**LAKE CHAMPLAIN FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE**

**Policy Committee Meeting – Kehoe Conservation Camp (VT)**

**636 Point of Pines Rd, Castleton, VT 05735**

**August 29, 2023, 9:30-2:30**

**AGENDA**

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| **Time** | **Topic** | **Presenter** |
| 9:00  9:30  9:40  10:10 | Morning coffee and conversation - optional  Introductions, Review Agenda, Logistics  Identify Recorder (USFWS turn) | All  Eric Palmer (VTFWD), Christopher Herrick (VTFWD) |
| Agency Announcements and Budget Updates | Policy Committee:  Christopher Herrick (VTFWD), Jackie Lendrum (NYSDEC), Kyla Hastie (USFWS) |
| Future Coop meeting schedule (shift this meeting to March) | Policy Committee |
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| 10:20 | Management Committee update/overview | Steve Hurst (NYSDEC),  Eric Palmer (VTFWD),  Lowell Whitney (USFWS) |
| 10:30 | Fisheries Technical Committee Annual Report Summary and Updates | Nicole Balk (NYSDEC) |
| Progress Report based on Strategic Plan - 45 min  \*Atlantic Salmon  \*Lake Trout  \*Sea Lamprey | Laurie Earley (USFWS)  Bernie Pientka (VTFWD)  Brad Young (USFWS) |
| 11:15 | BREAK - 10 min |  |
| 11:25 | FTC Update on Salmonid Indicators - 15 min | Bernie Pientka |
| 11:40 | Hatchery updates – 20 min | Paige Blaker (VTFWD),  Shane Hanlon (USFWS) |
| 12:00 | LUNCH - 45 min (sandwich fixings, salad and drinks provided) |  |
| 12:45 | Research Updates  \*Atlantic Salmon – 5min  \*Lake Trout – 10 min  \*Lake Sturgeon -5 min | Laurie Earley (USFWS)  Ellen Marsden (UVM)  Margaret Murphy (VFWD) |
| 1:05 | Sauger discussion – 5 min | Rob Fiorentino (NYSDEC) |
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| 1:10 | **Questions and Discussion** **– 15 min** | All |
| 1:25 | Approval of Fisheries Technical Committee Report | Policy Committee |
| 1:30 | BREAK - 5 min |  |
| 1:35 | Aquatic Habitat Restoration in the LC Basin  Lower Saranac River, Boquet R, Upper Missisquoi Culvert Initiative, Imperial fish ladder, National Fish Passage program | Chris Smith (USFWS)  Rob Fiorentino (NYSDEC) |
| 2:00 | LC Canal Project Update  AIS update – Round goby and grass carp | Meg Modley (LCBP) |
| 2:30 | Adjourn | All |