

**Lake Champlain Basin Program
Technical Advisory Committee meeting
Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

TAC meeting summary

Attendees: Neil Kamman, William Ardren, Angela Shambaugh, Fred Dunlap, Leigh Walrath, Mark Malchoff, Ryan Davies, Bernie Pientka, Eric Perkins, Jamie Shanley, Bryan Dore, Kevin Behm, James Jutras, Ryan Cunningham (phone), Dennis DeWeese (phone), Laura DiPietro (phone)

Staff: Lauren Jenness, Meg Modley, Ellen Kujawa, Matthew Vaughan

Updates, announcements, and public comments

- Mark Malchoff: Site review for LCSG coming up in March. This is the third site review since 2015, and this year LCSG will be on the same level as other sea grant programs in the country. The International Association of Great Lakes Research Conference will be held in SUNY-Brockport, NY, June 10-14.
- Bryan Dore: EPA budget is out, and Lake Champlain has an \$11 million appropriation. There may also be an opportunity to address invasive species in the Basin with new funds from the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA).

Review and approve summary of previous TAC meeting

- Bernie Pientka moves to approve the minutes as written; Bill Ardren seconds. All in favor; motion is carried.

LCBP updates, *LCBP staff*

- Matt Vaughan provided an update on the LCBP budget and on upcoming budget meetings of the Executive and Steering Committees.
- Neil Kamman received the legendary aquatic biologist award at the Northeast Aquatic Biologists conference last week. Congratulations, Neil!
- Bill Ardren won the USFWS Rachel Carson award, a national award to recognize a significant contribution to science-based conservation. Congratulations, Bill!
- Matt has reached out to New York partners to coordinate a dam removal task force. Mark Malchoff would like to be added to this committee.
- Ellen Kujawa provided an update on IJC projects. Both projects were on hold for the federal shutdown, up and running again now. The flood study is moving along, and there are a handful of upcoming meetings of the study board and public advisory group. The water quality project is also progressing. Holding a science and policy workshop on May 8th at St Michael's, TAC members are welcome to attend.
- Meg Modley noted that the seasonal boat launch steward job announcement has been posted. There will be a USACE Section 542 workshop on March 20th. Neil Kamman noted that there is a current St. Albans Bay study currently in the execution phases with USACE Section 542 funding.
- In February, the TAC provided conditional approval of the tile drain report. Matt has additional revision requests that he would like Stone to include, and if any TAC members would like to be part of the ongoing approval conversation, please let Matt know.
- Motion to authorize a subcommittee to review and finalize the Stone tile drain final report by Kevin Behm, second by Angela Shambaugh. All in favor; motion is carried. TAC would like to see an update when this final report has been officially approved, and TAC will receive a summary of edits (or red-lined edited final draft).

Review of FY19 technical proposals to support Opportunities for Action

Before entering executive session, the TAC discussed conflicts of interest using proposal ID numbers. Four TAC members are recused completely from the review process: Andrew Schroth, Mindy Morales-Williams, Kip Potter, and Steve Kramer.

members with specific conflicts of interest did not score or discuss these projects:

Curt Gervich: 12

Mark Malchoff: 12

Breck Bowden: 9, 2, 14, 12

Bernie: 10, 8

Fred: 5, 4, 6

Jamie: 14, 2, 9

Motion to enter executive session to discuss confidential FY19 technical proposals by James Jutras, second by Bill Ardren. All in favor; motion is carried.

The TAC exited executive session and adjourned the meeting with no further business.