

Lake Champlain Basin Program  
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
9:30 AM – 3:00 PM  
LCBP Conference Room, Gordon Center House, Grand Isle, VT

**TAC Meeting Summary**

**I. Updates and Announcements**

- a. **Laura DiPietro, VAAFM** – Stakeholder meetings are going on for draft agriculture rules to be released in January. The Clean water fund board met yesterday regarding first two years of funding. Funding is now established through State FY 2017, for broad categories. Funds should be available beginning in June 2016.
- b. **Jamie Shanley, USGS** – IJC flood study is in draft form. Stephanie Castle provided more details; Eric will circulate a link to the maps generated for the project.
- c. **Bob Brower, NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets** - NYS announced \$1.2 million for climate resident farming, \$800,000 for manure storage covers and flare for greenhouse gases, \$150,000 each for riparian buffers and soil health/cover crops. SWCD's can apply.
- d. **Neil Kamman, VTDEC** – VT Dept of Forest Parks & Recreation filed the AMP revisions with the Secretary of State pursuant to the VT process for formally promulgating a rule or rule amendment.
- e. **Bernie P., VT FWD** – Atlantic salmon in Hatchery Brook are running now, in record numbers.

**II. Summary of Previous TAC Meeting**

- a. Review and approve minutes from the October 7<sup>th</sup> TAC meeting.
- b. Motion to approve by Mark M., Neil K. All in favor. No abstentions.

**III. LCBP updates, *Eric Howe, LCBP***

- a. Stephanie provided an update on the International Joint Commission study examining the flooding issues in Lake Champlain and the Richelieu River. The Task Force is wrapping up their report and expect to have it available in early 2016. They held two technical workgroup meetings last week to present the data they have gathered and maps generated to-date for this project.

**IV. FY16 Technical Project Concept Papers review, Mike Winslow, TAC Chair/LCC & Eric Howe, LCBP**

- a. Eric briefly reviewed the on-line ranking process that TAC will use the week prior to the January 6 TAC meeting, and the scoring criteria that TAC used last year.
- b. Laura D. expressed concern about projects that came in from folks not on TAC that were duplicative of projects proposed by TAC members. Laura suggested that one-pagers be first submitted to special review committees that could avoid such duplication in the future.
- c. Mike W. led the discussions of the 1-page concept papers that were submitted for TAC to review for the FY16 budget process. Summaries of comments and adjustments are provided in the attached spreadsheet. All of the 2.x (monitoring) projects and most of

the 4.x (phosphorus) projects were covered. The 5.x (toxins and human health), 6.x (fish and wildlife), and 7.x (AIS) projects will be covered at the December meeting. TAC will finish reviewing these projects in December, review any other projects from this meeting as needed, and then do the web poll before the January meeting. TAC will convene on January 6 to review the results of the web poll and vote on the list of ranked projects to send to the Executive Committee for consideration.

- V. **Workplan review:** Biennial update of tributary concentration and loading estimates plus trend estimate with uncertainty for concentrations and loads, *Laura Medalie, USGS*
- a. TAC reviewed this workplan from the FY15 EPA budget for approval.
  - b. Motion to approve by Neil K., second by Martin. All in favor. Jamie Shanley abstained.

**VI. 3:00 PM Adjourn**

**Attendance:**

TAC: Mike Winslow (TAC Chair; LCC), Jamie Shanley (USGS), Kip Potter (NRCS-VT), Bernie Pientka (VTFWD), Mark Malchoff (LCSG), John Kanoza (Clinton Co. DOH), Kevin Behm (Addison Co RPC), Eric Smeltzer (VTDEC), Fred Dunlap (NYSDEC), Jenn Callahan (VTRANS), Neil Kamman (VTDEC), Laura DiPietro (VAAF), Martin Mimeault (MDDELCC), Eric Young (Miner Institute), Kevin Farrington (City of Plattsburgh) Phone: Ed Snizek (APA), MaryJo Feuerbach (EPA R1)

LCBP: Eric Howe, Stephanie Castle, Meg Modley, Michaela Stickney (LCBP/VTANR)

Guests: Madeleine Cotter (VTDEC); Phone: Mark Scott (VTFWD), Julie Moore (Stone Env), Mark Voorhees (US EPA), Rich Langdon (VTDEC), Christine Vatovec (UVM), Beth Gilles (LCLGRP), Heather Darby (UVM Extension), Tom Manley (Middlebury), Eric Perkins (USEPA), Jim Jutras (Village of Essex Junction), Andy Chevrefils (VTDOH), Angela Shambaugh (VTDEC).