**North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative**

**Steering Committee Agenda**

**Wednesday, April 16, 2014, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Portland, Maine**

***Call in Information: Call Number:*** *866-762-5634* ***Passcode:*** *5866227#*

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**Overall Goals of meeting:** Consensus on: vice chair, executive committee, new members; priorities for and balance between science development and science delivery; advancing LCC communications; continued involvement in SWAP updates; supporting landscape conservation design; and achieving LCC coastal priorities through Hurricane Sandy resiliency projects.

| **Agenda Items** | **Discussion Leader** ***Handouts and Presentations*** | **Time** |
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| **BREAKFAST (provided)** |  | **7:00 a.m.** |
| 1. Welcome

IntroductionsReview agenda Approve minutes from last (2/8/2013) call | Jim Connolly (ME), Ken Elowe (FWS) *Handout 1 – Agenda**Handout 2 – Attendance List Handout 3 – Minutes from 11/5/2013 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. Selection of vice-chair, discussion of Executive Committee and consideration of new members

*Expected Meeting Outcome*: Consensus on new vice chair, executive committee and new members | Ken Elowe, all*Handout 5 – LCC Structure and Governance Document**Handout 6 – Letter of consideration for membership by New England Wild Flower Society* | 8:30 a.m. |
| 1. National Updates including purpose and status of LCC Council, Strategic Planning for the Network, National Academy of Sciences Review, FY 14 allocation process and budget outlook for FY 15.

*Expected Meeting Outcome*: Understanding of how LCC can relate to Council, how budgets are allocated and future budget outlook | Elsa Haubold (National Coordinator - FWS), Jad Daley (Trust for Public Land)*Handout 7 – National Council Summary and Membership* | 8:45 a.m. |
| 1. State of the LCC. Review of progress on goals and objectives of LCC, next steps for the coming year and budget review

*Expected Meeting Outcome:* Consensus on next steps for LCC partnership and staff | Andrew Milliken, LCC Staff, all*Handout 8 – 2013 Annual Report**Handout 9 – 2013 Highlights**Handout 10 – SIAS**Presentation: State of the LCC* | 9:00 a.m. |
| **BREAK** | **9:45** |
| 1. Review and discussion of budgets and progress for ongoing science projects

*Expected Meeting Outcome:* Review of LCC 2014 science needs process and progress on ongoing projects; consensus and guidance for technical committee on next steps | Scot Williamson (WMI), Scott Schwenk (LCC)*Handout 11 – Project Budget summary; Handout 12 – 2014 proposed science needs process**Handout 13 – Completed and ongoing project summaries**Presentation: LCC Budget Status**Presentation(s): Project Updates* | 10:00 a.m. |
| 1. Recommendations on funding projects for Science Delivery and Demonstration Projects

*Expected Meeting Outcome:* Consensus on funding projects for Science Delivery and Demonstration Projects | Steve Fuller (LCC), Delivery Team members, all*Handout 14 – Science Delivery recommendations, Handout 15 - Science Delivery Proposal Summaries**Presentation: Science Delivery Recommendations* | 11:00 a.m. |
| **LUNCH (provided)** | **11:45 a.m.** |
| 1. LCC national and regional communications

*Expected Meeting Outcome*: Review of communications opportunities and consensus on priorities and next steps including Congressional outreach. | David Eisenhauer (FWS), all*Handout 16 – North Atlantic LCC Communications Framework* | 12:30 p.m. |
| 1. Updates of progress of LCC in providing regional information for State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) Updates and next steps.

*Expected Meeting Outcome:* Consensus on continued role of LCC in SWAP Updates | Steve Fuller, Lori Pelech (LCC), John Kanter (NH F&G) all*Handout 17 – Summary of Northeast Regional Conservation Synthesis and Next Steps**Presentation: Northeast Regional Conservation Synthesis* | 12:45 p.m. |
| 1. Landscape Conservation Design and the role of the LCC in supporting regional and landscape scale conservation design including Pilot design effort in the Connecticut River Watershed

*Expected Meeting Outcome:* Discussion on how regional and landscape scale conservation design efforts fit together , next steps and how we can best learn from and build on them.  | Ken Elowe, Andrew Milliken, Scott Schwenk, Steve Fuller*Handout 18 – Fact Sheet Connecticut River Pilot for Landscape Conservation Design**Handout 19 -- Outline of approach for addressing multiple scales of conservation design in the LCC**Presentation: Landscape Conservation Design at multiple scales in the North Atlantic LCC* | 1:15 p.m. |
| **BREAK** | **2:00 p.m.** |
| 1. Discussion and consensus on supporting funding for science needs and science delivery

*Expected Meeting Outcome:* Consensus on support for LCC needs and guidance for technical and science delivery committees | Ken Elowe, all | 2:15 p.m. |
| 1. Department of the Interior Hurricane Sandy Resiliency Funding

*Expected Meeting Outcome*: Update on Hurricane Sandy Resiliency funding including LCC-facilitated projects and opportunities for enhanced collaboration | Rick Bennett (FWS), Amanda Babson (NPS), Pete Murdoch (USGS), Mike Rasser (BOEM), Andrew Milliken*Handout 20 – Summary of LCC facilitated and other relevant Hurricane Sandy Resiliency Science Projects* | 2:30 p.m. |
| 1. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study

*Expected Meeting Outcome*: Understanding of how Comprehensive Study can support LCC needs | Michelle Haynes (Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)*Handout 21 – Summary of North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study* | 2:50 p.m. |
| 1. Update from Northeast Climate Science Center

*Expected Meeting Outcome*: Discussion of ongoing collaboration with Northeast Climate Science Center  | Mary Ratnaswamy (USGS) and Curt Griffin (UMass)*Handout 22 – Summary of Northeast Climate Science Center projects* | 3:10 p.m. |
| 1. USDA Northeast Climate Hub

*Expected Meeting Outcome*: Understanding of purpose and opportunities for collaboration with new USDA Northeast Climate Hub | David Hollinger, U.S. Forest Service*Handout 23 – Description of Northeast Climate Hub* | 3:30 p.m. |
| 1. Other BusinessNext Call/Meeting
 | Ken Elowe | 3:45 p.m. |
| **ADJOURN** | **4:00 p.m.** |