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