

Minutes
Peconic Estuary Program
Natural Resources Subcommittee (NRS) Meeting
Thursday, June 23, 2011
10:00am- 12:00noon

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County
Second Floor Conference Room
423 Griffing Ave Riverhead, NY

Welcome & Introductions

Wayne Grothe introduced Julie Nace, new Peconic Estuary Program Coordinator for DEC of 4/4/11. Julie Nace gave a brief description of her background and work so far.

Discussion

Julie Nace - Update on current Habitat Restoration Plans (FY09 and FY10 Conceptual Design Projects and HRP_IPRs, Inventory, Tracking Tables – all to be updated in Fall 2011)

Kim Shaw – provided updates of Habitat Restoration contracts – Land Use will be contractor for the five habitat restoration plans.

Discussion

Julie Nace – Update on Eelgrass Implementation Progress Report and Eelgrass Management Plan: Implementation Tracking Table (will be updated this summer). Met with Chris Pickerell (CCE) for orientation on eelgrass. Chris Pickerell and his team provides a yearly report on their eelgrass monitoring efforts. They are also conducting research on planting methods, and logging light and temperature conditions in eelgrass beds for study.

Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) Presentation

Mr. Bob Lee (P.E.): Sewage Treatment Plant effluent discharge plan(presentation on waste water treatment facility upgrades including background, source of metals, history of Peconic River drainage and environmental impacts).

Mr. Skip Medeiros: BNL efforts to ensure the quality of the Peconic River (presentation included 2004/05 Peconic River Clean-up, 2006-10 Monitoring and 2010/11 Peconic River Clean-up).

General Discussion and Questions– all positive about this project (Romaine, Dawydiak)

Attendees: Julie Nace, Dawn McReynolds, Matt Sclefani, Larry Penny, Emily Fogarty, Mike Jensen, Doug Feldman, Joe Hall, Byron Young, Sherry Johnson, Douglas Paquette, Bob Lee, Tim Green, Rick Balla, Kim Shaw, Chris Lubicich, George Bartuner, Wayne Grothe, Walter Dawydiak, Skip Medeiros, Lynn Mendelman, Dick Mendelman, Glynis Berry