time the net assets are released from the restriction and reclassified as unrestricted net assets. Any conditional gifts for which the conditions are not met at year-end are recorded as refundable advances.

#### **Patents**

Patents are stated at the cost to acquire. Amortization is provided for using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of ten years.

#### Donated Services

A substantial number of volunteers have made significant contributions of their time to the operations of the Laboratory. The amount of volunteer hours contributed to the Laboratory during December 31, 2015 and 2014 were 224,697 and 217,376 hours, respectively. The estimated value of these donated services has not been recorded in the accompanying consolidating financial statements. However, management estimates the fair value of these services contributed to the Laboratory during December 31, 2015 and 2014 amounted to approximately \$5,293,861 and \$5,014,865, respectively. These estimates are based on an article published in the NonProfit Times that estimates volunteer time to be worth \$23.56 and \$23.07 per hour in 2015 and 2014, respectively, according to the Independent Sector, a Washington D.C. based coalition of nonprofits and foundations.

#### Advertising and Promotion

Advertising and promotion costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising and promotion expense for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 totaled \$452,815 and \$336,182, respectively.

# Income Tax Status

The Laboratory is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Mote Aquaculture, Inc., the for-profit subsidiary of the Laboratory, is subject to applicable corporate income taxes.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

# Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

# Income Tax Status (Continued)

Under the Income Taxes topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification, the Laboratory has reviewed and evaluated the relevant technical merits of each of its tax positions in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for accounting for uncertainty in income taxes, and determined that there are no uncertain tax positions that would have a material impact on the financial statements of the Laboratory.

The Laboratory files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and the State of Florida. The tax periods open to examination by the major taxing jurisdictions to which the Laboratory is subject include fiscal years ended December 31, 2012 through December 31, 2015.

# Financial Instruments Not Measured at Fair Value

Certain of the Laboratory's and MESI's financial instruments are not measured at fair value on a recurring basis but nevertheless certain financial instruments are recorded at amounts that approximate fair value due to their liquid or short-term nature. Such financial assets and financial liabilities include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, due from Mote Marine Foundation, Inc., prepaid expenses and other assets, accounts payable, accrued payroll, memberships relating to future periods, deferred compensation payable and funds advanced on research programs.

# Overhead Allocation

Overhead is allocated to research programs at a rate established with the cognizant federal agency, The Department of Commerce and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Certain research contracts limit the amount of reimbursement for overhead expenses to a rate specified in the individual contracts.

# Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the consolidating statements of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services that benefited.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash on hand and highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at date of acquisition are considered to be cash and cash equivalents. Cash restricted for the endowment and included as cash and cash equivalents in the consolidating financial statements amounted to \$620,376 and \$620,221 as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

# Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued) Beneficial Interest in the Net Assets of Mote Marine Foundation, Inc.

The Laboratory follows the Not-for-Profit Entities Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification. The Not-for-Profit Entities Topic establishes standards for transactions in which a donor makes a contribution to a not-for-profit organization (the recipient) that agrees to transfer those assets to another entity (the beneficiary). The statement requires that, if the specified beneficiary is financially interrelated to the recipient organization, the beneficiary must recognize its interest in the net assets of the recipient organization. As presented in the consolidating financial statements, the Laboratory is financially interrelated to Mote Marine Foundation, Inc. and therefore, is required to report its beneficial interest in the net assets of Mote Marine Foundation, Inc.

# Note 2 - Pledges Receivable

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Laboratory held written unconditional pledges receivable in the amounts of \$3,101,921 and \$3,340,834, respectively. The pledges have been restricted by the donors for future projects. The entire balance as of December 31 is expected to be collected per the agreements; therefore management has not established an allowance for uncollectible pledges against these assets.

Receipt of pledges receivable is scheduled as follows:

2016	\$ 1,134,425
2017	868,121
2018	864,687
2019	222,688
2020	12,000
	\$ 3,101,921

During the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Laboratory had \$0 in uncollectible pledges due to unforeseen circumstances.

# Note 3 - Promissory Note

On November 19, 2014, Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. entered into a written promissory note receivable from MESI in the amount of \$1,400,000 as consideration for the purchase of MESI from Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. by a private investor. A simple interest per annum of 1.89% will be due on the unpaid principal balance from the effective date of the note. The first through the 8th principal payments in the amount of \$100,000 plus the interest rate on the unpaid principal at the date of each payment shall be made to the note holder, Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc., on each anniversary of the effective date. The ninth and balloon payment of \$600,000 plus the interest rate on the forgoing unpaid principal shall be payable to the note holder, the Laboratory, on the ninth anniversary of the effective contract date.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

# Note 4 - Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consists of the following at December 31:

	2015		2014
Caviar and sturgeon sales	\$ 1.5	\$	11,480
Costs billed on research grants and other contracts	295,309		596,817
Unbilled costs incurred on research grants	862,559		644,694
	\$ 1,157,868	\$	1,252,991
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During the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Laboratory had \$0 and \$16,165 in write-offs in uncollectible accounts receivable due to unforeseen circumstances, respectively.

