

## Chapter 5



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*Hosting a public meeting*

## Consultation and Coordination with Others



**Background**

We presented in chapter 1, figure 1-1, the steps in the comprehensive conservation planning process and how it integrates NEPA requirements including public involvement. What follows is the chronology of public outreach activities we conducted while preparing this document.

**Planning Updates, Issues Workbook, and Other Newsletters**

August 2001	Distributed newsletter announcing that we were beginning the planning process and to ask if people wanted to be on our mailing list
June 2002	Distributed the issues workbook and planning newsletter to approximately 1,000 names on our mailing list
Fall/Winter 2004	Distributed 219 stakeholder surveys in cooperation with U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
August 2005	Distributed our “Planning Update” to everyone on our mailing list
November 2005	Distributed the Executive Summary of USGS stakeholder survey

**Public Scoping Meetings – Meeting Our Refuge Neighbors at Open Houses**

July 30, 2002	Number of non-FWS attendants: 44 Location: Errol, NH
August 1, 2002	Number of non-FWS attendants: 21 Location: Berlin, NH
August 2, 2002	Number of non-FWS attendants: 13 Location: Bethel, ME
August 3, 2002	Number of non-FWS attendants: 6 Location: Umbagog Wildlife Festival in Errol, NH
August 28, 2002	Number of non-FWS attendants: 10 Location: Augusta, ME
August 29, 2002	Number of non-FWS attendants: 21 Location: Concord, NH

**Updating Various Constituents on Our Progress**

August 21, 2001	Number of non-FWS attendants: 1 Location: Phillips Brook Backcountry Recreation Area Audience: Bill Altenberg, Timberland Trails, Inc.
January 15, 2002	Number of non-FWS attendants: 5 Location: Concord, NH Audience: Society for the Protection of NH Forests
February 5, 2002	Number of non-FWS attendants: 6 Location: Concord, NH Audience: The NH Nature Conservancy

**Meetings with State  
Partners and Other  
Conservation Experts**

February 6, 2002  
Number of non-FWS attendants: 10  
Location: Concord, NH  
Audience: NH Audubon Society

September 23, 2002  
Number of non-FWS attendants: 2  
Location: USFWS Regional Office, Hadley, MA,  
Audience: The Wilderness Society

**August 22, 2001**

*Outreach activity:* New Hampshire Fish and Game - Director's Meeting

*Purpose:* Discuss refuge programs and how they will be addressed in the CCP.

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* 4

*Audience:* Wayne Vetter, Director NHFG; Steve Weber, Division Chief, NHFG; Charlie Bridges, Habitat and Diversity Programs Admin, NHFG; Will Staats, Regional Wildlife Biologist, NHFG; Dan Ashe, Chief, National Wildlife Refuge System; Tony Leger, Regional Chief, National Wildlife Refuge System; Dick Dyer, Refuge Supervisor; Sue McMahon, Chief-Division of Refuges; Paul Casey, Refuge Manager; Laurie Wunder, Deputy Refuge Manager; Nancy McGarigal, Refuge Planner

**September 11, 2001**

*Outreach activity:* Planning Meeting

*Purpose:* Discuss land conservation proposal as part of the CCP.

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* 1

*Audience:* Phil Bryce, Director of NH Division of Forests and Lands

**September 19, 2001**

*Outreach activity:* Planning Meeting

*Purpose:* Discuss core team representatives

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* 4

*Audience:* New Hampshire Fish and Game

**October 30, 2001**

*Outreach activity:* Planning Meeting

*Purpose:* Identify HH Fish and Game as core team member

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* 4

*Audience:* Susan Arnold, Policy Director, Office of the Governor, Wayne Vetter, Steve Weber, Charlie Bridges, Paul Casey.

**January 22, 2002**

*Outreach activity:* Planning Meeting

*Purpose:* To discuss the feasibility of doing the cover type mapping following National Vegetation Classification standards.

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* 2

*Audience:* NH Heritage Program

**February 11, 2002**

*Outreach activity:* Planning Meeting

*Purpose:* Forest and woodcock management strategies.

