

Squam Contaminants Meeting 11/1/2017 @ PSU

- Welcome to PSU
- Reason for meeting
 - Discuss LPC reports and historical data,
 - Gather other information and provide some context of results,
 - Answer your questions as best as we can.
- The panel has volunteered their time to be here at EB and my request and I'd like to thank them all for coming.
- Meeting program
 - Introduce panel participants,
 - I will then ask each of them to give a short statement of their interpretation of the reports and data,
 - During this, please hold your questions until after everyone has spoken,
 - Then we will open up meeting to questions from the audience,
 - We ask that you address your questions to the topic at hand. I will try to keep things focused on the issues so we do not veer off into political or personal issues,
- Order of panel presentations will be EB, Harry, Dick, Ted, & Bob.

EB James has been the Executive Director of the Squam Lakes Association since 2012. Prior to joining the Squam Lakes Association, EB worked for the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance, a watershed organization on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, where he served as executive director since 2006. Before the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance he was the Assistant Director of Pickering Creek Audubon Center and ran an environmental education center on Tangier Island, Virginia for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. EB holds an MS in Forestry with a minor in Conflict Management from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. He was also trained in mediation and environmental dispute resolution through the University of Minnesota Hubert Humphrey Institute's Center for Conflict and Change.

Harry Vogel has been studying loons for over 25 years, as a researcher and then Project Biologist for the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey of Bird Studies Canada, then as Senior Biologist & Executive Director of the Loon Preservation Committee. He is the Chair of the Northeast Loon Study Working Group, a consortium of government and non-governmental organizations from throughout the New England States and eastern Canada working on issues affecting loons and other wildlife in the northeast.

Dick McGrath is a semi-retired biologist and environmental scientist who specializes in the assessment and remediation of contaminated sediments in rivers and harbors. In his 40-year career he has served as Vice-President, Regional Manager, and General Manager for 3 international consulting firms and currently is co-owner of The Isosceles Group, an environmental, health and safety firm in Boston. For the last 15 years, he has served as Technical Director for EPA's Housatonic River Project, a nearly one-billion-dollar investigation and remediation of PCBs from General Electric's Pittsfield, Mass facility. In that role, he was responsible for coordinating the development of the numerical model of PCB fate and transport in the river, Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments, and other special studies on fate and effects of PCBs on humans and wildlife living in and near the river.

Ted Diers is the Administrator of the Watershed Management Bureau (WMB) of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, which includes 20 programs dedicated to achieving Clean Water Act goals, integrating science, data, policy, land use and education to improve the condition of the state's lakes, rivers, wetlands and tidal waters. He previously served as manager of the NH Coastal Program. Over the past 20 years, Ted has focused his work on state and federal ocean policy, salt marsh and river restoration projects, assisting in revisions of state regulations, managing controversial and diverse environmental issues, and facilitating numerous planning efforts. He received his BA in Economics and Political Science from Ripon College and a Master's Degree from the Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

Bob Lucic is President of the Board of Directors for the Squam Lakes Association and a partner at Sheehan Phinney Bass & Green in Manchester and Boston where he practices primarily environmental law throughout the United States. He is chair of the Litigation Department and a member of the firm's Management Committee. He is also chair of the Environmental Practice Group for Lex Mundi, a worldwide association of independent law firms. Bob got his BA from Dartmouth College and his law degree from the University of Chicago.

Joe Boyer joined the CFE in 2012 after 17 years at Florida International University in Miami where he served as Director of the Southeast Environmental Research Center. Joe has experience in microbial ecology and biogeochemistry of coastal oceans, estuaries, rivers, and groundwater ecosystems. He serves on numerous scientific advisory boards and has been involved in several national program reviews and assessments. Joe has a BS in Microbiology from the American University and a PhD in Marine Science from the College of William and Mary.