

**STATE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
STATE OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
BANGOR, MAINE**

March 14, 2011

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Opening remarks were made by Christopher Jones, State Resource Conservationist. Chris welcomed the State Technical Committee (STTC) and reminded them that their function is to advise the USDA on conservation issues.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) – Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)

Chris explained that the purpose of today's STTC meeting was to serve as the "technical peer review panel" and to score the Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) proposals based on the Criteria for Proposal Evaluation what is identified in the CIG Fiscal Year 2011 Announcement of Program Funding.

Chris briefly reviewed the CIG Fiscal Year 2011 Announcement of Program Funding document stressing that CIGs are not to fund research. He also reviewed the requirements that members of "technical peer review panel" be in compliance with "Certification and Acknowledgement – Evaluator Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Certification". The "technical peer review panel" decided to rank each proposal as a team. All proposals were ranked.

Chris Jones thanked the State Technical Committee for their assistance.