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* 2

*Audience:* Will Staats, NHFG, Chuck Hulse, MDIFW, Ian Drew, Lake Umbagog NWR

**August 28, 2002**

*Outreach activity:* Planning Meeting

*Purpose:* To explain the CCP process to all ME state agencies with jurisdiction or management interest in the refuge, and to discuss any issues, concerns or opportunities with refuge management and refuge resources.

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* 11

*Audience:* Meeting with ME state agencies

**August 29, 2002**

*Outreach activity:* Planning Meeting

*Purpose:* To explain the CCP process to all NH state agencies with jurisdiction or management interest in the refuge, and to discuss any issues, concerns or opportunities with refuge management and refuge resources.

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* 10

*Audience:* Meeting with NH state agencies

**November 20, 2002**

*Outreach activity:* Planning Meeting

*Purpose:* To discuss available information and information needs for addressing visitor services issues; to discuss a vision related to visitor services on the refuge; and to develop draft goals for visitor services.

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* 6

*Audience:* David Thurlow, Director of the Northern Forest Heritage Park; Johanna Lyons, NH DRED; Charlie Bridges, NH F&G; Judy Silverberg, NHFG; Chuck Hulsey, MDIFW; Forrest Bonney, MDIFW; USFWS Planning team members: Paul Casey; Ian Drew; Laurie Wunder; Jennifer Tietjen; Nancy McGarigal; Bill Zinni; Sarah Bevilacqua; Susan J. Russo

**November 22, 2002**

*Outreach activity:* Planning meeting

*Purpose:* Discuss use of ELU's in development of the CCP.

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* 1

*Audience:* Mark Anderson, TNC, Paul Casey, Laurie Wunder, Jennifer Casey

**December 3-5, 2002**

*Outreach activity:* Partners Workshop

*Purpose:* The purposes were to exchange information and identify species priorities so they could begin an integrated approach to planning in this region.

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* approximately 30

*Audience:* North Atlantic Forest (Lake Umbagog Region; BCR 14) NABCI partners

**April 2, 2003**

*Outreach Activity:* Planning Meeting

*Purpose:* To discuss how the Penobscot, Passamaquoddy (Pleasant Point and Indian Township reservations), Micmac, and Maliseet Tribal Governments can best participate in the CCP Process.

*Number of non-FWS Attendants:* 6

*Audience:* Steve Crawford, Passamaquoddy Tribe; Fred Corey, Aroostock Band of the Micmacs; Dave Macek, Aroostook Band of the Micmacs; Sharri Venno, Houlton Band of the Maliseet; John Banks, Penobscot Nation; Trevor White, Passamaquoddy Tribe. USFWS Planning Team Members: John Wilson, Nancy McGarigal, D.J. Monette, Stan Skutek, Tom Comish.

**April 9, 2003**

*Outreach activity:* Technical Workshop

*Purpose:* To determine goals and management options for emergent marsh, peatlands, and any adjacent communities that directly influence, or are influenced by, these community types.

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* 7

*Audience:* Charlie Bridges, NHFG; Will Staats, NHFG; Chuck Hulsey, MDIFW; Andy Weik, MDIFW; Ron Davis, University of Maine; Curtis Bohlen, Bates College; Jerry Longcore, USGS-BRD; Andrew Milliken, Migratory Bird Program, USFWS; USFWS Planning team members: Paul Casey; Ian Drew; Laurie Wunder; Jennifer Casey; Nancy McGarigal; Bill Zinni; Jennifer Tietjen

**April 15, 2003**

*Outreach activity:* Field trip

*Purpose:* Compare ELU's with actual site and vegetation conditions.

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* 2

*Audience:* Mark Anderson, TNC, Greg Kehm, TNC, Paul Casey, Laurie Wunder, Ian Drew, Jennifer Casey.

**May 14, 2003**

*Outreach activity:* Technical Workshop

*Purpose:* To discuss the importance of upland forests and identify goals and management options for this community type.