#### Note 5 - Investments

The Laboratory had realized losses on the sales of investments in the amount of \$1,085 for the year ended December 31, 2015 and realized gains on the sales of investments in the amount of \$1,954 for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Additionally, assets held at a community foundation during the years 2015 and 2014 incurred restricted unrealized losses of \$1,276 and unrealized gains of \$175, respectively.

# Note 6 - Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consists of the following as of December 31:

	2015		2014
Vehicles	\$ 764,841	\$	786,941
Vessels	1,832,261		1,804,208
Buildings and improvements	34,088,483		33,771,130
Furniture, fixtures and exhibits	7,078,553		6,697,445
Library	23,620		23,620
Laboratory equipment	7,481,843		6,654,202
Trailers	99,670		99,670
	51,369,271		49,837,216
Less accumulated depreciation	37,121,223		34,888,062
	\$ 14,248,048	\$	14,949,154
		-	

Depreciation expense was \$2,316,610 and \$2,317,984 for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, construction in progress consisted of expenditures of \$448,401 and \$63,799, respectively, for the new building at Summerland Key.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

# Note 6 - Property and Equipment (Continued)

In accordance with contract provisions, the Laboratory has segregated and identified property and equipment that has been purchased or improved with funds received from government agencies. Title to these assets acquired with government agency funds vests with the Laboratory as long as the Laboratory has a contract with the agency. Upon contract termination, title to these assets reverts to the agencies. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, property and equipment purchased or improved with funds received from government agencies, net of accumulated depreciation, totaled \$443,642 and \$246,571, respectively.

## Note 7 - Inventory

Inventory consisted of the following at December 31:

	2015	2014
Gift shop merchandise	\$ 128,640	\$ 127,571

Gift shop merchandise is stated at cost at December 31, 2015 and 2014.

#### Note 8 - Patents

During 2015 and 2014, the Laboratory incurred costs to maintain certain patents. The costs capitalized and the related amortization provided for is as follows:

	2015	2014
Patents	\$ 116,747	\$ 105,352
Less: accumulated amortization	20,493	10,283
	\$ 96,254	\$ 95,069

No significant residual value is estimated for these patents. Amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 totaled \$10,210 and \$4,952, respectively. The following table represents the total estimated amortization of patents for the five succeeding years ending December 31, 2015:

	Estimated				
<u>Year</u>	Amortiza	ation Expense			
2016	\$	8,373			
2017	\$	6,195			
2018	\$	5,333			
2019	\$	5,333			
2020	\$	5,299			
Thereafter	\$	13,849			

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

Note 9 - Notes Payable Notes payable consists of the following as of December 31:		
rivotes payable consists of the following as of December 31.	2015	2014
Note payable in semiannual installments of \$12,500 principal plus accrued interest, at LIBOR plus 2.5% with a 2.85% floor, due in full October 29, 2019, secured by Mote Marine Foundation, Inc.'s investments. Interest rate at December 31, 2015 and 2014 was 2.85% and 2.85%, respectively.	\$ 192,550	\$ 344,190
Note payable in 180 monthly installments, maturing on August 5, 2028 including interest based on overnight LIBOR plus 2.18%, secured with personal property and pledges and guaranteed by Mote Marine Foundation, Inc. with a \$1,500,000 limitation. Interest at December 31, 2015 and 2014 was 2.45% and 2.5%, respectively.	3,093,916	3,300,205
Note payable in 48 monthly installments of \$506, interest at 0% due 2015, secured by vehicle.	13	2,532
Note payable in 48 monthly installments of \$323 including interest at 3.9% due 2015, secured by vehicle.	4	1,606
Note payable in 60 monthly installments of \$300, interest at 0% due 2017, secured by vehicle.	5,702	9,305
Note payable in 60 monthly installments of \$645, interest at 3% due 2017, secured by vehicle.	8,864	16,216
Note payable in 36 monthly installments of \$514, interest at 3% due 2016, secured by vehicle.	1,533	7,549
Note payable in 60 monthly installments of \$402, interest at 3% due 2018, secured by vehicle.	10,489	14,926
Note payable in 60 monthly installments of \$842, interest at 3% due 2017, secured by vehicle.	13,991	23,515
Note payable in 60 monthly installments of \$612, interest at 3% due 2017, secured by vehicle.	8,404	15,375
Note payable in 60 monthly installments of \$612, interest at 3.15% due 2019, secured by vehicle.	26,467	32,855

