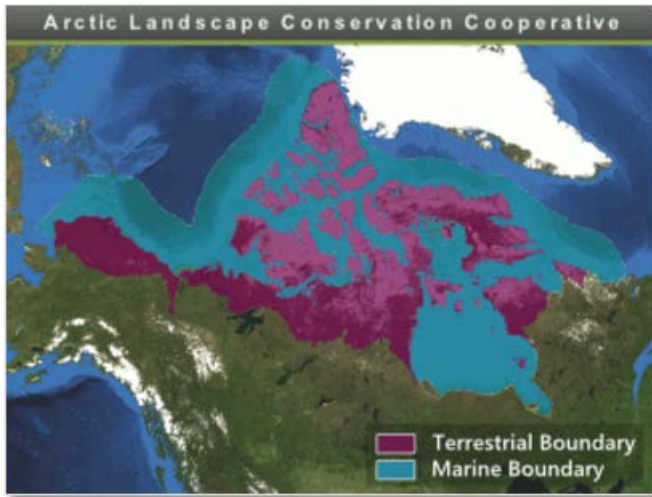




January 11, 2017

Dear Arctic science organizations,

The Arctic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC) is seeking new members for its Steering Committee and would like to invite letters of nomination from interested scientists or natural resource conservation experts. We will begin to draft our next 5 year Strategic Action Plan in 2017, and are **looking for Arctic scientific and landscape conservation expert advice** on how to best meet our goals in the coming years. The Steering Committee typically has quarterly teleconferences and hosts 1-2 in person meetings per year.



The Department of Interior (DOI) established Climate Science Centers (CSCs) and Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs) as a means to integrate science and management expertise within DOI and its partner organizations in a coordinated landscape-scale response to climate change and other landscape-scale stressors. Each LCC functions within a specific geographic region, but is also part of a national, and ultimately, international network. **LCCs strive to be true**

cooperatives, composed of land, water, wildlife and cultural resource managers, and interested public and private scientific organizations. Federal, state, tribal, and local government and non-governmental organizations are all invited as LCC participants. Each LCC is directed by a Steering Committee representing partners working in that region, and includes both voting members and observers. The Arctic LCC was one of nine initial LCCs established in 2010. Four other LCCs cover the state of Alaska, three of which (Arctic, Northwest Boreal, and North Pacific LCCs) have boundaries extending into Canada. The Arctic LCC has three staff positions to support the Cooperative, including Dr. Wendy Loya as Coordinator, Dr. Paul Leonard as the Science Coordinator and Josh Bradley as our Data Manager.

We are currently working on updating our website to better reflect our mission and current activities; you can find out more about our past work, explore our Strategic Action Plan for 2014-2016, and read our Charter and Goals here: <http://arcticlcc.org/about/http://arcticlcc.org/about/>

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals in the areas of expertise described above. Individuals are encouraged to self-nominate.

The following information should be included in the nomination: 1) contact information for the nominee; 2) a cover letter describing the nominee's interest in serving on the Arctic LCC Steering Committee and the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; and 3) the nominee's resume or curriculum.

Selection criteria to be used include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience (primary factors); (b) availability and willingness to serve; (c) skills working in committees, subcommittees and advisory panels; (d) ability to convey information *from and to* the Arctic LCC and other Arctic partners; and, (e) for the panel as a whole, diversity of expertise and scientific points of view.

Selection is anticipated to occur by March 2017. All nominees will receive a notice of selection as a member, observer or non-selection.

Nominations should be emailed to wendy_loya@fws.gov by January 31 2017. Please email if you have any questions about the Arctic LCC Steering Committee.