

**Minutes from the SAB Ecological Processes Standing Committee Meeting  
(June 16, 2011)**

- 1.) The purpose of this meeting was to begin work on the Ecological Process Subcommittee report on the charge question related to the definition of Critical Wildlife Habitat and Endangered and Threatened Species Habitat.
- 2.) Each of the eight subparts of the charge question were discussed with various approaches considered.
- 3.) Dr. DeVito commented that because habitat loss precedes the designation of Endangered and Threatened, there should be a concern for all habitats to prevent more species from entering this category.
- 4.) Dr Weinstein discussed the need for a regional (multistate) approach to the habitat loss problem and also the advisability of peer review for the final report.
- 5.) The potential need for some additional technical input from DEP staff in the preparation of the report and the creation of a subcommittee to begin outlining and drafting an early version were discussed.
- 6.) The next follow-up meeting will be late July or early August 2011, at the USGS Bear Tavern Rd. Facility.

**SAB Members in Attendance:**

Emile DeVito (Chair)  
Carolyn Bentivegna  
Jonathan Kennen  
Michael Weinstein

**NJDEP Staff:**

Robert Hazen, Lead Liaison (OS)