



News from the North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC) September 2016

Meet Acting North Atlantic LCC Coordinator Mike Slattery

With the departure of Andrew Milliken for a new position with the FWS Lake Champlain Fisheries Resource Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Chesapeake Bay Coordinator Mike Slattery has agreed to step in as Acting LCC Coordinator until the position is filled permanently. Mike's role as a "conservation connector" in the 64,000-square-mile Chesapeake watershed will serve the LCC team well in a time of transition.

[Learn more](#)

New tool will help prioritize aquatic barrier removals based on ecological benefits

A new decision-support tool developed by The Nature Conservancy with Hurricane Sandy funding offers a comprehensive view of aquatic barriers across the Northeast region, and an ecological basis for prioritizing which ones to target first for the greatest conservation benefit.

[Learn more](#)

RCOA team wraps up review process for Version 1.0 of regional conservation design

Following a months-long review process for Regional Conservation Opportunity Areas Version 1.0 -- including a webinar series to introduce test users to the first iteration of data and tool, and several briefings for partners -- the North Atlantic LCC is taking next steps to put the Northeast region landscape conservation design in the hands of partners.

[Learn more](#)

White House recognizes LCC Steering Committee member Rick Bennett for climate leadership

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Northeast Regional Scientist was named the 2016 GreenGov Presidential Awards Climate Champion for his leadership of the Department of the Interior's Hurricane Sandy Response Team.

[Learn more](#)

Other News of Note

Breaking down barriers for aquatic organisms by addressing barriers between people who care about them (WMI)

In its September issue of its Outdoor News Bulletin, the Wildlife Management Institute highlights examples of how the North Atlantic LCC-supported North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative (NAACC) has helped partners across the region make significant headway in addressing barriers for aquatic organisms.

[Learn more](#)

Resolution signed by New England governors and Canadian premiers reinforces value of cross-border conservation (Coalition of Northeast Governors)

A new resolution on ecological connectivity, adaptation to climate change, and biodiversity conservation calls for coordinated action to sustain intact, connected natural landscapes in the region, reinforcing many of the efforts supported by the LCC partnership.

[Learn more](#)

Obama designates Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument (The White House)

President Obama took another step in preserving a key conservation area with the designation of a new offshore monument 100-miles southeast of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

will manage the biodiverse seascape of canyons and seamounts and associated ecosystems in partnership with NOAA under the auspices of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

[Learn more](#)

Upcoming Workshops, Meetings, Presentations, and Webinars

October 7 -- Scaling Up: New Strategies for Landscape-scale Conservation, Salem, Mass.

In this day-long symposium, regional, national, and international thought leaders will present and discuss a conceptual framework for landscape-scale conservation, as well as strategies being used to implement this approach on the ground. Steering Committee member Amanda Babson from the National Park Service will be giving a presentation about the North Atlantic LCC during the symposium.

[Learn more](#)

October 20, 2:00 PM (EST) -- Webinar: Everything you always wanted to know about the use of piping plover banding resight reports

Drs. Dan Catlin and Dan Gibson from Virginia Tech will share examples of the analyses they are conducting on piping plover banding reports, and how their information can be used to implement conservation.

[Learn more](#)

October 24 - 25 -- North Atlantic LCC Steering Committee Meeting, Lakeville, Ct.

Steering Committee members and partners will meet for updates on LCC science project, products, and delivery, and will discuss strategic next steps for the LCC. The meeting will include an in-depth presentation on Version 1.0 of a Northeast Regional Conservation Design, completed in August.

[Learn more](#)

October 28 - 30 -- National Land Trust Rally, Minneapolis, Minn.

This annual gathering for land conservation practitioners hosted by the Land Trust Alliance offers educational sessions focused on land conservation topics, special networking events, field trips highlighting the region's natural treasures, an awards presentation celebrating conservation leadership, and more.

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Submission deadline for the next edition of North Atlantic LCC News: Friday, October 21, 2016

Please email submissions to: bridget_macdonald@fws.gov

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