



## Legislative Task Force

General Timeline 2013 -2014

**9/12/2014** – The Task Force intends to meet the last Thursday of every month (except for November and December of 2013/14). The Division of Planning will work with the Task Force members to confirm specific dates and locations. In the meantime, the general expectation for timing is below.

### SEPTEMBER 26, 2013 – Meeting 1 - DOA

**Topics:** Organizational, Purpose, Summaries of 2013 Public Law 42-64.13-10 and Existing RI Gen. Laws for wetlands and OWTS

### OCTOBER 24, 2013 – Meeting 2 - DEM

**Topics:** Scope of Work, Summary of Prior Wetland Task Forces, DEM and CRMC Rules/Regulations for Wetland and OWTS, Overview of Municipal Regulations **Speakers:** Carol Murphy, Ernie Panciera, DEM, James Boyd, CRMC, Lorraine Joubert, URI

### NOVEMBER 19, 2013 - Meeting 3 - DEM

**Topic:** Wetlands Functions and Values - **Guest Speaker:** Chris Mason, President, Mason and Associates, Inc.

### DECEMBER 19, 2013 – Meeting 4 - DOA

**Topic:** Habitat Functions for Wetland Buffers - **Guest Speaker:** Dr. Peter Paton, Professor of Wildlife Ecology, Department of Natural Resources Science, URI

### JANUARY 21, 2014 - Meeting 5 - DOA

**Topics:** OWTS basics & Groundwater Science: Water Resource Issues, Impacts & Nutrients in Buffer and Riparian Zones **Guest Speakers:** - Dr. Arthur Gold, Dep. of Natural Resources Science, URI, OWTS 101 - George Loomis, Program Director, NE Onsite Wastewater Training Program, Cooperative Extension, URI

### FEBRUARY 27, 2014 - Meeting 6 - DOA

**Topics:** Summary of NE States buffers/ regulatory requirements, Summary of RI municipal ordinance inventory, Discussion on case studies for identifying regulatory friction points – **Speakers:** Carol Murphy, DEM, Sean Henry, DOP

### MARCH 27, 2014- Meeting 7 - DEM

**Topics:** Local Wetland Review: Two Perspectives – **Guest & Speakers:** Michael Deluca, Narragansett Community Development Director & Scott Rabideau, Task Force Member

### APRIL 17, 2014 - Meeting 8 - DEM

**Topics:** Summary of NE States –Wetland and OWTS buffers, Recap to date **Speakers:** Carol Murphy, Ernie Panciera, DEM, Nancy Hess, DOP

### MAY 29, 2014 - Meeting 9 - RIBA

**Topics:** Literature Review- Part 1: Summary of Wetland Buffer Reports & Manuals; RI & New England Specific **Speaker:** Carol Murphy, DEM

### JUNE 19, 2014 – Meeting 10 - DOA

**Topics:** Literature Review- Part 1 continued, Wetland Buffer Reports & Manuals and Part 2; OWTS **Speakers:** C. Murphy, DEM, J. Boyd, CRMC, N.Hess, DOP, T. Kutcher & R. Chateaufneuf, LTF Members

### JULY 17, 2014 - Meeting 11- RIBA

**Topics:** Wetlands/OWTS Issues in the Chesapeake Bay Region, Recap of topics / feedback on Issues from Task Force **Guest Speakers from Maryland:** Andrew Der, Environmental Consultant, Mark Eisner, Professional Geologist

### AUGUST 2014

No meeting – Writing Group prepares working draft report

### SEPTEMBER 2014

**16<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY** – - 12th Task Force Meeting – DEM

**Topics:** Report – Overview 1st Working Draft – Parts 1-3, Summary of Key Scientific Findings **Speakers:** Nancy Hess, Carol Murphy, and Ernie Panciera

**26<sup>th</sup> FRIDAY** - 13th Task Force Meeting – DEM

**Topics:** Working Draft & Identifying adequate protection & Gaps

### OCTOBER 2014

**31<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY** - 14th Task Force Meeting – DEM

**Topics:** Report –Working Draft - adequate protection & gaps & draft recommendations

### NOVEMBER 2014

**18<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY** - 15<sup>th</sup> - Task Force Meeting - DEM

**Topics:** Review and census on report & recommendations

### DECEMBER 2014

DOP produces final report and submits by 12-31-2014

