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**Special Meeting of the
Endangered and Nongame Species Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2014
Central Region Office
Robbinsville, New Jersey**

Members in attendance: Barbara Brummer (Chair), Jim Applegate, Emile DeVito, Howard Geduldig, Rick Lathrop, Erica Miller, Jim Shissias, Jane Morton Galetto, David Mizrahi.
Attending by phone/webinar: Joanna Burger

Staff in attendance: Dave Jenkins, Kathy Clark, Kim Korth, Gretchen Fowles, Patrick Woerner, Pete Winkler, Amanda Dey, Brian Zarate, Dave Chanda (around 11 AM)

Guests: Larry Niles, Margaret Conroy (Rutgers), Larry Torok, Carol. Applegate

The public notice for this meeting was posted on the DEP website, read by D. Jenkins.

Introductions of those in attendance.

New Business

No-net-loss Habitat Conservation Planning

This meeting was called to hear a presentation by R. Lathrop and L. Niles on the topic of “Assessing the Feasibility of No Net Loss Habitat Conservation Planning for Statewide Implementation” and their draft report on this topic.

L. Niles and R. Lathrop made a detailed presentation on the background and methodology of their development of a “white paper” on this topic.

Action: J. Shissias made a motion to form an ad-hoc subcommittee made up of E. DeVito, H. Geduldig, and J. Burger, to study the white paper proposal. E. Miller seconded. Discussion: J. Morton Galetto: Will the white paper be amendable based on ENSAC concerns? L. Niles responded that they could append ENSAC comments but cannot amend due to other outside review process. Vote: passed unanimously (J. Burger was absent at this time).

Staff or outside experts will be allowed to advise this task force. Other ENSAC members may make comments to the subcommittee by way of e-mail to E. DeVito.

Summary of Action Items

The special ad hoc subcommittee will meet and prepare a report, making every effort to provide the report to the ENSAC members one week in advance of the regular March meeting.