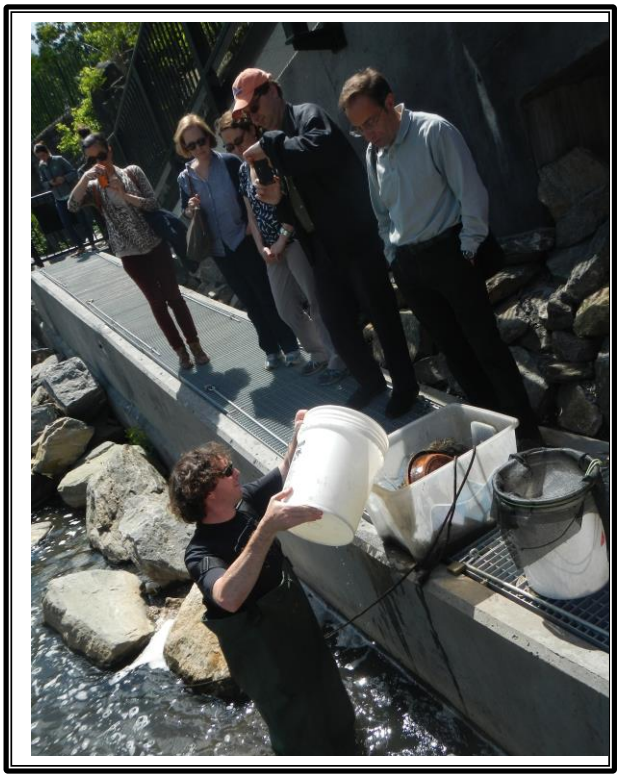
Long Island Sound Study Habitat Restoration and Stewardship Workgroup Members met at the Center for Global Conservation in the Bronx Zoo last week, May 13, 2015, for a joint Spring meeting

- Members reviewed LISS CCMP Habitats and Wildlife Implementation Actions (IAs) and discussed projects that address the IAs. Future meeting will focus on implementation of IAs on the ground.
- Vicky O'Neill and Georgia Basso gave overviews of the LIS SLAMM work, habitat quality assessment work and 130 year tidal wetland change assessment (ppts attached).
- Lara Urbat (Nelson, Pope, & Voorhis) provided an update on project work for the Urban Design & LID near LIS Stewardship Sites RFP. Pelham Bay and the Great Meadows Unit of Stewart B McKinney were selected for assessment and design. NPV will work with site managers to understand ecological services provided by the sites as well as threats to these Stewardship Sites. Using this information they will design site specific projects to help abate some of the threats while protecting ecological services at each of the Stewardship Sites.

- Merry Camhi (Wildlife Conservation Society) and Jake LaBelle (Wildlife Conservation Society) provided great background on eel populations, which are in decline. Sarah Lumban Tobing (NYC Parks) updated the group on the Bronx River fish passage projects. Jake and Sarah gave members a tour of eel monitoring projects in the Bronx River and the newly installed fish pass on the first dam in the river (right). Prior to installing the pass, NYC Parks reached out to CT DEEP. This bistate sharing of expertise is a great example of working together across the LIS to restore priority habitat in the Region.

Thank you Merry, Jake and Sarah for hosting our joint meeting and providing a wonderful tour of the habitat restoration and monitoring work underway on the Bronx River!



(Clockwise from top left) Members look at the first dam on the Bronx River and tour the newly installed fish pass and eel monitoring work at the base of the dam. The young eel pictured above left was collected from an eel mop, an easy to make device used as part of the monitoring methodology on the Bronx River.