

ECOLOGICAL FLOWS

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We have reviewed the progress report and agree the project is started in the right direction. A few comments: We do hope they are able to work out the contract details with Dr. McManamay so that he can work on the project - his participation and experience is critical to complete a meaningful classification. - we did attend the WebEx hosted by the team a couple of weeks ago, and offered to join their Steering Committee. We are concerned that the current potential steering committee is very large, n=63 as reported in the 1 Qtr Report , potentially too large for efficient operation, and hope it will be organized into a steering committee, and possibly a review committee for geographic areas, or something more manageable. But like anything, the actual participation may be with just a few truly interested folks who have a grasp of the technical issues involved in a regional stream classification. Overall, this is a much-needed project, with the right people involved, and the outcome promises to be a useful context for other studies current (Marcellus shale project) and future.