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TO: Agency Members and Designees

FROM: James Connolly, Acting Executive Director

DATE: April 3, 2013

RE: Regulatory Programs Committee Agenda

- (1) Approval of Draft Committee Minutes for March 2013
- (2) Deputy Director - Regulatory Programs Report (R. Weber)
- (3) Projects:

2013-26 (S. McSherry)

Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks (Wild Center)

Town of Tupper Lake, Franklin County

Low Intensity Use

PROJECT STATUS/TIME CLOCK:

Completion Date: February 26, 2013

Public Comment Period Expires: March 21, 2013

60 Day Clock: April 27, 2013

90 Day Clock: May 27, 2013

JURISDICTIONAL PREDICATES: The project as proposed is a component of "Phase 3" development as described in Agency Permit 2002-24 and is a material amendment to that Permit issued June 17, 2002, which authorized the overall development plan of the Museum. Tower is within ¼ mile of Raquette river-designated Recreational river.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT: Construction of an observation tower of steel and wood. The 490± foot long structure will consist of a series of elevated platforms connected by 8 foot wide bridged walkways. Additional side elements including a spider's web, and a simulated dead tree snag will be connected by 6 foot wide walkways and a swinging bridge. The tallest element will be 41.5 feet in height; the overall height of the structure is 56.5 feet. The "Wild Walk" will provide a 3-season, interactive experience. It will be located more than

400 feet from the Raquette River and will be no taller than the tree canopy in the immediate surrounding area. The structure will be handicap accessible and all lighting will be either contained inside enclosures or will be directed toward the ground. In addition, a silviculture plan is proposed to gradually remove the non-native Scotch Pine trees and restore the site with trees more characteristic of a native Adirondack forest.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve with conditions

EPS: S. McSherry

LEGAL: M. Goroski

RASS: A. Ziemann and G. Bendell

ECONOMIC: D. Kelleher

(4) Old Business

(5) New Business

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