**2015 North Atlantic LCC Science Delivery Needs Process**

This document summarizes the process used in 2015 for developing science delivery needs recommendations for the North Atlantic Steering Committee.

Technical Committee Participants in the 2015 Science Needs Review

The science needs process involved participation from a broad variety of state, federal, and non-government organizations. Modes of participation included brainstorming and polling by NALCC both Science Delivery and Technical Teams, surveys and focus groups engaging users, and feedback from grantees engaged in delivering NALCC science. Participating team members included:

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**2015 Science Delivery Needs Timeline**

**June 2013 to current:** In conjunction with Science Delivery grants, grantees and NALCC staff have been gathering input on science delivery needs and testing the efficacy of approaches via workshops, focus groups, surveys and initial results from funded demonstration and science delivery projects.

**March:** Science Delivery Team met via phone conference and in conjunction with the LCC Technical Team to develop funding needs.

**April:** Highest-ranked science delivery needs approved by Steering Committee.

**April-October:** NALCC staff focused on the immediate requests for meetings, technical assistance and training by Fish and Wildlife Service, states and other key partners, initial knowledge transfer to state and other partners via the RCOA team, and on the development of improved science delivery communication materials. Strategic planning sessions were held in Hadley and at NCTC, where NALCC and Appalachian LCC staff jointly discussed Science Delivery strategies.

**October-December:** Staff will apply input from strategic planning sessions to develop a proactive Science Delivery operational plan for 2016.

**January 2016:** Re-engage Science Delivery Team to guide implementation of funded priorities and incorporate learning from initial delivery efforts.