

PA 12-155 Work Group 2: Methods to measure phosphorus and make future projections

Meeting Minutes: Thursday October 31, 2013, 9 - 12 (CT DEEP HQ, Hartford CT – Room 4B)

Next Meeting: Thursday November 21, 2013, 9 - 12 (CT DEEP HQ, Hartford CT – Room 2B)

Meeting Notes:

- Discussed the intent of PA12-155 and overall objectives of the science work group. Some workgroup members thought the scope should strictly stick to “methods to measure phosphorus and make future projections,” rather than be more broadly interpreted to identify measures needed for attainment of CT Water Quality Standards (WQS). Others pointed to the language “shall collaboratively evaluate and make recommendations regarding a state-wide strategy to reduce phosphorus loading” as more indicative of legislative intent.
- Identified that the legislation specifically refers to freshwater non-tidal waters, and thus will be the focus of the workgroup.
- Discussed the differences between wadeable and non-wadeable streams. Agreed to have CASE focus on wadeable streams, while mentioning that other freshwaters (non-wadeable rivers, lakes) should be the focus of future work. If time allows, CASE should also include non-wadeable freshwater rivers.
- Discussed that CASE project would focus on reviewing and recommending methodologies that assess the site-specific impact of phosphorus on WQ and determine the site-specific level of phosphorus required to meet the narrative phosphorus WQS.
- Discussed the scope of work for workgroup 2 and those elements will be proposed for incorporation in the CASE scope of work. Fred M. and the group summarized discussions to more succinctly define the scope of work for CASE. Revised scope attached to email.
- The workgroup noted interest in how CASE will function for this project. Specifically how often will they meet? Is there opportunity for workgroup members to attend? What items will the workgroup provide feedback on? Who will serve on the committee?

To Do Items Before Next Meeting:

- Execute agreement of services for CASE (Mary B.)
- Request CASE presentation at next workgroup meeting (Mary B. and Roger D.)
- Review revised draft scope and develop comments to finalize (All)

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Finalize revised work of scope
- Presentation by CASE?

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Meeting Attendance:

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