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

Note 9 - Notes Payable (Continued)		2015		2014
Note paid in full December 22, 2015, including int	erest at			
0.5% payable annually.				700,000
		3,361,916		4,468,274
Less current portion		276,824		3,373,622
Non-current portion	\$	3,085,092	\$	1,094,652
2016			\$	276,824
2017			4	256,245
2018				244,165
2019				334,562
2020				210,949
Thereafter				2,039,171
			\$	3,361,916

# Note 10 - Lines of Credit

Pursuant to loan agreements with two banks, the Laboratory has a revolving line of credit of \$1,500,000 with each bank. One loan agreement expires on March 14, 2017 and the other is open-ended subject to renewal provisions. Interest on one line of credit is charged at the bank's prime rate less a margin of 1.25% with a 3% floor and is payable monthly. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, borrowings outstanding under this line of credit and secured by pledges and accounts receivable of the Laboratory amounted to \$1,217,101.

Interest on the second revolving line of credit is charged at one month LIBOR plus 1.90% per annum with a 2.75% floor, payable monthly. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, borrowings outstanding under this line of credit and secured by assets of Mote Marine Foundation, Inc. held by the bank amounted to \$448,000 and \$550,000, respectively.

The Laboratory also has an available line of credit of \$3,014,000 from Mote Scientific Foundation. The loan agreement expires on October 16, 2016. Interest is charged at *The Wall Street Journal's* Prime Rate less a margin of 1.25% and is payable quarterly. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, borrowings outstanding and secured by a lien on a certain estate in real property amounted to \$2,175,000.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

# Note 10 - Lines of Credit (Continued)

The Laboratory also has a line of credit of \$185,000 from Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority. The loan represents advanced funding for the improvements to the Airport Aquarium and has no expiration date or interest rate and will be repaid with any funds raised associated with the Airport Aquarium. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, borrowings outstanding totaled \$185,000.

The multiple lines of credit outstanding at December 31, 2015 and 2014 totaled \$4,025,101 and \$4,127,101, respectively.

Interest expense incurred under these lines of credit totaled \$91,126 and \$80,224 for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Certain loan agreements described above and in Note 9 require that the Laboratory meet certain debt covenant compliance requirements. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Laboratory was in full compliance with all requirements.

# Note II - Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes at December 31:

		2015	2014
Future projects	\$	1,440,418	\$ 1,139,935
Construction		3,572,475	178,839
Library expenses		35,591	46,362
Beneficial interest in net assets of			
Mote Marine Foundation, Inc.		4,714,524	6,383,147
	\$	9,763,008	\$ 7,748,283
	-		

# Note 12 - Net Assets Released from Restrictions

Net assets released from donor restriction by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes at December 31 are as follows:

	2015	2014
Aquarium expenses	\$ 269,966	\$ 46,636
Library expenses	10,871	17,583
Other	210,671	171,356
Construction	494,436	
Scholarships		50,000
Vessels	141	170,000
	\$ 985,944	\$ 455,575

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

# Note 13 - Permanently Restricted Net Assets

Permanently restricted net assets are restricted to the investment of the original gift in perpetuity, the income from which is expendable to support the Laboratory. Permanently restricted net assets consist of the following as of December 31:

	2015	2014
Cultural endowment	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000
Keys endowment	12,050	12,050
Beneficial interest in the net assets of		
Mote Marine Foundation, Inc.	9,754,081	9,560,209
	\$ 10,366,131	\$ 10,172,259

# Note 14 - Retirement Plan

The Laboratory provides a 403(b) retirement plan. The Laboratory matches employee contributions based on an employee's length of service and gross salary. Retirement plan expense was \$468,552 and \$491,232 for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

# Note 15 - Matching Requirements on Governmental Grants

The Laboratory is awarded grants from federal agencies which require matching contributions by the Laboratory. The matching requirements were met or exceeded on completed federal grants during 2015 and 2014.

