News from the North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC)
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FWS Director Dan Ashe presented award to *Connect the Connecticut* leadership team
At the annual Northeast region employee appreciation ceremony, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe presented the John S. Gottschalk Partnership Award to the group of Fish and Wildlife Service staff who were instrumental in leading the *Connect the Connecticut* landscape conservation design project. The award is presented to a group of employees who have demonstrated creativity and ingenuity in helping to implement a partnership initiative.
Learn more

LCC Network convenes to address National Academy of Sciences recommendations
North Atlantic LCC Science Coordinator Scott Schwenk, Science Delivery Coordinator Steve Fuller, and Steering Committee Chair Ken Elowe were among more than 60 LCC staff members and partners from across the continent who met in St. Louis, Mo., from June 21st through 24th to discuss moving forward on the recommendations outline by the National Academy of Sciences in a 2015 review.
Learn more

Partners collaborate to remove barriers for practitioners in the field of coastal resilience
The Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO) and the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) are using funding from a Hurricane Sandy grant coordinated by the North Atlantic LCC to support efforts to reduce coastal risks and increase resilience with natural and nature-based features.
Learn more

Aligning LCC resources to support climate action in the Mid Atlantic region
A new fact sheet synthesizes products developed by the North Atlantic and Appalachian Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs) to inform the conservation of aquatic, coastal, and terrestrial systems in Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay watershed in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and other partners.
Learn more

North Atlantic LCC seeks GIS contractor
The GIS technician will fill a key role on the LCC team in a four-month contract position beginning August 15, 2016, helping to maintain, update, and provide technical support for accessing and applying spatial data on the North Atlantic LCC's website and Conservation Planning Atlas on Data Basin, and on US Geological Survey's ScienceBase-Catalog.
Learn more

Charting a course for the Connecticut River Whether planning a canoe trip or a conservation project along the Connecticut River, it helps to look at the big picture. North Atlantic LCC Communications Coordinator Bridget Macdonald reflects on the value of efforts that bring partners together to share responsibility for taking care of the things they value collectively, like *Connect the Connecticut,* in a feature on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's "Connecting the Nature of the Northeast" blog.

Learn more

Other News of Note

NOAA FIsheries calls for input on draft Northeast Climate Science Regional Action Plan
North Atlantic LCC partners are invited to provide comment on a draft plan identifying needs and actions for implementing NOAA's Fisheries Climate Science Strategy over the next five years. The plan aims to guide efforts to increase the production, delivery, and use of climate-related information, and to reduce impacts to and increase resilience of fish stocks, fishing-dependent communities, and protected species.

Learn more

New York Climate Change Science Clearinghouse seeks volunteers for task force
Attention New York-based climate experts: Partners behind a new regional gateway for accessing data and information relevant to climate change, adaptation, and mitigation in New York state are recruiting members for a task force that will focus on outreach and advocacy for climate change science, including work supported by the North Atlantic LCC.
Learn more

NOAA, USGS, and partners expect Chesapeake Bay 'dead zone' to vary from average to slightly smaller
Scientists expect that this year's mid-summer Chesapeake Bay hypoxic low-oxygen zone or "dead zone" – an area of low to no oxygen that can kill fish and aquatic life – will be approximately 1.58 cubic miles, about the volume of 2.3 million Olympic-size swimming pools. This is close to the long-term average as measured since 1950.
Learn more

Penobscot River restoration project reconnects river to the sea (FWS)
In June federal, state, local, and tribal representatives, and project partners celebrated the completion of the last major milestone in the Penobscot River Restoration Project: the newly constructed fish bypass around the dam in Howland, Maine. Completion of this large stream-like channel will allow American shad, river herring, and Atlantic salmon to swim freely around the dam to and from important historic breeding, rearing, and nursery habitat for the first time in more than a century.
Learn more

Upcoming Workshops, Meetings, Presentations, and Webinars

July 6 - 8 -- Regional Conservation Opportunity Areas Workshop, Albany, NY
Partners from 13 states will meet to review datasets and products from a collaborative effort to develop a conservation design identifying a network of priority areas in the Northeast region.
Learn more

July 7, 12:30 to 1:30 pm (EST) -- **Livestream broadcast: Conservation status of saltmarsh sparrow**
Researchers from the North Atlantic LCC-supported Saltmarsh Habitat and Avian Research Program (SHARP) will present preliminary findings from a collaborative effort to assess risks and set priorities for tidal-marsh dependent bird species from Virginia to maritime Canada.
Learn more

July 11 - 15 -- Stream Simulation Design Workshop, Lewiston, Maine
A five-day training on the USDA Forest Service's stream simulation method, an ecosystem-based approach for designing and constructing a channel through the road-stream crossing structure that reestablishes physical and ecological continuity along the stream corridor.
Learn more

Submission deadline for the next edition of North Atlantic LCC News: Friday, July 22, 2016

Please email submissions to: bridget_macdonald@fws.gov

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