Appendix G: Group Discussion & Workshop Evaluation Polling Results Slides



























4. How often do we need to update regional maps and how can we build a system to make updating more efficient?

Habitat Mapping Group Discussion Process

Review a combined list of 8-10 Habitat Mapping Project Priorities from Table Discussions

then we will:

Score each of them individually;
View resulting rank order of items; and
Discuss the results.

Prepare to Rate Habitat Mapping Project Priorities from Table Discussions

- Accuracy (QA/QC)
- Model validation
- Linkages to other databases
- •Finish mapping all systems (Canada, lakes)
- Usable product (expectations, limits)
- Define audiences / users (JV, FHP, academic)
- Communications, tool kit, users guide
- Priority focus areas using maps
- Layers (land use, threats, refugia, invasives)





















Habitat Mapping Group Discussion Question:

Given these priorities, which members of the conservation community are best positioned to implement them? Habitat Mapping Group Discussion Question:

Given these priorities, what are the <u>barriers</u> to implementing them?

Habitat Mapping Group Discussion Question:

Given these priorities, what are the <u>opportunities</u> for implementing them?

Habitat Mapping Group Discussion Question:

Given these priorities, what are the <u>next steps</u> for implementing them?

Habitat Mapping Group Discussion Question:

Given these priorities, what synergies can we build upon?











































Biological Assessment & Goal Setting Group Discussion Question:

How do we achieve the top priorities?

Conservation Design to Delivery







































Conservation Design to Delivery Group Discussion Question:

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Conservation Design to Delivery Group Discussion Question:

Given these priorities, what are the <u>opportunities</u> for implementing them?



Monitoring, Evaluation & Research

Monitoring, Evaluation & Research Group Discussion Process Review a combined list of 18 Monitoring, Evaluation & Research Project Priorities from Table Discussions then we will:

 Score each of them individually;
View resulting rank order of items; and 3. Discuss the results.









































Information Management Group Discussion Process

Review a combined list of 18 Monitoring, Evaluation & Research Project Priorities from Table Discussions

then we will:

Score each of them individually;
View resulting rank order of items; and
Discuss the results.















































Revisit framework in light of discussions.

Is any major category missing from the framework?

Are there gaps relative to developing future actions/projects?

Is there agreement on framework utility?

Highest Priority Needs for the Future

1. Score each of them individually Rate according to <u>immediate needs</u> (most important priorities to be addressed in the next 2 years) Scale: 1 = Low to 5 = High

 View resulting rank order of items; and
Discuss the results.





































































Conclusion & Next Steps Group Discussion Question:

How do we follow up from the workshop and move forward in a coordinated way through the RCNs, LCCs and other partnerships?



The quality of the workshop <u>format</u> for each of the following was...

Prepare to RANK each of the following from 1= Very Poor... to... 5 = Excellent 6 = N/A (not present or don't know)

- a) Pre-workshop arrangements & communications
- b) Registration process
- c) Breakfasts, lunches and breaks
- d) Workshop facilities (meeting & sleeping rooms)
- e) Convenience of meeting location and time
- f) Poster Session
- g) New York State Museum Reception





















































Priority Habitat Mapping



Biological Assessment Priorities



- □ 1. Deliver the results (synthesis) of the projects (products)
- **2**. Development of habitat focus areas and corridors.
- **3.** Create distribution maps
- **4.** Conduct Structured Decision Making Workshop
- **5.** Identify focal areas that represent the best examples
- 6. Expand surveys for regionally important species
- **7.** Capacity of species to adapt
- □ 8. Cross-cutting understanding of aquatic habitat changes
- 9. Assessment of the completeness/representativeness
- **10.** More complete vulnerability/threat analysis
- 11. Develop a process to develop regional representative species goals
- **12.** Marine, aquatic, plants data gaps and representative species
- 13. Development and evaluating models to identify adequate streamflow
- **14.** Immediate needs for emerging impacts
- 15. In the new SWAPs recommend adopting a consistent format/template

Conservation Priorities



- □ 1. Influence other agencies to better incentivize conservation on a local level
- 2. Manage for species of economic concern or constituent importance and SGCN
- 3. Identification of habitat focus areas with (Regional to local) process
- **4.** Expand streamflow predictive model from CT river basin to the Region
- 5. An information delivery mechanism should be a requirement
- 6. Take existing RCN products and fund a communication specialist
- **7.** Next generation of habitat connectivity work defines ecological purpose
- □ 8. Work with implementers/users, translate the information into usable tools
- 9. Target science translation (outreach) efforts to areas/species
- **10.** Develop suite of regionally standard Best Management Practices for invasives
- 11. Illustrate how conservation design tool can lead to adaptive management
- **12.** Provide cookbook or catalog of on-the-ground implementation details
- 13. Overlay and integrate existing datasets to delineate landscapes
- **14.** Provide information on landscapes of regional significance to conservation partners
- 15. A framework for building and aligning conservation capacity

Monitoring Priorities



- □ 1. Implement the NE Monitoring and Performance Framework
- **2**. Monitoring protocol for wetland and terrestrial habitat quality
- **3**. Monitoring system to inform management at multiple scales
- 4. Establish relationship(s) between representative species and "target" species
- **5.** Reporting on success of SWG grant-funded work
- 6. Long term monitoring and performance evaluation
- **7.** Metrics to assess effectiveness of technical assistance
- 8. Link species numbers to habitat acreage (or integrity)
- 9. Develop a shared regional database
- □ 10. Conduct an analysis of expected outcomes of specific management actions
- **11.** Establish Uniform Monitoring Practices that can be applied across large geographic areas
- **12.** Develop a decision matrix to determine when to monitor
- 13. Identify and leverage existing federal monitoring programs and develop state/tribal/ngo surveys
- 14. Identify surrogates (e.g., habitats, species groups) to monitor challenging priority species
- 15. Monitoring response of target spp or habitat changes that occur as a result of NRCS (Farm Bill)

Information Management Priorities



- □ 1. Provide workshops to improve collaboration
- **2.** Provide appropriate counseling services
- **3. SWAP database development that also links to TRACS**
- 4. Easy access to information for policy makers in Congress
- **5.** Integrate regional habitat classification into MoveBank database
- 6. Create regional geospatial database that can be shared
- **7.** Tie in data on species monitoring to quickly assess regional status
- □ 8. Establish a module in TRACS to better capture SWAP
- 9. Support development of SWAP database to promote consistancy
- **10.** Leadership commit funding and staff to evaluate
- 11. Institutionalize long term datasets on a Regional cooperative basis
- **12.** Require data analysis for funded projects
- 13. Ensure that all spatial databases are designed to interface
- 14. Develop a managed lands database to document management
- 15. Conduct a information needs assessment based on Framework







- □ a) Context and purpose of workshop
- **b**) Regional conservation framework session
- c) Session presentations (habitat mapping, biological assessments, conservation delivery, etc.)
- d) Table discussion sessions
- e) Group discussion sessions
- f) Highest Priority Next Steps Session
- g) Conclusion & Closing Remarks

Desired outcomes and expectations of workshop were achieved...



□ a) Develop consensus on a conservation framework

- b) Review and evaluate RCN & LCC projects
- c) Review progress toward RCN & LCC program goals
- d) INcrease partner engagement in RCN & LCC programs
- \blacksquare e) Discuss challenges, needs, and opportunities for RCN & LCC programs
- f) Explore collaborative opportunities for RCN & LCC programs
- g) Reach a common understanding of RCN & LCC partner roles