

## **Northeast Drought Assessment and Building Drought Early Warning Capacity**

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

9:30am – 3:00pm

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Richard Cronin Building, Room 108 and Room 110  
1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA

9:30am - 10:00am	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
10:00am - 10:05am	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b>
10:05am - 11:05am	<b>Recap - Drought Conditions and Outlook for 2017</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NRCC: How did we get here?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Samantha Borisoff, NRCC</li></ul></li><li>• Weather Service: Where we are now, Looking Forward<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Alan Dunham, WFO/BOX</li></ul></li><li>• USGS: Groundwater and Surface Water Conditions<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Gardner Bent, USGS New England Water Science Center</li></ul></li><li>• Drought Monitor overview<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Deb Bathke, National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC)</li></ul></li><li>• Longer Range forecast Products: 8-14 day, 3-4 week, one month, seasonal<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Dan Collins, CPC</li></ul></li><li>• Overview of Agriculture Impacts<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ UMASS Extension - Katie Campbell Nelson, NRCS (invited)</li></ul></li></ul>
11:05am	<b>Critical elements of a Drought Early Warning System, Drought Preparedness, and Drought Resilience</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What does a successful Drought Early Warning System looks like? – Elizabeth Ossowski, NIDIS</li></ul>
11:30am - 12:00pm	<b>Working Lunch</b>
12:00pm - 12:15pm	<b>Results of the Registration Page Question:</b> What was the biggest information gap you experienced during the 2016 drought? – Elizabeth Ossowski, NIDIS
12:15pm - 2:15pm	<b>Break Out Group Discussions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Short panel, decision makers and timelines (Ellen Mecray, NOAA)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ MA task force (Vandana Rao)</li></ul></li></ul>

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- CT task force (David LeVasseur)
- Breakout Discussions

Questions to discuss:

- How should information flow from sectors?
- How is information provided, and what works well? (ex., Drought Monitor)
- Indicators of drought, and when to set a warning?
- Timeline for Drought Early Warning decision-making (e.g., fire risks in the spring for summer resourcing, etc) When does it matter for you?

Determine next steps, recommendations

2:15pm - 3:00pm

**Recap of main points, Report out, Synthesize Break Outs**

- Lightning Round of top bullets
- Gaps in Partners and Outreach- who is missing?
- Collection of Impacts, Information Providers, Impact Observers, guidance on report outline and content, key recommendations

**Take-Away Open Discussion: Impressions**

3:00pm

**Adjourn**