**North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative**

**Steering Committee Agenda**

**Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Newport, Rhode Island**

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**Overall Goals of meeting:** Consensus on: priority science and science delivery needs for 2015 and next steps for regional and landscape conservation design and LCC strategic planning.

| **Agenda Items** | **Discussion Leader**  ***Handouts and Presentations*** | **Time** |
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| **BREAKFAST (provided)** |  | **7:00 a.m.** |
| 1. **Welcome**   Introductions  Review agenda  Approve minutes from last (*10/28-29/2014*) meeting | Cathy Sparks (RI DEM), Jeff Willis (RI CRMC), Ken Elowe (FWS), Bill Hyatt (CT)  *Handout 1 – Agenda*  *Handout 2 – Attendance List Handout 3a – Minutes from 10/28-29/2014 meeting*  *Handout 3b – Highlights and action items from 10/28-29/2014 meeting* | 8:00 a.m. |
| 1. **Action items** from last Steering Committee meeting and actions taken | Andrew Milliken (LCC)  *Handout 4 – Action items status* | 8:20 a.m. |
| 1. **LCC Network Updates** including LCC Council, National Academy of Sciences Review, FY 15 budget and outlook for FY 16.   *Expected Meeting Outcome*: Understanding of LCC Network activities and budget outlook | Jad Daley (TPL), John O’Leary (MA), Ken Elowe, Elsa Haubold (FWS)  *Handout 5 – LCC Network Strategic Plan*  *Handout 6 – National Academy of Sciences task and panel members.*  *Handout 7 – 2016 Budget Request for LCCs* | 8:30 a.m. |
| 1. **State of the LCC and Strategic Planning**. Review of progress on goals and objectives of LCC, next steps for the coming year and recommendations for strategic plan revision process   *Expected Meeting Outcome:* Consensus on next steps for LCC partnership and staff | Andrew Milliken, Bill Hyatt, LCC Staff, all  *Handout 8 – 2015 Annual Report*  *Handout 9 – 2015 Highlights*  *Handout 10 – 2014 SIAS*  *Handout 11 – Recommended Strategic Plan Update Process*  *Presentation: State of the LCC* | 9:00 a.m. |
| **BREAK** | | **9:45 a.m.** |
| 1. **Communications** Update   *Expected Meeting Outcome:* review progress on communications and agree on next steps | Dave Eisenhauer (FWS), Bridget Macdonald (FWS)  *Handout 12 – Communications Update* | 10:00 a.m. |
| 1. **Information Management** Update   *Expected Meeting Outcome:* review progress on information management and LCC Conservation Planning Atlas | BJ Richardson (FWS)  Presentation: Information Management Update | 10:20 a.m. |
| 1. **Landscape Conservation Design**: Pilot conservation design effort in theConnecticut River Watershed   *Expected Meeting Outcome:* Review and discussion on results of collaborative conservation design pilot in the Connecticut River Watershed and application to regional and landscape scale conservation design | Ken Elowe, Scott Schwenk (LCC), Andrew Milliken  *Handout 14 – Summary of Connecticut River Pilot Results*  Presentation: Connecticut River Watershed Pilot Results | 10:40 a.m. |
| 1. **Regional Conservation Opportunity Area** updates   *Expected Meeting Outcome:* Consensus on continued role of LCC in informing Regional Conservation Opportunity Areas for State Wildlife Action Plans | Steve Fuller (LCC)  *Handout 15 – Summary of RCOA Alternatives*  Presentation: Alternatives for Regional Conservation Opportunity Areas | 11:10 a.m. |
| 1. **Discussion on Next Steps for Conservation Design**   *Expected Meeting Outcome:* Consensus on next steps for conservation planning and design | Ken Elowe, all  *Handout 16 –Recommended next steps for conservation planning and design* | 11:30 a.m. |
| **LUNCH (provided)** | | **Noon** |
| 1. Review of budgets and **progress for ongoing projects**   *Expected Meeting Outcome:* Review of project budget and annual science needs process; results from completed science and science delivery projects, including Hurricane Sandy, and progress on ongoing projects as part of conservation framework | Scot Williamson (WMI), Scott Schwenk (LCC), Steve Fuller (LCC), Megan Tyrrell (LCC)  *Handout 17 –Budget report*  *Handout 18 – Completed and ongoing project and product summaries*  *Presentation: LCC Budget Report*  *Presentation: Project Updates* | 12:45 p.m. |
| 1. Recommendation from technical committees on **priority science needs for FY 2015**   *Expected Call Outcome:* Review of membership, process and major outcomes from technical committee; discussion of science needs and next steps for projects | Scott Schwenk, Megan Tyrrell, All  *Handout 19 – 2015 North Atlantic LCC Science Needs Process*  *Handout 20 – Table of highest ranking 2015 science needs*  *Handout 21 – Science need summaries*  *Presentation: recommended science needs* | 1:15 p.m. |
| 1. Recommendation from science delivery team on **priority science delivery needs for FY 2015**   *Expected Call Outcome:* Review of team membership, process and major outcomes from science delivery team; discussion of science delivery and capacity needs and next steps | Steve Fuller, All  *Handout 22 – Science Delivery Team membership and process*  *Handouts 23 – Table of highest ranking 2015 recommended science delivery needs*  *Handout 24 – Need summaries*  *Presentation: recommended science delivery needs* | 1:45 p.m. |
| **BREAK** | | **2:15 p.m.** |
| **13.** Discussion and decisions on:   * **Science and science delivery needs for 2015** * **Next steps for strategic planning** * **Connecting LCC tools to actions, agencies and organizations**   *Expected Meeting Outcome:* Consensus on priority science and science delivery needs for 2015, next steps for strategic planning and collaborating to improve connections between tools and actions | Ken Elowe, Bill Hyatt, All  *Handout 25 – Consolidated science and science delivery need recommendation (to be developed at meeting).* | 2:30 p.m. |
| **14. Other Business** Next Call/Meeting | Ken Elowe, Bill Hyatt, all | 3:45 p.m. |
| **ADJOURN** | | **4:00 p.m.** |