#### Note 16 - Lease Income

Mote Marine Laboratory holds title to approximately 200 acres of land in Sarasota County, Florida, located on Fruitville Rd, which has been developed as Mote Aquaculture Park. Mote entered into an agreement with MESI (now Healthy Earth, Inc.) to lease real property and buildings on this parcel for the continued operations of the sturgeon farm and related sturgeon meat and caviar harvesting and production. Base rent for use of facilities by MESI at Mote Aquaculture Park is \$22,833 per month. The initial term of this lease is 5 years, commencing on November 19, 2014 and ending on the last day of the month in the 5th anniversary year. The lessee shall have four (4) options to extend the terms of the lease for a five (5) year period upon the same terms and conditions.

# Note 17 - Rental Use Charges

Periodically, certain programs require utilization of vessels, vehicles and equipment provided by the Laboratory. Each program is charged rent, based on use, at a pre-established rental fee that reflects the cost of operating the asset.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

# Note 18 - Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Risk

The Laboratory maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. Accounts are guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to certain limits. At any given time, the Laboratory may have cash and investment balances exceeding the insured amount. The Laboratory has not experienced any losses in such accounts and does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and investments.

# Note 19 - Related Party Transactions

The Mote Marine Foundation, Inc. (Foundation), a financially interrelated organization, provides support to the Laboratory in the form of grants. For 2015 and 2014, the Laboratory received grants from the Foundation in the amounts of \$1,190,137 and \$1,354,318, respectively.

Mote Marine Foundation, Inc. is dependent on Laboratory personnel for administration and certain aspects of fund raising.

From time to time, the Laboratory will provide grants, receive donations and pay certain expenses on behalf of the Foundation. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Foundation owed the Laboratory \$326,727 and \$133,817, respectively.

Certain trustee members are affiliated with organizations that transact with the Laboratory. Trustee members are required to complete conflict of interest disclosure statements and abstain from voting on related issues.

During 2015 and 2014, a trustee donated the use of an aircraft for travel accommodations for employees and trustees. The value of this donation as of December 31, 2015 is estimated to be \$38,719.

From time to time, the trustees make pledges and contributions to the Laboratory.

# Note 20 - Leased Facility

The Laboratory has a leasehold agreement with a municipality for real property on which the Laboratory has constructed its facilities. The agreement requires the Laboratory to pay the municipality one dollar per year until the agreement expires in the year 2050. The fair market value of the leasehold agreement is not determinable and therefore has not been recorded in the accompanying consolidating financial statements.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

# Note 21 - Endowments

The Laboratory's endowment consisted of funds established for several purposes. Its endowment includes donor-restricted endowment funds. As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. It is typical to establish all endowment funds in Mote Marine Foundation, Inc.

## Interpretation of Relevant Law

The Board of Trustees of the endowment has interpreted the Florida Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (FUPMIFA) as requiring the corpus to be maintained at fair value. Any portion of the endowment, including investment income, which is not classified as permanently restricted net assets, is to be classified as temporarily restricted net assets until it is appropriated for expenditure.

As a result of this interpretation, the Laboratory classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment and (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, adjusted for any market fluctuations to comply with donor stipulations.

As of December 31, 2015, endowment net assets consisted of the following:

		Unrestricted		Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$_	5.0	\$_	5,770	\$ 612,050	\$ 617,820

Changes in endowment net assets for the year ended December 31, 2015 are as follows:

		Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted		Total
Endowment net assets, January 1, 2015	\$	4	\$ 6,620	\$ 612,050	\$	618,670
Endowment investment return: Investment income			1,694			1,694
Realized and unrealized gains			(1,276)			(1,276)
Total endowment investment return	-		418	26	-	418
Appropriation of endowment for expenditures			(1,268)			(1,268)
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2015	\$		\$ 5,770	\$ 612,050	\$	617,820

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

# Note 21 - Endowments (Continued)

As of December 31, 2014, endowment net assets consisted of the following:

		Unrestricted		Temporarily Restricted		Permanently Restricted		Total
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$_		\$_	6,620	\$_	612,050	\$_	618,670
Changes in endowment net asse	ets fo	or the year end	ed	December 31,	20	4 are as follow	s:	
		Unrestricted		Temporarily Restricted		Permanently Restricted		Total
Endowment net assets, January 1, 2014	\$	3-	\$	5,990	\$	612,050	\$	618,040
Endowment investment return: Investment income				2,480 175				2,480 175
Realized and unrealized gains Total endowment investment return		340	< 9	2,655				2,655
Appropriation of endowment for expenditures				(2,025)				(2,025)
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2014	\$	1	\$	6,620	\$	612,050	\$	618,670

# Return Objectives and Risk Parameters

The Laboratory has adopted investment policies and spending polices for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the Laboratory must hold in perpetuity or for donor-specified periods. Under this policy, as approved by the Board of Trustees, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce a long-term rate of return on assets of to match or exceed the rate of return determined from the sum of the annual distribution percentage, inflation measured by the CPI, and real growth of 1%.

