



**Peconic Estuary Program (PEP)
Management Committee Meeting Via Conference Call
July 29, 2015, 2:00pm**

Attendees: Seth Ausubel, Dana Flint, Sheri Jewhurst, Julie Nace, Alison Branco, Christopher Scott, Elyse Jay, Dorian Dale, Kevin McDonald, Matthew Sclafani, Michael Collins, AL Krupski, Bill Wise, Laura Tooman, Emily Bird, Denise Weiss.

Welcome and Introductions (**Seth Ausubel**, *EPA Region 2*)

NYS Budget Line Item – Spending Plan - (**Alison Branco**, *PEP Program Director*):

- Discussion of memo re: Management Committee decision at June 10 meeting to request funding directed toward CCMP Revision.
- The Committee voted to endorse this proposal. Discussion about the need to direct funding as MC recommends.
ACTION: Circulate memo to the Policy Committee, NYS elected officials, and NYSDEC representatives.
- Bill Wise, NY Sea Grant, circulated proposal for mechanism to expend funds on CCMP Revision via existing MOU between NYS DEC and Stony Brook University with Sea Grant facilitating/administering.
ACTION: Circulate proposal and discuss with NYSDEC.

Action Plan

- Summary of work to date and status [DRAFT FINAL] - (**Seth Ausubel**, *EPA Region 2*)
- Summary of contents (**Alison Branco**, *PEP Program Director*):
 - Focus slightly more narrow than CCMP: Nitrogen, HABS, Pathogens, Habitat Restoration, Climate Change, Education and Outreach, Monitoring, Program Management and Financing
 - Short term actions with timelines 0-3 years, cost estimates, staff time estimates
 - Long Term actions follow-on from short-term actions, will be incorporated into CCMP Revision
 - Non-optional tasks use all available staff time. Actions required or already committed to total up to 7.2 FTE and \$1.4M (we have approx. 4 FTE and \$600,000 annual grant plus SC & NYS contributions) – see last line.
ACTION: Committee Members send feedback/edits via e-mail to Alison by AUGUST 19.

CCMP Revision: Planning Timeline (**Alison Branco**, *PEP Program Director*)

- Draft timeline presented for 2018 completion
- Discussion:
 - Public comment strategy development must begin early
 - Next Public Education and Outreach contract to incorporate CCMP Revision outreach

New Business



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- Michael Collins: Southold has developed update land use data, working with other towns in Peconic Watershed to develop similar dataset with consistent methodologies and categorization. Would like to ensure that future modeling incorporates the best available land use data.
 - Al Krupski: Inquired if Action Plan included wildlife pathogen control? Action plan is not this specific, but does mention NYS DEC “Pathogen Embayment Study” aimed at further investigating sources of pathogen contamination.