

Northeast Regional Ocean Planning

Inaugural Regional Planning Body Meeting

Date: November 19-20, 2012

Location: Clarion Hotel
Renaissance Ballroom
1230 Congress Street
Portland, ME 04102

Agenda

Meeting Objectives

- Develop common understanding about Northeast Regional Planning Body (NE RPB) assignment and characteristics, basic operational considerations, and initial products
- Provide context regarding current activities in the Northeast that lay a foundation for regional ocean planning
- Engage stakeholders and the public about regional ocean planning for the Northeast
- Discuss initial focus for the regional ocean planning effort in the Northeast and identify next steps for the NE RPB

Monday, November 19, 2012

12:45 pm Opening prayer

Richard Getchell, Tribal Chief, Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians

Welcoming remarks

Michael Brennan, Mayor, City of Portland, Maine

1:00 pm Opening remarks and agenda review

Betsy Nicholson, NOAA, NE RPB Federal Co-Lead

Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute

1:15 pm Regional Planning Body Member introductions

2:00 pm National Ocean Policy: overview and current status

Deerin Babb-Brott, Director, National Ocean Council

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm Regional Planning Body: getting started with our work

The remainder of the afternoon will focus on developing a common understanding among NE RPB Members about the RPB's assignment and characteristics, basic operational considerations, and initial products.

Tuesday, November 20, 2012**8:30 am Welcome back, review of day 1 outcomes, review of day 2 agenda**

Betsy Nicholson, NOAA, NE RPB Federal Co-Lead

Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute

8:45 am Regional ocean planning in the Northeast: opportunities and challenges that regional ocean planning can address

John Bullard, Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service

9:15 am Context and background: examples from different geographic scales and Regional Planning Body Member jurisdictions

In this session several RPB Members will offer illustrative examples of ocean planning activities and efforts from around the region. It is anticipated that each NE RPB meeting will feature select examples that will help inform the RPB's work.

- Ocean planning at the state level
Grover Fugate, Executive Director, Rhode Island Coastal Resource Management Council
- Northeast Fishery Management Council ocean planning related activities and efforts
Doug Grout, Chief of Marine Fisheries, New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game
- Tribal ocean planning related activities and efforts
Doug Harris, Deputy Historic Preservation Officer/Preservationist for Ceremonial Landscapes, Narragansett Indian Tribe of Rhode Island
- Federal ocean planning related activities and efforts
Ron Beck, Energy and Facilities Branch, First Coast Guard District, U.S. Coast Guard

10:30 am Break**10:45 am Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC) ocean planning activities**

John Weber, Ocean Planning Director, NROC

Nick Napoli, Ocean Planning Project Manager, NROC

11:30 am Stakeholder engagement: identifying needs and building on existing capacity and mechanisms

During this facilitated group discussion, RPB Members will focus on the essential need for robust stakeholder engagement and explore strategies for enhancing capacity and using existing mechanisms to ensure stakeholders are an integral part of the regional ocean planning process.

- 12:15 pm Lunch**
A list of nearby restaurant option will be provided.
- 1:15 pm Regional ocean planning in the Northeast: initial focus for the Northeast Regional Planning Body**
During this session RPB Members will engage in discussion about initial focus and timeline for goal setting for regional ocean planning in the Northeast.
- 2:30 pm Break**
- 2:45 pm Public comment**
During this session interested individuals will be provided the opportunity to offer formal public comment. Depending on how many individuals would like to comment, the time limit will be between 1-3 minutes. A sign-up list and instructions will be available at the meeting registration table. Other mechanisms for submitting comments in writing or electronically will also be available.
- 3:45 pm Regional Planning Body: process going forward and next steps**
This session will focus on next steps for the RPB following the meeting, including schedule for future meetings, Member requests for future discussion topics and/or information, and initial thoughts regarding a timeline for RPB work.
- 4:45 pm Wrap up**
- 5:00 pm Adjourn**