The Cultural Endowment Program has a primary investment constraint to preserve principal along with restrictions on investment instruments so the Laboratory uses an alternative approved investment policy for this program.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# **DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014**

# Note 21 - Endowments (Continued)

# Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Laboratory relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Laboratory targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

# Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy

The Laboratory has a policy of appropriating for distribution each year 5% percent of its endowment funds average fair value over the period of 12 quarters through the calendar year end preceeding the fiscal year in which the distribution is planned. In establishing this policy, the Laboratory considered the long-term expected return on its endowment. Accordingly, over the long term, the Laboratory expects the current spending policy to allow its endowment to grow at an average of 1% percent annually. This is consistent with the Laboratory's objective to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets held in perpetuity or for a specified term as well as to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment return. The established policy for the Cultural Endowment Program distributes 100% of current income for use in operating costs for cultural activities expecting no further growth in this endowment.

# Note 22 - Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities

The Laboratory adopted the Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification which provides enhanced guidance for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities and clarifies the principle that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing the assets or liabilities and establishes a hierarchy that prioritizes the information used to develop those assumptions. The Laboratory has adopted Accounting Standards Update No. 2010-06, Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements, which requires the Laboratory to present fair value measurements separately for each class of assets and liabilities held as of December 31, 2015 and 2014.

The following table presents information about the Laboratory's assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring and non-recurring basis as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and indicate the fair value hierarchy of the valuation techniques used to determine such fair value. The three levels for measuring fair value are based on the reliability of inputs and are as follows:

Level I - quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities, such as publicly traded equity securities. This level includes common and preferred stock, cash and money market funds, mutual funds, corporate bonds and bond funds, and government obligations.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

# Note 22 - Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities (Continued)

Level 2 - inputs, other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly. Such inputs may include quoted prices for similar assets, observable inputs other than quoted prices (interest rates, yield curves, etc.), or inputs derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

Level 3 - inputs are unobservable data points for the asset or liability, and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability. The inputs reflect the Laboratory's assumptions based on the best information available in the circumstance.

				Fair Value Me		rements on a Re orting Date Usir	ring Basis at
Description		Fair Value 12/31/2015		Quoted Prices in Active Significant Markets for Other Identical Observable Assets Inputs (Level 1) (Level 2)		Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
Beneficial interest in the net assets of Mote Marine Foundation, Inc.	\$	13,560,912	\$	10,387,965	\$	2,388,410	\$ 784,537
				Fair Value Meas		nents on a Non- orting Date Usi	curring Basis at
Description		Fair Value 12/31/2015		Fair Value Meas  Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level I)			Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Description  Beneficial interest in the net assets of Mote				Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets		Significant Other Observable Inputs	Significant Unobservable Inputs
Beneficial interest in the	\$		\$	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets		Significant Other Observable Inputs	Significant Unobservable Inputs

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

Total

# Note 22 - Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities (Continued) Fair Value Measurements Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)

								1 0 0001
Beginning balance Change in value of the be	neficia	l interest in					\$	1,114,686
net assets of Mote Marin								(330,149)
Ending balance							\$	784,537
						rements on a Re orting Date Usir		ring Basis at
Description	-0=	Fair Value 12/31/2014	< 5	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)		Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)		Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Beneficial interest in the net assets of Mote Marine Foundation, Inc.	\$	15,001,037	\$	10,528,946	\$	3,357,405	\$	1,114,686
				Fair Value Meas		nents on a Non- orting Date Usir		curring Basis at
Description		Fair Value 12/31/2014		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level I)		Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)		Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Beneficial interest in the net assets of Mote		042.310	•		•			047.210
Marine Foundation, Inc.	\$	942,319	\$		\$	-	\$	942,319
Pledges receivable		3,340,834 4,283,153	•	-	6	9	•	3,340,834 4,283,153
Ending balance	\$	4,203,133	\$	-	\$	-	\$	4,203,133

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

# Note 22 - Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities (Continued) Fair Value Measurements Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)

Total
\$ 1,121,610
(6,924)
\$ 1,114,686
\$ \$

# Note 23 - Subsequent Events

The Laboratory has evaluated all events subsequent to the balance sheet date to December 31, 2015 and through the date these financial statements were available to be issued, May 5, 2016, and have determined that there are no subsequent events that require disclosure.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

# SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

#### YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

CFDA#	

Grantor	Match	OF CSFA#	Grant Number	Tota	
Federal Contracts and Grants	riaccii	Col Mil	Grant (Authber	Experior	tui es
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER					
Department of Commerce					
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration					
Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS)		11 010	Michigan Stracture		0.417377
Passed through Texas A&M University		11.012	NATINOS0120024	41,308	41,308
Sea Grant Support		0.000	******	454	
Passed through University of Florida	Y	11.417	NA10OAR4170079	475	21775
Passed through University of Florida	Y	11.417	NA140AR4170108	84,290	84,765
NOAA Cooperative Institutes					
Passed through Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution	1	11.432	NA090AR4320129	4,894	
Passed through Research Foundation CUNY		11.432	NA14NES4320003	1,761	6,655
Marine Fisheries Initiative					
		11.433	NA15NMF4330152	442	442
Marian Marian Day Bosses					
Marine Mammal Data Program	Y	11,439	NA12NMF4390138	5,295	
	Y	11.439	NA14NMF4390207	61,153	
	Y	11.439	NA15NMF4390044	6,672	73,120
		111.100	7471374111374011	0,072	73,1120
Unallied Management Projects					
The same of the sa		11.454	NA13NMF4540056	28,959	
		11.454	NA15NMF4540102	22,602	51,561
Manager days are					
ARRA - Habitat Conservation		1001 (1.20	Colonia de Colonia	44.44	****
Passed through The Nature Conservancy	Y	ARRA 11_463	NA10NM4630081	32,929	32,929
Unallied Science Program		11.472	NA13NMF4720274	42,692	
Strained science i rogram	Y	11.472	NA14NMF4720320	163,549	206,241
		11,04,5	20100 7010 11 11 11 11 11		
Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research-					
Coastal Ocean Program					
Passed through FFWCC		11.478	NATINOS4780058	20,414	20,414
6 10 16					
Coral Reef Conservation Program		11.482	NA13NOS4520145	10,000	10,000
		11.402	NA131NO54320143	10,000	10,000
Environmental Protection Agency					
Office of Water					
Surveys, Studies, Investigations, Demonstrations,					
and Training Grants and Cooperative Agreements -					
Section 104(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act					
		66.436	00D03812	30,699	30.699
National Science Foundation					
Geosciences		47.050	CEO 1441303	27:401	
		47.050	GEO-1461393 OCE-1156580	33,461 88,872	
		47.050	OCE-1156141	116,113	
		47.050	1452538	64,183	
		47.050	1460800	1,553	304,182
		0.03014	Condition		27,10,52
Biological Sciences					
Passed through New College of Florida		47.074	DBI-1418890	222,371	222,371
National Aeronautics and Space Administration					
Science		43.001	NMX15AN76G	6,612	6,612
		73:001	MINISTANIOG	0,012	0,012

#### SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (CONTINUED)

#### YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

		CFDA#		Tot	al
Grantor	Match	CSFA#	Grant Number	Expend	tures
Federal Contracts and Grants (Continued)					
Department of the Interior					
Fish and Wildlife Service					
Wildlife Without Borders - Mexico		100/3000	2637.565.00		
		15.641	FI5A900279	5_	5
National Park Service					
Natural Resource Stewardship		15.944	P13AC01104	68,835	68,835
Department of Defense					
U.S. Army Medical Command					
Military Medical Research and Development					
Passed through USAMRAA		12.420	W81XWH-11-2-0110	145.255	145,255
Total Federal Contracts and Grants				s	1,305,394
State and Local Contracts and Grants					
State of Florida					
Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission					
Cooperative Red Tide Research Program - Reduction					
of Harmful Impacts from Red Tide					
en sa ouel migette it entities alse		77.010	07041	10,705	
		77.010	12054	768,546	
		77.010	15003	422,509	1,201,760
		77.010	15005	122,307	1,201,700
Marine Fisheries Assessment		77.023	13029	283,813	283,813
Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles					
Protect our Reefs License Plate Project					
Troceet du Neels Electise Place Project		76.069	POR	926,381	926,381
Sea Turtle License Plate Project		70.007	(00)	720,001	720,301
Passed through Sea Turtle Conservancy		76,070	14-046C	843	
Passed through Sea Turtle Conservancy		76.070	14-038C	5.583	
Passed through Sea Turtle Conservancy		76.070	15-012C	6,210	
Passed through Sea Turtle Conservancy		76.070	15-034R	9,035	21,671
rassed through sea runde Conservancy		76.070	13-03-41	7,033	21,0/1
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services					
Aquaculture Development Projects					
Passed through University of South Florida		42,015		4,000	4,000
Total State and Local Contracts and Grants				\$	2,437,625
Total Financial Assistance					7.53.5
Total Financial Assistance				3	3,743,019

#### Basis of presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal and state granting activity of Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. and Subsidiaries, and is presented on the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements. Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) and Chapter 10.650, Rules of the Auditor General. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of the basic financial statements.

