



Meeting Minutes:

Attendees: Casey Personius, NYSDEC; Mark Parker, CTDEEP; Ben Jessup, Tetra Tech; Anthony Caniano, SCDOH; Audra Martin, NEIWPC; Cayla Sullivan, EPA; Chet Arnold, UCONN; Dave Dickson, UCONN; George Hoffman, SHTF; Heather Johnson, FOB; Holly Drinkuth, LISS CAC/TNC; Jim Ammerman, LISO; Jimena Viscasillas-Perez, NYSG; Judy Preston, CTSG; Julia Socrates, NYSDEC; Kathleen Knight, CTDEEP; Katie O'Brien-Clayton, CTDEEP; Kelly Streich, CTDEEP; Leah O'Neill, EPA; Mark Parker, CTDEEP; Nancy Roth, Tetra Tech; Paige Hobaugh, Tetra Tech; Peg Pelletier, EPA; Richard Friesner, NEIWPC; Sarah Deonarine, MBPC; Susan Van Patten, NYSDEC; Tracy Brown, STS; Victoria O'Neill, NYSDEC/NEIWPC.

Benthic Macroinvertebrate Index Development Update

Benjamin Jessup, Tetra Tech, gave an overview of the progress that has been made to date on the development of a Benthic Macroinvertebrate Index for Long Island Sound. For a detailed overview see the attached presentation.

Review and Revision: 2020 WW IA Supporting Documents Update

Casey Personius and Mark Parker reviewed the supporting 1-page documents associated with the revised 2020 – 2024 Clean Waters and Healthy Watersheds Implementation Actions. There are 5 new IA's: WW – 6, WW – 17, WW – 24, WW – 31, WW – 39. The supporting 1-pagers need to be developed for these new IA's. Mark Parker will draft language for these new IA's and send them for review. There are 10 IA's that either received significant revision or were split into multiple IA's. The associated supporting documents for these IA's, identified in yellow in the attached spreadsheet, need attention and potentially revision as well. The WEWG reviewed the first few of these during the meeting. The complete list of WW supporting documents, with comments on changes, and a spreadsheet describing changes will be provided for review. Please send additional comments to C. Personius by **COB on 8/31/2020**.

General Check-In

- Tracy Brown, STS: Save The Sounds has been working on the 2020 LIS Report Card which is scheduled to be released in October. STS will be reaching out to stakeholders to offer preview webinars which will include the Unified Water Study embayment grades for the first time. They have also expanded the Sound Health Explorer Web Tool to include the new report card data, Unified Water Study data, and sea level rise projection data. The updated tool will undergo a soft-launch by the end of August and report card data will be included as in becomes available.
- Richard Friesner, NEIWPC: Welcomed Cayla Sullivan, EPA, to the program. We are all happy to have her as part of the LISS team.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 18th from 10-12pm

Adjourn

Thanks for a productive meeting. Have a great day and stay safe!