**LAKE CHAMPLAIN FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE**

**Policy Committee Meeting**

**August 21, 2019, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Club Room, Basin Harbor Club/Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, Vergennes, VT**

**FINAL DRAFT Agenda**

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| 9:30 a.m. | **Coffee and Treats (provided)** |  |
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| 10:00 a.m. | **Convene** |  |
|  | Introductions, Review Agenda, LogisticsReview/Approve Minutes and Action Items from 2018Agency Announcements and Budget UpdatesFY 19 and 20 Federal Budget and Legislative Updates Relevant to Lake Champlain | *Wendi Weber, Andrew Milliken (USFWS)**Policy Committee: Louis Porter (VTFWD), Tony Wilkinson (NYSDEC), Wendi Weber**Tom Berry (Senator Leahy)* |
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| 10:30 a.m.  | **Fisheries Updates** |  |
|  | Fisheries Technical Committee Annual Report | *Bill Ardren (USFWS) 15 min.* |
| Salmonid Condition Indicators | *Bill Ardren, Bernie Pientka (VTFWD) 15 min.* |
| River-Run Salmon Restoration Updates & Draft Plan | *Bill Ardren (USFWS) 15 min.* |
| Sturgeon Assessment and Status of Petition to List  | *Donna Parrish (USGS), Andrew Milliken 15 min.* |
| Hatchery Updates | *Kevin Kelsey (VTFWD), Steve Hurst (NYSDEC) Henry Bouchard (USFWS) 15 min.* |
| Sauger Update | *Steve Hurst 5 min.* |
| Lake Trout Research Results | *Ellen Marsden (UVM) 15 min.* |
| Aquatic Habitat Restoration Updates | *Chris Smith (USFWS), Nicole Balk (NYSDEC), 15 min.* |
| International Year of the Salmon | *Jazzy Hannon-Moonstone (USFWS) 10 min.* |
| 12:30 p.m. | **Lunch (provided) and tour of the sailing canal boat *Lois McClure* and International Year of the Salmon at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum (2 minute drive)** |

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| 1:30 p.m. | **Sea Lamprey Control**  |  |
|  | Status, Assessment Results, Control Updates, 2019 Plans | *Brad Young (USFWS)* |
|  | Lampricide Toxicity Study Results, Environmental Assessment, Next Steps |  |
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| 2:15 p.m. | **Strategic Plan Review and Update** |  |
|  | Review of approach, draft revised plan and next steps  | *Steve Hurst, Eric Palmer (VTFWD), Andrew Milliken, Ellen Marsden & team* |
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| 3:30 p.m. | **Cormorant Management on Lake Champlain** |  |
|  | Results of recent Cormorant and Free-Swimming Fish Workshop, next steps, status of control on Lake Champlain | *Caleb Spiegel and Randy Dettmers (USFWS) via phone*  |
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| 3:40 p.m. | **Lake Champlain Basin Program Updates** |  |
|  | Update on Fish and Wildlife Related Projects and Aquatic Invasive Species | *Eric Howe (LCBP)* |
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| 3:55 p.m. | **Additional Agenda Items; Review Next Steps and Action Items** | *Policy Committee* |
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| 4:00 p.m. | **Adjourn** |  |
| *4:15 p.m.* | ***Rowing Champlain Longboats at Maritime Museum*** | *All who are interested* |

