

**Minutes from the SAB Ecological Processes Standing Committee Meeting
(June 11, 2012)**

- 1.) Opening statements made by Liaisons Bob Hazen and Joe Bilinski (announcement of Dr. Michael P. Weinstein as Acting Chair)
 - Brief Overview/Discussion of November 7th (2011) meeting and progress to date
 - Introduction and new focus by Dr. Weinstein
- 2.) Committee began discussion of current outline (moved to approve reorganization of the 11/7/11 outline, and approved the minutes from the Nov. 7th meeting), needs for defining Critical Habitat and to combine the “Current Regulatory Framework” section with the “Ecological Communities” section.
- 3.) Dr. Weinstein offered to revise the current outline, and to begin work immediately on drafting a report, starting with a discussion/focus on Ecology and Economy (1-3 pp.). He proposed to also solicit guidance from outside experts to contribute to various sections of the report, and to additionally serve as reviewers.
- 4.) Standing Committee and Dr. Weinstein revised the outline (Joe Bilinski to write and distribute). Assignments were then given to each Standing Committee member to draft.
- 5.) Dr. Weinstein expressed that he will contact Drs. DeVito and Weis in order to incorporate the sections they drafted in 2011 into the report, which will be greatly valued.
- 6.) Next meeting and schedule:
 - a.) Dr. Weinstein to contact all non-SAB Ecological Process members and ask for interest in support of the report.
 - b.) Draft due date for committee: 2 weeks (by 6/27/12)
 - c.) Next meeting: July 16th? Doodle poll to be sent.
 - d.) Agenda: Review Draft report, iterations/sections will be sent via email between Standing Committee members.

SAB Members in Attendance:

- Michael Weinstein
- Carolyn Bentivegna
- Zeyuan Qui
- Nai-chia Luke

- Jonathan Kennen
- Ursula Howson
- Charles Hartman

NJDEP Staff:

- Bob Hazen, Lead liaison (OS)
- Joe Bilinski, Liaison (OS)