



A Partnership to Restore and Protect the Sound

Long Island Sound Study Executive Steering Committee (ESC)
November 5, 2012 Meeting

Attendees (committee members in bold): NYSDEC: **Jim Tierney, Kathy Moser**, Lorraine Holdridge, Karen Chytalo, Dawn McReynolds, Sarah Deonarine, CTDEEP: **Betsey Wingfield**, Brian Thompson, Robert Hust, Corinne Fitting, Mark Parker, EPA R1: **Stephen Perkins**, Lynne Hamjian, Leah O'Neill, EPA LISO: Mark Tedesco, EPA ORD: Jim Latimer, CAC: Curt Johnson

Agenda Actions

FY13 Budget

1. With EPA Region 2 and the New York Citizen Advisory Committee co-chair unable to participate due to sudden conflicts arising as a result of Hurricane Sandy, the ESC agreed to postpone the FY13 budget discussion to a follow up ESC call to be scheduled. **Action: EPA-LISO will schedule a ESC call for late November/early December. The agenda will carry over discussion of support for state regulatory tools and programs and implications of Hurricane Sandy.**

Synthesis Book, *Long Island Sound: Prospects for the Urban Sea*

1. Jim Latimer gave an update on the book content and timeline. **Action: Mark Tedesco will distribute the summary of the knowledge gaps, research needs, and management recommendations identified in the book.**

Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan update

1. Jim Latimer provided an overview of the process and schedule for the CCMP update. Jim Tierney highlighted the need to consider the scope of the effort, particularly the relative focus on the whole watershed versus the waterbody. **Action: The CCMP work group will provide an update on CCMP planning process on the next ESC call. The work group will also consider the scope of effort entailed by the relative balance between watershed and waterbody focus.**

General Services Administration Procedure for noticing federal sale of Stewardship Sites

1. Curt Johnson highlighted the general issues related to the sale of federal property highlighted by the Stewardship Initiative for its high natural resource value, using Little Gull and Plum Island as examples. Kathy Moser reported on the NYSDEC efforts on behalf of Little Gull and Plum Island. She plans to brief the NYSDEC Commissioner on Plum Island and agreed to report on activities on the next call. **Action: The agenda for the next ESC call will include an update on Plum Island activities and opportunities for further coordination.**