#### Indirect Cost Election

Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. and Subsidiaries has not elected to use the 10% de minimis cost rate as covered in 2 CFR section 200.414 and has a federally negotiated rate with their cognizant agency.

## SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (CONTINUED)

#### YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Of the federal expenditures presented in the schedule, Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. provided federal awards to subrecipients as follows:

		Federal	Amount	
		CFDA	Awarded to	2015
Program Number	Subrecipient / Program Title	Number	Subrecipient	Disbursements
185-651	University of South Florida National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - Sea Grant Support	11,417	57,482	31,345
107-545	Daemen College U.S. Army Medical Command - Miliatry Medical Research and Development	12.420	223,261	E4 B00
107-547	Clemson University	12.420	223,261	56,808
100.000	U.S. Army Medical Command - Miliatry Medical Research and Development	12.420	62,516	23,743
106-419A	Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Environmental Protection Agency - Surveys, Studies, Investigations, Demonstrations, and Training Grants and Cooperative Agreements - Section 104(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act	66.436	47.046	£ 107
106-419B	University of North Florida Environmental Protection Agency - Surveys, Studies, Investigations.	00.430	42,046	5,187
	Demonstrations, and Training Grants and Cooperative Agreements - Section 104(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act	66,436	10,122	10.122
	Section 104(0)(3) of the Clean Water Act	00,430	10,122	10,122
	Total Federal Funding / Disbursements to Subrecipients:		\$395,427	\$ 127,205

### SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (CONTINUED)

#### YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Of the state expenditures presented in the schedule, Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. provided state awards to subrecipients as follows:

Program Number	Subrecipient / Program Title	State CSFA Number	A	Amount warded to obrecipient	2015 Disbursements
POR 2014 13	REEF	100			
	DHSMV - Protect Our Reefs	76.069	\$	10,000	\$ 7.500
POR 2014 2	University of North Florida				
	DHSMV - Protect Our Reefs	76.069		10,541	7,906
POR 2014 4	Smithsonian Institution	20.00			
	DHSMV - Protect Our Reefs	76.069		10,229	5,115
POR 2014 6	Smithsonian Institution			77	
	DHSMV - Protect Our Reefs	76.069		9,836	4,918
POR 2014 10	Smithsonian Institution				
	DHSMV - Protect Our Reefs	76.069		9,932	4,966
POR 2014 8	Marine Resources Development Foundation				
	DHSMV - Protect Our Reefs	76.069		4,785	2,393
POR 2013 1	Reef Relief	2.70		vetv.	
	DHSMV - Protect Our Reefs	76.069		9,500	2,375
POR 2013 6	University of Miami				
	DHSMV - Protect Our Reefs	76.069		9,500	3,832
POR 2014 11	University of Miami				
	DHSMV - Protect Our Reefs	76.069		9,420	7,065
POR 2014 12	University of Miami				
	DHSMV - Protect Our Reefs	76.069		8,284	4,142
POR 2014 16	Nova Southeastern University				
	DHSMV - Protect Our Reefs	76,069		9,886	4,943
POR 2012 6	Florida Institute of Technology				
	DHSMV - Protect Our Reefs	76.069		24,000	6,000
POR 2013 13	University of Miami				
	DHSMV - Protect Our Reefs	76.069		9.500	4,750
POR 2012 22	University of Miami				
	DHSMV - Protect Our Reefs	76.069		15,000	3,750
POR 2013 16	Nova Southeastern University				
	DHSMV - Protect Our Reefs	76,069		9,500	1,185
POR 2013 20	University of North Florida				
	DHSMV - Protect Our Reefs	76.069		9.500	1,889
POR 2013 24	Marine Resources Development Foundation				
	DHSMV - Protect Our Reefs	76.069		4,000	968
POR 2014 1	Florida International University				
	DHSMV - Protect Our Reefs	76.069		9,905	7,429
POR 2014 3	Florida Atlantic University			- 1	
	DHSMV - Protect Our Reefs	76,069		13,330	6,665

Total State Funding / Disbursements to Subrecipients:

5 196,648 \$ 87,791





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# REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The Board of Trustees Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. and Subsidiaries Sarasota, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and Chapter 10.650, Rules of the Auditor General, the consolidating financial statements of Mote Marine Laboratory Inc. and Subsidiaries (Laboratory), which comprise the consolidating statement of financial position as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related consolidating statement of activities, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidating financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 5, 2016.

#### Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Laboratory's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the consolidating financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Laboratory's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Laboratory's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's consolidating financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified,

The Board of Trustees Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. and Subsidiaries Sarasota, Florida

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Laboratory's consolidating financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of consolidating financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Sarasota, Florida May 5, 2016



Kerkering, Barberio & Co. Certified Public Accountants

# REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND STATE PROJECT AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND CHAPTER 10.650, RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

The Board of Trustees Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. and Subsidiaries Sarasota, Florida

# Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and State Financial Assistance Project

We have audited Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. and Subsidiaries' (Laboratory) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Compliance Supplement and the requirements described in the State of Florida Department of Financial Services Statements Projects Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Laboratory's major federal programs and state financial assistance projects for the year ended December 31, 2015. The Laboratory's major federal programs and state financial assistance projects are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

#### Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs and state financial assistance projects.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Laboratory's major federal programs and state financial assistance projects based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) and Chapter 10.650, Rules of the Auditor General. Those standards, and the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.650, Rules of the Auditor General require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program and state financial assistance project occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Laboratory's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program and state financial assistance project. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Laboratory's compliance.

The Board of Trustees Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. and Subsidiaries Sarasota, Florida

#### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program and State Project

In our opinion, the Laboratory complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs and state financial assistance projects for the year ended December 31, 2015.

#### Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Laboratory is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Laboratory's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program and state financial assistance project to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and state project and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.650 Rules of the Auditor General, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Laboratory's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program or state financial assistance project on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program or state financial assistance project will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program or state financial assistance project that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of Uniform Guidance and the Chapter 10.650, Rules of the Auditor General. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Sarasota, Florida May 5, 2016

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### MOTE MARINE LABORATORY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results			
Financial Statements			
Type of auditors' report issued: Unmodified			
Internal control over financial reporting:			
Material weakness(es) identified?	yes	xno	
<ul> <li>Significant deficiency(ies) identified?</li> </ul>	yes	x none reported	
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	yes	x no	
Federal and State Awards			
Internal control over major programs and projects:			
Material weakness(es) identified?	yes	x no	
<ul> <li>Significant deficiency(ies) identified?</li> </ul>	yes	x none reported	
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for maj	or program:	s and projects: <u>Unmodified</u>	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 2 CFR 200.516(a) and the provisions of the Florida Single Audit Act in accordance with Chapter 10.650 of			
the Rules of the Auditor General		yes <u>x</u> no	

# MOTE MARINE LABORATORY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED) YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

### Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results (Continued)

Identification of major programs and projects:

CFDA Numbers	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
11.012	Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS)
11.417	Sea Grant Support
11.432	NOAA Cooperative Institutes
11.433	Marine Fisheries Initiative
11.439	Marine Mammal Data Program
11.454	Unallied Management Projects
ARRA 11.463	ARRA - Habitat Conservation
11.472	Unallied Science Program
11.478	Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean
	Research - Coastal Ocean Program
11.482	Coral Reef Conservation Program
66.436	Surveys, Studies, Investigations,
	Demonstrations,
	and Training Grants and Cooperative
	Agreements - Section 104(b)(3) of the
	Clean Water Act
47.050	Geosciences
47.074	Biological Sciences
43.001	Science
15.641	Wildlife Without Borders - Mexico
15.944	National Resource Stewardship
12.420	Military Medical Research and Development

# MOTE MARINE LABORATORY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED) YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

#### Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results (Continued)

CSFA Numbers	Name of State Projects
77.010	Cooperative Red Tide Research Program -
	Reduction of Harmful Impacts from Red Tide
77.023	Marine Fisheries Assessment
Dollar threshold used to distinguish betwe	en type A and type B Federal programs: \$ 750,000
Dollar threshold used to distinguish betwe	en type A and type B State projects: \$\_300,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	xyesno
Section II - Financial Statement	Findings
None	
Section III - Federal and State A	ward Findings and Questioned Costs
None	
Section IV - Summary Schedule	of Prior Audit Findings and Questioned
Costs	
No prior audit findings or questioned costs	s to be addressed
Section V - Other	

No management letter is required because there were no findings to be reported in a management letter as required by Section 215.97 (9)(f) and 215.97 (10)(d) of the Florida Statutes, Auditor General Rule 10.654 (1)(e) or 10.656 (3)(e).