**North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative Steering Committee, Conference Call September 5, 2012**

**Action Items**

***Actions Taken***

Steering Committee members interested in working to develop a strategy and pilot efforts to engage the LCC with community planners are asked to let Andrew know before the October 31 meeting.

*Steve Walker (Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife) Cathy Sparks (Rhode Island DEM), Patty Riexinger (New York State DEC), Ellen Mecray (NOAA), Zoe Smith (WCS), and Steve Fuller (LCC) all volunteered to participate or designate staff for this group.*

*Andrew and Steve Walker presented to and met with the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association in early October. They provided good feedback on the importance of making tools relevant for planners and recognizing that a town by town approach will be needed.*

Megan Nagel will work with WMI to link the LCC website to RCN Grants and to develop an online RFP application and review process analogous to the RCN program.

*Links and pages will be added this winter.*

Steering Committee members interested in participating in revising the LCC communications strategy with Megan Nagel are asked to let Megan know as soon as possible.

*No action taken yet.*

Steering Committee members interested in participating or having a staff member participate in a conservation targets team with Ken and Andrew prior to the October 31 Steering Committee meeting to review completed and ongoing regional and national efforts and guidance related to conservation targets and to provide recommendations for the North Atlantic LCC in the development, integration and use of these targets are asked to let Ken or Andrew know as soon as possible.

*Team did not convene prior to the December 12 meeting. Volunteers include Patty Riexinger who will provide support from one of her biologists; Rachel Muir who volunteered to coordinate input from fish habitat partnerships; Ralph Abele who agreed to provide input on behalf of the ecological flows world that have developed flow ecology targets; Phil Huffman who thought it would be appropriate to include a member from TNC – perhaps Mark Anderson depending on time commitments; and Atlantic Coast Joint Venture staff who are working on population objectives for migratory birds. The role of this team will be further discussed at the December 12 meeting.*

Steering Committee members or staff interested in attending as a user/manager/decision maker at one of the Designing Sustainable Landscapes workshops, are asked to let Andrew Milliken or Scott Schwenk know as soon as possible. Broadcast information will be provided to this email list.

*Information on workshops and broadcasts were distributed to Steering Committee. Several steering committee members attended or sent staff to workshops. Over 100 partners attended. All workshop broadcasts will be archived.*

In order to support the SWAP updates through the regional synthesis of spatial data, LCC staff are requesting that the States commit to providing species occurrence data for high regional responsibility, high concern SGCN and other spatial data relevant to describing the extent and condition of habitat for these species (per SWAP required elements). State steering committee members are asked to provide a contact that staff can work with to access Natural Heritage and other high regional responsibility/high concern SGCN data for the regional synthesis.

*All states provided a contact for species occurrence data. The Northeast Fish and Wildlife Diversity Technical Committee reviewed the synthesis process and guided the selection of high responsibility, high concern species. LCC staff are working with state contacts and NatureServe to compile the species occurrence and other spatial data needed.*