**North Atlantic LCC Steering Committee Conference Call**

**August 11, 2011**

Action Items

*Actions Taken*

Jad Daley offered to set up a webinar on the National Conservation Easement Database if folks are interested with the staff that built it on how to use it. If you are interested, please email Jad or Andrew Milliken. Jad will follow-up with The Nature Conservancy to see if their mapping efforts include information within the National Conservation Easement Database.

*Jad Daley will report back at November Steering Committee meeting.*

Andrew Milliken will set up a series of webinars on LCC funded projects for fall 2011 with about a six-week frequency.

*Webinars are set starting with a review of the Northeast Conservation Framework Workshop on November 10, and the four FY 2011 funded projects, one per month December 2011-March 2011. Announcements will be made via email prior to the webinars. Additional information is available at http://www.fws.gov/northeast/science/seminars/*

Andrew Milliken will work with Rachel Muir (USGS) to distribute a fact sheet on USGS-funded LCC projects out to the Steering Committee members.

*Rachel Muir will provide information at the November Steering Committee meeting.*

Andrew will work with Scot Williamson of WMI on a proposed annual process for LCC science needs and project development that aligns with other annual schedules including the NEAFWA RCN process.

*Proposed annual process developed (Handout #) and will be discussed at November 2 meeting. It was also presented to Northeast Wildlife Administrators in October.*

Demonstration project workgroup will work together on a white paper/presentation for the Steering Committee in November before we make any decisions on this issue.

*George Gay (NWF) worked with a group of six Steering Committee members to develop a discussion paper to be presented at the November meeting.*

Steering Committee members should notify Andrew if they have staff that should be involved in the information management needs assessment.

*Seven staff were nominated and are now part of the information management needs assessment team working with BJ Richardson (FWS).*

Andrew will share information on the status of the science coordinator position as soon as it is available.

*Science Coordinator and Conservation Design positions were filled under contract through WMI and announced in LCC Newsletter on October 28.*

Steering Committee members should notify Andrew if they have comments on the LCC science strategic plan by September 9.

*Comments received from Steering Committee and Technical Committee were incorporated into final draft to be presented at November Steering Committee meeting.*

LCC staff will work with Canadian partners to explore the expansion of regionally consistent spatial data into the Canadian portion of the LCC.

*No action taken yet. Andrew will work with Canadian partners and Technical Committee to address this issue before the April Steering Committee meeting.*

Ken Elowe will share language and messages for LCC congressional visits; Steering Committee Members invited to join him on these visits.

*Ken worked with staff and partners to develop language for visits. He conducted visits on September 9 with Andrew Milliken and Jad Daley to six Senate staff.*

Andrew will send additional information on location for the next meeting when available.

*Announcement of November Virginia Beach Steering Committee meeting was made on September 15 after NEAFWA decided on meeting location.*