



Phone Interview Questions – ISC Members, Key Partners, Issue Experts

Following will be the thematic areas and questions we'll be asking during the scheduled phone interviews

Opening Q – open-ended

1. What are your current thoughts on LCCs in general and your AppLCC in particular?

Why are you involved (the conservation objective)

2. How would you describe your organization's general support for or hesitations regarding supporting the LCC concept?
3. Do you think the leadership of your organization is more supportive of the LCC concept or more resistant? Why?
4. What do you see as your organization's role in providing support to the partnership to help it achieve these expectations?
5. What conservation management challenges must your organization answer in the next 3-5 years? ... and in the next 5-10 years?
6. Given the planning timeframes your organizations utilizes for conservation planning efforts ...
 - (a) What are the possibilities for alignment of your plans with the LCC's? ...
 - (b) Where are opportunities to align planning and planning resources with the LCC? ...
 - (c) Where are there alignment issues, either in the short- or long-run?
7. As a current AppLCC Steering Committee member, you have demonstrated a significant level of interest through your investment of time (treasure, talent).

What are your organization's specific expectations for your investment?

LCC Planning / Next

8. What do you see as the most important goals AppLCC needs to consider in the next 3 to 5 years?
9. What are the most important criteria that should guide prioritization of AppLCC 3-5 year work plan?
10. How will your organization measure AppLCC success?

Working at the Landscape Level (from a more Technical focus)

11. How can the AppLCC help you to meet your local goals, at the same time that your organization/agency is contributing to the large-landscape conservation goals of the AppLCC?

[Modeling] 12. What barriers do you see to integrating people, data, and modeling approaches to answer questions and apply results at the landscape scale?

[Data sharing] 13. How can the AppLCC facilitate data sharing among its cooperators in such a way that your ability to meet organizational goals would not be compromised, or might even be enhanced?

[Temporal] 14. In what ways could the AppLCC help your organization to incorporate management responses to environmental change the effects of which might not be seen over typical planning horizons, but might instead occur over many decades or even centuries?

[Spatial] 15. In what ways might the AppLCC help you to conservation and/or manage ecosystem processes that transcend political/administrative boundaries?

[Climate change] 16. What are acceptable products, services and data sets that would be useful to your decision makers in addressing the human use elements of planning around climate change? ...

(a) What are the specific issues your organization faces with regard to addressing climate change? ...

(b) Are there constraints on your participation and/or funding? ...

(c) How does your organization view participation in the LCC as assisting with its mission?

[Outreach] 17. What kind of education/outreach programs could the LCC generate to improve understanding of the relative utility of such models, how they can be improved by field validation/local expert opinion, etc.?

Managing the LCC

18. Your commitment to AppLCC is greatly appreciate. How can we make our partnership process more productive for you, specifically: process improvements, meeting participation, ongoing communications, and meeting design?

End - Open

19. What other issues/concerns might be useful to discuss?