



SOUTH ATLANTIC

LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION COOPERATIVE

A Conservation Conversation - The Role of Objectives in Conservation Planning

Dates: Oct 16-18, 2012

Location: [Coastal Georgia Center](#), 305 Fahm Street, Rm 111, Savannah, GA

Goal: Review multiple processes for establishing conservation objectives while providing specific feedback on: 1) Draft processes from the South Atlantic LCC and the Fish and Wildlife Service and 2) Use group expertise to test out and refine joint process in a specific habitat

Facilitation: Provided by Group Solutions

Objectives/**Products:**

- Review the importance of establishing objectives
- Provide opportunities for partners to share respective approaches
- Present and obtain **feedback** on the SALCC's draft natural resource indicator process
- Present and obtain **feedback** on the FWS draft Guidance on Selecting Species for Design of Landscape-scale Conservation
- Test and refine the SALCC process that will be used to satisfy both processes

Oct 16

12:00pm	Welcome and objectives of the workshop (David Viker, SALCC Steering Committee rep for US Fish and Wildlife Service)
12:20pm	Introductions (Group Solutions)
12:30pm	Discussion of results from Raleigh (Brett & Vern Group Solutions)
1:00pm	SALCC process and discussion (Rua Mordecai)
2:00pm	Break
2:30pm	FWS steps 1-3 (John Doresky)
2:45pm	FWS steps 4-7 (Troy Wilson)
3:10pm	FWS steps 8-10 (Sandy Tucker)
3:25pm	Summary of process crosswalk (Rua Mordecai)
3:40pm	Discussion of processes and crosswalk (Brett and Vern - Group Solutions)
5:00pm	Close for the day

Oct 17

- 8:30am Intro to day 2 (Ken McDermond, SALCC Coordinator)
- 8:45am Role of objectives in conservation planning (National Fish and Wildlife Foundation)
- 9:30am Introduction to lessons learned from existing approaches (Rua Mordecai, SALCC)
- 9:40am The Nature Conservancy (Maria Whitehead)
- 10:00am GA Department of Natural Resources (Jon Ambrose)
- 10:20am South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (Breck Carmichael)
- 10:40am Break
- 11:00am US Forest Service (Mary Long)
- 11:20am National Park Service (Joe DeVivo)
- 11:40am Environmental Protection Agency (Rick Durbrow)
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 1:00pm Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership (Emily Granstaff)
- 1:20pm Atlantic Coast Joint Venture (Tim Jones)
- 1:40pm Discussion of lessons learned (Facilitation: Brett+Vern - Group Solutions)
- 2:20pm Break
- 2:40pm Test run off the SALCC process for a specific habitat (Rua Mordecai)
- 3:20pm Discussion of the test run - what worked well and what didn't? (Facilitation: Brett+Vern - Group Solutions)
- 4:00pm Discussion of roles and responsibilities - Selecting indicators and potential implications (Facilitation: Brett+Vern - Group Solutions)

Oct 18

- 8:30am Recap of feedback and big ideas so far (Facilitation: Brett+Vern - Group Solutions)
- 8:45am Continued discussion of roles and responsibilities (Facilitation: Brett+Vern - Group Solutions)
- 10:00am Break
- 10:30am Workshop summary statement - Take home messages from this meeting (Facilitation: Brett+Vern - Group Solutions)
- 11:25am Workshop evaluation
- 11:30am Next steps (SALCC, FWS) (Rua, LCC; and Catherine, FWS)
- 11:50am Final words: Marshall Williams and David Viker