**North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative**

**Steering Committee Agenda**

**November 5, 2013 1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; November 6, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Gardiner, New York**

**Overall Goal of meeting:** Steering Committee commitment to next steps for delivering LCC science and tools including common landscape conservation designs

**Tuesday, November 5**

| **Agenda Items** | **Discussion Leader**  ***Handouts &* Presentations** | **Time** |
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| 1. Welcome & Introductions   Review agenda and goals for meeting  Key decisions and messages | Ken Elowe (FWS), Patricia Riexinger (New York State DEC)  *Handout 1 – Agenda*  *Handout 2 – Attendance List* | 1:00 p.m. |
| 1. Hurricane Sandy $100 million competitive funding process   *Expected Meeting Outcome:*  Understanding Hurricane Sandy competitive process and consensus on LCC role | David O’Neill (National Fish and Wildlife Foundation); Rick Bennett (FWS), all  *Handout 3 – NFWF Hurricane Sandy Request for Proposals* | 1:20 p.m. |
| 1. Review and discussion of progress under Northeast Conservation Framework and LCC Conservation Science Strategic Plan and in defining LCC outcomes   *Expected Meeting Outcome:*  Understanding of progress, products and consensus on next steps relative to Conservation Framework and Strategic Plan | Ken Elowe, Andrew Milliken (LCC), all  *Handout 4a – Summary of LCC projects*  *Handout 4b – Status of LCC products*  *Handout 4c – Spatial data layers available* | 2:20 p.m. |
| **Break** | | **2:50 p.m.** |
| 1. Review and discussion of LCC products and capability to support conservation decisions with landscape conservation designs   *Expected Meeting Outcome:*  Understanding of how LCC (and RCN) pieces are fitting together for regional conservation design and consensus on next steps and decisions. | Ken Elowe, Scott Schwenk (LCC), all  *Handout 5 – Summary of landscape conservation design in the North Atlantic LCC* | 3:00 p.m. |
| **Adjourn for the day** | | **5:30 p.m.** |
| **Group Dinner at Minnewaska Lodge** | | **6:30 p.m.** |

**Wednesday, November 6**

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| **Breakfast at Minnewaska Lodge** | | **7:00 a.m.** |
| 1. Review and reflections from first day’s discussions | Ken Elowe, Patricia Riexinger, all | 8:00 a.m. |
| 1. Delivering the science and tools: review and discussion of Science Delivery Team’s recommendations on translating, delivering and helping partners adopt conservation information and tools   *Expected Meeting Outcome:* Understanding and consensus on needs to deliver science; priorities for capacity grants (RFP) needed to support science delivery | Zoe Smith (Wildlife Conservation Society), Amanda Babson (National Park Service), Kevin Kalasz (Delaware Fish and Wildlife), Steve Fuller (LCC)  *Handout 6 – Summary of Science Delivery*  *Handout 7 – Recommendations for science delivery funding* | 8:15 a.m. |
| 1. Update and discussion on Conservation Synthesis and SWAP Updates   *Expected Meeting Outcome:*  Understanding of status of Conservation Synthesis and regional information for SWAP Updates, consensus on next steps including regional Conservation Opportunity Areas | Steve Fuller, all  *Handout 8 – Summary of RCN Synthesis products* | 9:30 a.m. |
| **Break** | | **10:00 a.m.** |
| 1. Telling Our Story   *Expected Meeting Outcome*:  Discussion and consensus on communications objectives, messaging, and tools as part of science delivery | Dave Eisenhauer (FWS), all  *Handout 9 – LCC Communications Framework* | 10:15 a.m. |
| 1. Review of approved annual process for science needs and projects budgets   *Expected Meeting Outcome:*  Understanding of LCC annual science needs process and budget status | Scot Williamson (WMI)  *Handout 10a – annual process Handout 10b – budget summary* | 10:40 a.m. |
| 1. Review of RFP results, science needs and priorities and next steps for FY 13 and 14   *Expected Meeting Outcome:*  Discussion and decisions on recommended science projects from Vernal Pools and Aquatic Connectivity RFPs and next steps for FY 14 science needs | Scott Schwenk, all  *Handout 11a – Recommendation for Vernal Pools project*  *Handout 11b – Recommendation for Aquatic Connectivity projects*  *Handout 12 – Table of FY 13 science projects* | 11:00 a.m. |
| **LUNCH (provided)** | | **11:45 a.m.** |
| 1. Review of discussions and decisions on science projects, science delivery and communications   *Expected Meeting Outcome:*  Decisions on projects to fund and recommendations for needs to develop | Ken Elowe, all | 12:45 p.m. |
| 1. Update on LCC Network   *Expected Meeting Outcome:*  Introduction of LCC Coordinator, discussion of National Council, National LCC Projects, LCC assessment and allocations | Elsa Haubold (FWS)  *Handout 14 – LCC National Council Charter*  *Handout 15 – LCC network projects* | 1:00 p.m. |
| 1. LCC and relevant DOI internal Hurricane Sandy Projects and Army Corps of Engineers Comprehensive Study   *Expected Meeting Outcome:*  Next steps for LCC Hurricane Sandy LCC projects and coordination of DOI and partner Hurricane Sandy science projects | Andrew Milliken, Rick Bennett, Amanda Babson (National Park Service), Rachel Muir & Pete Murdoch (U.S. Geological Survey), Mike Rasser (BOEM), Paul Wagner (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), all  *Handout 16 – Hurricane Sandy LCC project descriptions*  *Handout 17 – LCC Coastal & Marine Technical Team*  *Handout 18 – Hurricane Sandy table of DOI science projects*  *Handout 19 – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Hurricane Sandy Comprehensive Study Summary* | 1:30 p.m. |
| 1. Review and Approval of Minutes;   Action items from last Steering Committee call and actions taken  *Expected Meeting Outcome:*  Approval of minutes | Ken Elowe, Andrew Milliken, all  *Handout 20 – April 10 meeting minutes*  *Handout 21– June 27 call minutes*  *Handout 22 – June 27 call action items and actions taken* | 2:30 p.m. |
| 1. Selection of new Vice Chair, Other Business, Next Meeting | Ken Elowe | 2:45 p.m. |
| **ADJOURN** | | **3:00 p.m.** |

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