Minutes from the SAB Ecological Processes Standing Committee Meeting
(June 11, 2012)

1.) Opening statements made by Liaisons Bob Hazen and Joe Bilinski (announcement of Dr. Michael P. Weinstein as Acting Chair)
   - Brief Overview/Discussion of November 7th (2011) meeting and progress to date
   - Introduction and new focus by Dr. Weinstein

2.) Committee began discussion of current outline (moved to approve reorganization of the 11/7/11 outline, and approved the minutes from the Nov. 7th meeting), needs for defining Critical Habitat and to combine the “Current Regulatory Framework” section with the “Ecological Communities” section.

3.) Dr. Weinstein offered to revise the current outline, and to begin work immediately on drafting a report, starting with a discussion/focus on Ecology and Economy (1-3 pp.). He proposed to also solicit guidance from outside experts to contribute to various sections of the report, and to additionally serve as reviewers.

4.) Standing Committee and Dr. Weinstein revised the outline (Joe Bilinski to write and distribute). Assignments were then given to each Standing Committee member to draft.

5.) Dr. Weinstein expressed that he will contact Drs. DeVito and Weis in order to incorporate the sections they drafted in 2011 into the report, which will be greatly valued.

6.) Next meeting and schedule:
   a.) Dr. Weinstein to contact all non-SAB Ecological Process members and ask for interest in support of the report.
   b.) Draft due date for committee: 2 weeks (by 6/27/12)
   c.) Next meeting: July 16th? Doodle poll to be sent.
   d.) Agenda: Review Draft report, iterations/sections will be sent via email between Standing Committee members.

SAB Members in Attendance:
- Michael Weinstein
- Carolyn Bentivegna
- Zeyuan Qui
- Nai-chia Luke
• Jonathan Kennen
• Ursula Howson
• Charles Hartman

NJDEP Staff:
• Bob Hazen, Lead liaison (OS)
• Joe Bilinski, Liaison (OS)