**Steering Committee Conference Call: October 20, 2015**

**Participants**

Adria Elskus (USGS), Kirsten Howard (NH DES), Jim Latimer (EPA), Matt Liebman (EPA), Marilyn ten Brink (EPA), and Christine Tilburg (GOMC)

**1. New Hampshire Ecosystem Services Project**

Christine Tilburg reminded the group that they had begun discussing ecosystem service models during the September conference call. At that time she had mentioned connecting with Kirsten Howard (New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services) on their effort to look at ecosystem services. Kirsten was invited to join the call and provided information on their current project. She stated that New Hampshire has begun a project to look at ecosystem services with respect to several issues including eutrophication, oyster bed loss, and eelgrass decline. New Hampshire is using an ecosystem services framework to prioritize these issues. Their intent is to test an ecosystem services approach to decision making and conflict resolution without having a specific management question in mind. The framework they are working with is the Natural Capital framework and the InVEST model toolset. Their goals and issues were identified through stakeholder meetings. They are running the InVEST habitat risk assessment model with low, medium, and high risk scenarios. Members of the Steering Committee had questions about what numeric results might be produced by the model. Kirsten stated that they are not expecting hard numbers as a result of this initial project. Kirsten stated that she will send a presentation to Christine discussing the project more.

**2. ICUC**

Christine updated the Steering Committee on the current state of the ICUC smartphone app. She requested that Steering Committee members load the Ionic View app to their phones and THROUGH that app look at the ESIP prototype app. Christine had included a set of steps to load the app with the original agenda. Jim Latimer pointed out that Steering Committee will be using an app to look at an app and that is a little confusing but necessary at this time. Christine requested all comments and suggestions be mailed to her by November 1.