North Atlantic LCC Steering Committee Meeting October 26-27, 2015 Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Action Items *Actions Taken*

Committee and Partner Action Items

- Please contact Ken Elowe or Andrew Milliken to set up specific science delivery opportunities for your agency, organization or partnership Met with RI DEM leadership, informal meetings between Ken Elowe and other state Directors; interest in collaboration with USGS, USFS, NOAA; several USFWS science delivery events requested and delivered.
- Ask any of your staff that are starting to use LCC information and tools to provide feedback on what is useful; what would make these tools more useful; and what LCC information and tools are resulting in actions and share this feedback to Andrew Milliken
 - Direct feedback received from federal agency members. Indirect feedback through the RCOA team as information and tools are reviewed and incorporated.
- Review and provide feedback on state fact sheets (in your meeting folders or on the website) and on product website to Bridget Macdonald
 Feedback received for products page through a focus group and factored into final design.
- Contact Andrew Milliken to volunteer or identify staff to help scope out specific
 additional strategic plan components (see list in <u>Handout 19</u>); LCC staff will work with
 these teams and bring back results to Steering Committee
 Interest by a few Steering Committee members expressed. Additional participation
 needed.
- Bill Hyatt will coordinate with non-federal employees about communicating with their elected officials to let them know their support for LCCs prior to the December 11 appropriations deadline.
 - Bill contacted state Steering Committee members directly
- Federal Steering Committee members consider a session at the next meeting where
 partners from federal agencies present on what they bring to the LCC
 Ellen Mecray (NOAA) organized session for April 6 meeting with NOAA, EPA, USGS, USFS

Staff Action Items

- LCC staff will post upcoming science delivery events on LCC website and calendar, including forthcoming RFP
 - Webinars and other events regularly posted
- Invite technical team members and other key partners to participate in Regional Conservation Opportunity Areas including review of the scientific elements used in design

- LCC technical team and other members were invited to participate in RCOA process and expanded RCOA team with about 60 members was developed along with five subteams that are now implementing Version 1.0 of RCOAs.
- Document comparisons of approaches used in the North Atlantic LCC to other conservation design approaches, including the assessment of alternatives by the RCOA team, and provide that to the Steering Committee.
 Comparisons of other approaches built into RCOA implementation process. Outline in handout 12.
- Monitor feedback from the implementation of the Connecticut River Watershed Landscape Conservation Design Pilot ("Connect the Connecticut")
 Partners just starting to implement Connect the Connecticut design and provide feedback. Will reconvene core team later this spring for more formal feedback.
- Work with WMI to notify successful P.I.s for floodplain and rare plant proposals and develop agreements that reflect review team recommendations
 Scopes of work revised based on team recommendations, agreements completed.
- Follow-up with Sharri Venno and other tribal contacts to enhance tribal science delivery opportunities
 Initial discussions but no actions taken to date.
- Work with Maryland DNR, state and other partners to gauge interest in a Symposium or Workshop focused on LCC products at the NEAFWA Conference in April at the NEAFWA Conference
 - Half-day hands-on workshop designed and hosted at the NEAFWA conference with 25 attendees from various agencies, organizations and universities hosted. In addition, there were 11 presentations and posters featuring LCC work at NEAFWA.