**North Atlantic LCC Fall Meeting**

**Options for Consideration for longer meeting**

**Background:** at the last North Atlantic LCC Steering Committee meeting on April 10, 2013, the steering committee discussed the need for longer in-person meetings beginning with the 2013 fall meeting in order to allow for extended discussions in addition to updates and approvals. It was recognized that we are at a key point in the LCC development where we can and need to deliver and help partners use the science and tools developed by the LCC and partners to provide regional context for conservation planning and delivery.

**Goals for fall meeting:**

* review the conservation science and tools that have been developed through or synthesized by the LCC and others that are now becoming available;
* have in depth discussions among the LCC Steering Committee on key next steps for translating and using science and tools to inform conservation plans and conservation delivery decisions to achieve common goals;
* reach consensus on science development and science delivery (science translation, conservation adoption, information management, capacity) project recommendations for 2013 as well as science and science delivery needs categories for 2014

**Options:**

NEAFWA Director’s Meeting scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, November 6-7, 2013 at Minnewaska Lodge in Gardiner, New York. *Major storm expected on November 5.*

LCC could meet in conjunction with this meeting either at Minnewaska Lodge or nearby (e.g., SUNY New Paltz, Mohonk Mountain House). A couple of options for timing:

Option 1 - North Atlantic LCC meeting all day on November 5th and half day on November 6th. Directors then meet for a half-day on the 6th, and half to full day on the 7th.

Option 2 – North Atlantic LCC meeting half day on November 4th and full day on November 5th. Directors then meet for a full day on the 6th, and half day on the 7th.

Option 3 – Half day conference call the week before the Director’s meeting and full day meeting the day before the Director’s meet.

Option 4 – Meet separately from Director’s meeting another week during the fall at location TBD.

Preferred option is Option 1 to maximize participation by Directors, minimize total travel to three days and have two days and one night for in-person interaction among the steering committee. LCC can support partner travel as needed.