

2017 York River Study Committee/ORV Subcommittee Meeting Plan and Schedule

Meeting Objectives: The format and approach to each meeting will vary based on the topic and meeting attendees, but in general, for each meeting the subcommittee and meeting organizers will aim to review available data and reports that characterize the resource; identify threats; identify data gaps; identify opportunities to gather or review additional data; and discuss how information could be used in a management plan for the York River watershed or in other study reports.

Please contact Jennifer Hunter, York River Study Coordinator, at JH.YorkRiver@gmail.com for updated information on each meeting or to let her know your interest in attending any meeting.

January 31: Saltmarsh Habitat and Potential Migration Areas **YRSC Organizers: Joan, Paul**

Data and subtopics: Status (NWI data); SLR scenarios/possible marsh migration areas and strategies; past marsh monitoring and restoration sites; 2005 WNERR fringing marsh study

Meeting notes available on www.YorkRiverMaine.org (Study Documents page)

March 7: Water Quality

YRSC Organizer: Beth

Data and subtopics: Existing water quality data, reports, and programs: Maine DEP 303b report, Maine DMR shellfish data, Maine DEP Healthy Beaches data, stormwater management program; plans for additional sampling

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March 30: Infrastructure and Aquatic Organism Passage

YRSC Organizer: Claire

Data and subtopics: Transportation assets; culvert assessments; dams – current and historic; aquatic organism passage at dams and road crossings: designs and potential projects; state and local infrastructure work plans; NPS guidance on “free-flow” documentation

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April 26: Working Harbor and Tidal Water Recreation

YRSC Organizers: Cindy, Chuck

Data and subtopics: Tourism, commercial fishing; boating, fishing, swimming, shellfish harvesting; # docks, piers, boats, moorings; commercial marine infrastructure; harbor dredging

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May 11: Drinking Water Supply

YRSC Organizer: Karen

Data and subtopics: Forests-Healthy Waters report (USFS); water supply and drinking water/use statistics, KWD management plan, source water protection/resource protection program

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June 20: Watershed Conservation Lands Roundtable

YRSC Organizer: Jean

Data and subtopics: conservation organizations’ management/stewardship plans, natural resource values, public access/recreation opportunities, and other conservation priorities for watershed lands

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July: No meeting planned

August: Cultural and Historic Resources**YRSC Organizers: Stefan**

Data and subtopics: historic significance, archaeologic sites, and architectural history (national, state and locally significant sites); data from the 2017 York River headwaters historic resources surveys; artistic inspiration and other cultural resources

September: Build-out Study Planning (tentative)**YRSC Organizers: Jenn & SMPDC**

Provide input on overall approach and outputs; identify and review datasets for build-out; identify relevant ordinances

October: Natural Resources**YRSC Organizers: Paul, Joan**

Data and subtopics: biodiversity, habitats, species, 2017 diadromous fish survey results, State Species of Greatest Conservation Need (IFW list), R&E species data, Beginning with Habitat data, wetlands (NWI data), vernal pools, wading bird areas, headwater streams, stream buffers, unfragmented habitat blocks

November: Threats to Watershed Resources**YRSC Organizers: Thom, Judy S., Joan**

Data and subtopics: build-out impacts to resources; impervious surfaces and nonpoint source runoff; SLR and storm surge impacts; drought (water supply and aquatic habitat implications); warmer temperatures; increasingly intense storm events and flood risks (new floodplain maps); invasive species

December: Water Quality (tentative)**YRSC Organizers: Jenn,**

Data and subtopics: data from Maine DEP summer 2017 water quality sampling program