

2015 Rhode Island Wildlife Action Plan
Scientific Review Committee Workshop
Final Review of SGCN and Key Habitat Conservation Actions
URI Bay Campus, 215 S Ferry Rd, Narragansett, RI 02882
October 8, 2014

Agenda 9 a.m. – Noon (Lunch Provided)

Purpose: To provide a progress report on the RI WAP revision and solicit final input on the proposed actions to conserve SGCN species and key habitats and input into the RI WAP revision

9:00-9:15 a.m. Welcoming Remarks and Workshop Introduction

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- Update on RI WAP Process and Timeline
- Review of Agenda and Workshop Objectives

9:15- 9:30 a.m. Overview of Actions and Threats identified for SGCN Species and Key Habitats

- Overview of the threats and conservation actions for SGCN and key habitats, etc.
- Clarifying Questions?

9:30- 10:30 a.m. Break out into topic stations and visit each taxa /habitat table to provide input

- *Visit Taxa tables*
Visit each taxa or habitat table and provide your comments to the taxa teams
Provide any updated information or comments you have.

Q and A

10:30-11::30 a.m. Overview and Discussion of Suggested RI WAP Conservation Opportunity Area Approach

The RI WAP uses a landscape conservation approach that uses information on species, habitats and threats to spatially depict areas that offer the best opportunities for SGCN conservation, also known as Conservation Opportunity Areas or COAs.

- Presentations

Kevin Ruddock (TNC) from the Key Habitats Team - summarizes the conservation approach including available maps (e.g., resiliency, connectedness, vulnerability, etc.)

Paul Jordan/Scott Millar (RIDEM) presentation on new Planning information and maps

Q and A

11:30-11:45 am Update on Outreach to Municipalities and Conservation Organizations (e.g., land trusts)

Results from RI WAP outreach to municipalities and conservation organizations (e.g., land trusts) presented. Includes stakeholder input on how proposed plan elements interact with local processes and priorities, and what planning products and tools would be most useful to positively affect wildlife conservation in RI.

11:45 -12:00 pm Wrap-up and Next Steps

Lunch (*lunch will be provided*)

-- Thank you for your time and participation! It is greatly appreciated.--