

## 2011 Accomplishments and Key Decisions

### Appalachian Interim Steering Committee (ISC)

1. Decisions of ISC will be made on the basis of one-vote per agency represented (May 4, 2011).
  2. An Executive Subcommittee was established and their votes represent the best interests and intentions of the ISC body, not necessarily their respective agencies (May 4, 2011).
  3. Adoption of Mission and Vision Statements (Sept. 2, 2011).
  4. Adoption of Interim Governance Structure and Charter (Sept. 2, 2011).
  5. The ISC considered whether to act on several requests to adjust LCC boundaries. It was decided that for modest boundary adjustments, decision-making authority would be delegated to the LCC Coordinator. For significant boundary changes, it was determined that LCC staff should develop recommendations and present these for ISC vote (Dec. 8, 2011).
  6. The ISC decided not to entertain the current written request from the GCPO LCC but to instead defer its decision until the AppLCC was in its own planning phase (Dec. 8, 2011).
  7. The ISC considered whether to use a portion of FY11 project funds to jointly hire a Communications Specialist, to be shared with the Appalachian Mountain Joint Venture. This measure passed (Dec. 8, 2011).
  8. The ISC approved use of AppLCC funds toward Top 5 Science Needs as recommended under outcomes of November 2011 Priority Conservation Science Needs Workshop held in Blacksburg, VA (Dec. 8, 2011).
  9. The ISC via telephone conference approved six project descriptions developed by technical experts and based on the Top 5 Science Needs, then directed LCC staff to announce Requests for Applications (RFAs) for AppLCC funding (released Feb. 28, 2012).
  10. The ISC Executive Subcommittee reviewed the applications received as a result of the RFAs, along with the reviews of topic experts for each RFA, and selected four vendors/applications for immediate execution of contracts to address the following science needs topics: 1) Assessing and Predicting Ecological Flows, 2) Development of an Aquatic Habitat Classification System, 3) Forecasting Energy Development, and 4) Climate Change Vulnerability Assessments (April 13, 2012).
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