



# How do we restore water quality in our Lake Champlain?

Friends of Northern Lake Champlain

Advisory Council Meeting

November 12, 2012

Agenda

9:30am – 11:30am

11:30 – 1:00 Jay Peak Stormwater Tour

**\*\*Please Bring a Bagged Lunch\*\***

- 9:30am Introductions
- 9:45am Overview of FNLC Priorities & Projects
- 10:00am Presentation on necessary load reductions & broad strategies (regulatory vs incentive-based) for improving water quality
- 10:20am Group discussion
- i. How do we build momentum for something that is critically important, but also hard and may take a long time see results?
    - 1. see quote from David Hackett-Fisher below
  - ii. How does FNLC's work align with this need?
  - iii. What does near-term success look like & how would you measure it?
  - iv. What does long-term success look like & how will we know?
- 11:00am Funding
- i. Is Lake Champlain a wise investment? Why?
  - ii. What types of information are needed to help us make the case?
  - iii. What additional resources are needed and how should they be deployed?

Historian and author David Hackett Fisher recently completed a biography of Samuel de Champlain, to coincide with the 400th anniversary of Champlain's explorations in New France (Quebec) and New England. In his book, Hackett-Fisher described Champlain's arguments that a leader must be "prevoyant" – a word that has no exact equivalent in modern English. Hackett-Fisher writes:

*Champlain's idea of prevoyance was different from foresight in its common meaning. It is not a power to foresee the future. To the contrary, prevoyance was the ability to prepare for the unexpected in a world of danger and uncertainty. It was about learning to make sound judgments on the basis of imperfect knowledge. **Mainly it is about taking a broad view in projects of large purpose, and about thinking for the long run.***