**2012 North Atlantic LCC Priority Science Needs RFP**

In August 2012, the North Atlantic LCC accepted proposals under two priority science topic areas. Proposals will be reviewed by two technical panels during September and recommendations provided to the LCC Steering Committee for final decisions in October. Proposal topics and panel membership are described below.

**Topic 1**: Quantify and map habitats, threats, and current range distribution for aquatic (including coastal) species to assess species-habitat relationships, and identify priority areas and corridors for conservation.

RFP Review Panel

Dave Day, Penn. Fish & Boat Commission

Julie Devers, U.S FWS, Marlyand Fishery Resources Office

Emily Greene, Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership

Jeff Horan, U.S. FWS / Chesapeake liaison

Callie McMunigal, U.S. FWS / Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture

Mike Millard, U.S. FWS, Northeast Fishery Center

Andrew Milliken, U.S. FWS, North Atlantic LCC

Rachel Muir, USGS

David Nelson, NOAA, Center for Coastal Monitoring and Assessment

Cheri Patterson, NH Dept. of Fish and Game

Scott Schwenk, North Atlantic LCC

Doug Stang, NY DEC

John Sweka, U.S. FWS, Northeast Fishery Center

Marek Topolski, MD DNR, Fisheries

Craig Wolcott, NOAA

**Topic 2**: Evaluation of restoration methods that allow salt marshes to adapt to sea-level rise.

RFP Review Panel

Sue Adamowicz, U.S. FWS

Amanda Babson, National Park Service

Tai-Ming Chang, U.S. EPA

Dorina Frizerra, NJ DEP, Coastal Management Office

Tim Jones, U.S. FWS / Atlantic Coast Joint Venture

Andrew Milliken, U.S. FWS, North Atlantic LCC

Scott Schwenk, North Atlantic LCC

Eric Derleth, U.S. FWS (invited)

Eric Hutchins, NOAA Fisheries Service (invited)

Hunt Durey, MA Div. Ecological Restoration (invited)