

**Minutes from the SAB Ecological Processes Standing Committee Meeting
(September 12, 2011)**

- 1.) Opening statements made by Dr. Emile DeVito (Chair).
 - Brief Overview/Discussion of June 16th (2011) meeting and progress to date
- 2.) Notes approved by Standing Committee for June 16th.
- 3.) Committee began discussion of core need and focus for report, looking at guidance documents relating to:
 - a. Wildlife Action Plans (WAPs)– land preservation (Chris Schantz in NJDEP)
 - b. Importance of biodiversity/wildlife conservation areas
 - c. Voluntary landowner plans for enhancing/protecting habitat
 - d. Describing habitat according to different NJ bioregions
- 4.) Committee discussed strategies on how to maintain core areas of biodiversity, and how to reconnect fragmented habitat (perhaps use WAP approach).
- 5.) Committee members began to create and piece together ideas for a rough outline for the Critical Habitat report; different members to be assigned sections.
- 6.) Next meeting: to be determined via Doodle poll, will be working group meeting for Standing Committee members only; all report section iterations to be exchanged via email.

SAB Members in Attendance:

- Emile DeVito
- Robert Hoke
- Carolyn Bentivegna
- Zeyuan Qui
- Jonathan Kennen

NJDEP Staff:

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