Lake Champlain Sea Grant Program Advisory Committee Guidelines for Member Selection

Beginning in 2021, we defined a 24 member and 9 Ex Officio member Lake Champlain Sea Grant Program Advisory Committee (PAC). All members except the Ex Officio members will hold terms the full length of the omnibus period. The Ex Officio members will serve throughout the time period that they hold their professional positions. To encourage various perspectives to inform our education, outreach, and research, each representative will serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.

PAC members' expertise and experience should inform our three primary areas of focus: environmental literacy and workforce development; healthy coastal ecosystems; resilient communities and economies; and sustainable fisheries and aquaculture. PAC members' expertise should also represent our cross-cutting principles as defined in our strategic plan. The following PAC representation will be implemented:

- 2 Extension reps: 1 each from UVM Extension and Cornell Cooperative Extension
- 1 State University of New York (SUNY) rep
- 2 state agency reps: 1 each from NY and VT Departments of Environmental Conservation
- 1 other state or federal agency rep, rotating between New York and Vermont and among relevant partner agencies (e.g., workforce development, economic development, key topical area of Extension outreach)
- 2 K-12 education reps: 1 each from VT and NY (one grade K-6—preferably grade 5 or 6—and one grade 7-12 rep)
- 2 tribal reps: 1 each from VT and NY
- 1 student rep (an intern, scholar, or fellow, alternating between NY and VT)
- 4 environmental non-profit, Conservation District, RPC (or similar) reps: 2 each from NY and VT
- 1 Lake Champlain basin college/university rep alternating between NY and VT
- 1 Lake Champlain Basin Program rep
- 2 business reps: 1 each from NY and VT
- 2 members of the public (1 each from NY and VT; at least 1 landowner (e.g., farmer or other large tract); also consider rural vs. urban in representation and environmental justice representation in selections)
- 1 member-at-large (to fill a niche of a particular area of focus of an important project or initiative)
- 2 municipal reps:1 each from NY and VT
- 9 Ex Officio members: 5 Legislative staff representatives (Rep Stefanik; Sen. Sanders; Rep. Balint; Sen. Welch; Sen. Gillibrand); 1 National Sea Grant Office Program Officer; and the LCSG Director, Associate Director, and Associate Director/Extension Leader