Minutes from the SAB Ecological Processes Standing Committee Meeting  
(September 12, 2011)

1.) Opening statements made by Dr. Emile DeVito (Chair).
   - Brief Overview/Discussion of June 16th (2011) meeting and progress to date

2.) Notes approved by Standing Committee for June 16th.

3.) Committee began discussion of core need and focus for report, looking at guidance documents relating to:
   a. Wildlife Action Plans (WAPs)– land preservation (Chris Schantz in NJDEP)
   b. Importance of biodiversity/wildlife conservation areas
   c. Voluntary landowner plans for enhancing/protecting habitat
   d. Describing habitat according to different NJ bioregions

4.) Committee discussed strategies on how to maintain core areas of biodiversity, and how to reconnect fragmented habitat (perhaps use WAP approach).

5.) Committee members began to create and piece together ideas for a rough outline for the Critical Habitat report; different members to be assigned sections.

6.) Next meeting: to be determined via Doodle poll, will be working group meeting for Standing Committee members only; all report section iterations to be exchanged via email.

SAB Members in Attendance:
   - Emile DeVito
   - Robert Hoke
   - Carolyn Bentivegna
   - Zeyuan Qui
   - Jonathan Kennen

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