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* 11

*Audience:* Tom Hodgman, MDIFW; Chuck Hulsey, MDIFW; Charlie Bridges, NHFG; Will Staats, NHFG; John Lanier, NHFG; John Kanter, NHFG; Carol Foss, NH Audubon; Kevin Evans, Dartmouth College; Peter Ellis, Univ. of Vermont; Bill Keaton, Univ. of Vermont; Dave Capen, Univ. of Vermont; Randy Dettmers, Migratory Bird Program, USFWS; USFWS Planning team members: Paul Casey; Ian Drew; Laurie Wunder; Jennifer Casey; Nancy McGarigal; Bill Zinni

**August 4, 2003**

*Outreach activity:* Planning meeting

*Purpose:* Develop a more detailed soil survey map.

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* 2

*Audience:* Joe Homer and Steve Huntley, NRCS

**August 27, 2003**

*Outreach Activity:* Planning meeting with Tribal Natural Resources Coordinators

*Purpose:* to further develop opportunities/action items identified at April 2, 2003 meeting related to tribal involvement in refuge comprehensive conservation planning and other activities on refuges in Maine.

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* 6

*Audience:* Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs; John Banks, Penobscot Nation; Steve Crawford, Passamaquoddy Tribe; Trevor White, Passamaquoddy Tribe; Sharri Venno, Houlton Band of Maliseet; Donald Soctomah, Passamaquoddy Joint Council. USFWS Planning Team Members: DJ Monette, Tom Comish, Brian Benedict, John Wilson, Nancy McGarigal.

**January 13, 2004**

*Outreach activity:* Planning Meeting

*Purpose:* To discuss disturbance regimes and forest conditions of pre-settlement New England forests (based on data from mid 1700's to early 1800's); and to use the information obtained to help develop our alternative C.

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* 2

*Audience:* Dr. Cogbill, New England Historical Ecologist; Will Staats, NHFG; Laurie Wunder, USFWS

**June 2, 2004**

*Outreach activity:* Field trip

*Purpose:* Assess lake for Bald Eagle habitat

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* 3

*Audience:* Charlie Todd, MDIFW, Chuck Hulse, MDIFW, Will Staats, NHFG, Paul Casey and Ian Drew

**June 7, 2004**

*Outreach activity:* Field Trip

*Purpose:* To visit field locations where trajectory of forest succession was questionable; e.g. given the soils type, the group was to evaluate what the vegetation might look like under unmanaged conditions.

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* 4

*Audience:* Steve Fay, Soil Scientist, USFS; Bill Leek, Soil Scientist, USFS; Dave Farick, Forester, NH Division of Forests and Lands; Joe Homer, Soil Survey Leader, NRCS; USFWS Planning team members: Paul Casey; Ian Drew; Laurie Wunder; Jennifer Casey

**June 14, 2004**

*Outreach activity:* Field trip

*Purpose:* Assess Refuge habitat for waterfowl

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* 1

*Audience:* Jerry Longcore, USGS, Laurie Wunder, Ian Drew and Paul Casey.

**October 26, 2004**

*Outreach activity:* Land acquisition planning meeting with NH Agency Personnel

*Purpose:* To discuss land acquisition

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* 4

*Audience:* Ed Robinson, NH; Jill Kelly, NH; Will Staats, NH; Diane Emerson, NH; USFWS Team Members: Paul Casey, Ian Drew.

**March 25, 2005**

*Outreach activity:* CCP Update and Land Acquisition Discussion

*Purpose:* To discuss topics such as Refuge Improvement Act, CCP, Land Acquisition, Public Use, Habitat Management, and Administration of the Refuge.

*Number of non-FWS attendants:* 6

*Audience:* Phil Bryce, State Forester, NH DRED; Lee Perry, Director, NHFG, Charlie Bridges, NHFG; Steve Weber, NHFG; Johanna Lyons, NH DRED; Allison McLean, Director of Parks, NH DRED; Paul Casey, USFWS; Ian Drew, USFWS

**Briefing Elected Officials and Others**

October 30, 2001	New Hampshire Governor's Office
March 14, 2002	NH Senators in Washington, DC
June 11, 2002	Aides to Senator Gregg in NH
June 19, 2002	Aides to Representative Bass in NH
February 15, 2005	Matt Hogan, Acting Director of USFWS
July 10, 2005	Aide to Senator Sununu in NH
July 26, 2005	Senator Gregg in NH

