

NEBAWWG

December 1, 2011

Location: Region 1 Lab, Chelmsford, MA

Time: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Agenda

- 9:15 AM Refreshments
- 9:30 AM Welcome and Introductions
- 9:35 AM State and Researcher Updates
Please come prepared to give a brief overview (15 min.) of:
- Current issues/efforts in your M&A program
 - WPDG projects
 - How do you envision the M&A data will be utilized in your regulatory programs?
- 11:30 AM Northeast Floristic Quality Assessment (Jason Bried, TNC and Theresa Portante, NEIWPCC)
- Final Report presentation
 - Access to lists – NEIWPCC website, Database
 - Work plan for FY11 WPDG – FQA NEBAWWG Workshop
- 12:00 PM Lunch (*Please bring \$4 if you would like to participate in a pizza order*)
- 12:45 PM Update on National Wetland Condition Assessment (Beth Alafat, EPA)
- Request states that participated to share their experience with the assessment approach
 - What worked well with the NWCA and what did not? (This could be used to report back to HQ to help refine the protocol)
 - Can we use the NWCA to help in the development of a Regional M&A approach?
- 1:30 PM Wetland Water Quality Standards in the Northeast (Jeanne Christie, ASWM)
- 2:10 PM Break
- 2:15 PM Regional Wetland Assessment Method (Jennifer McCarthy, ACOE)
- Purpose of developing a regional standardized methodology and interest in adopting methods that are calibrated for use within the States
 - Environmental factors the Corps considers when evaluating wetland impacts and associated compensatory mitigation proposals
 - Type of assessment methods and timeline the Corps is pursuing; Function, condition and/or hybrid (Define function vs. condition)
 - Uses of the regional methodology in the New England regulatory program
- 3:00 PM Where are we going with M&A over the next 5 years? (Beth Alafat, EPA)
- 3:20 PM Wrap-up
- Discuss date for next meeting
 - Agenda
- 3:30 PM Adjourn