

Northeast Regional Planning Body Meeting

Date January 22-23, 2014

Location Hyatt Regency Cambridge, President's Ballroom D (lobby level)
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Objectives

- Provide updates on Northeast Regional Planning Body (NE RPB) activities since the last in-person meeting.
- Review the Draft Northeast Regional Ocean Planning Framework and Workplan and:
 - Reflect on public input provided to date
 - Identify refinements and approve the principles, goals, and objectives
 - Identify refinements and next steps for draft actions that would be implemented to achieve the goals and objectives
- Provide opportunities for public input about the topics being considered by the RPB and informal discussion of ideas with RPB members.

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

12:15pm **Public Registration**

1:00pm **Tribal Blessing**
Richard Getchell, Aroostock Band of Micmac Indians

1:05pm **Introductions and Agenda Review**
Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute

1:15pm **Opening Remarks and Overview of RPB Progress**

- *Grover Fugate, Rhode Island Coastal Resource Management Council; NE RPB State Co-Lead*
- *Richard Getchell, Aroostock Band of Micmac Indians; NE RPB Tribal Co-Lead*
- *Betsy Nicholson, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; NE RPB Federal Co-Lead*

RPB Co-Leads will provide brief opening remarks, present important updates about progress since the last public RPB meeting and review the RPB timeline

1:45pm Summary of State-Led Approaches to Stakeholder Engagement and Input Gathered to Date

- *Kathleen Leyden, State of Maine*
- *Thomas Burack, State of New Hampshire*
- *Bruce Carlisle, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*
- *Grover Fugate, State of Rhode Island*
- *Brian Thompson, State of Connecticut*

During this session, state RPB members will describe their approaches to state-based stakeholder meetings convened in the fall/winter, share reflections about key themes heard in their states, and note that input gathered during state-based stakeholder meetings is captured in briefing packet materials, including a summary of stakeholder input and the draft Northeast Regional Ocean Planning Framework and Workplan.

2:15pm Presentation of Draft Northeast Regional Ocean Planning Framework and Workplan

During this session, RPB Co-Leads and staff will present the Draft Northeast Regional Ocean Planning Framework and Workplan, review the process to date for development of key elements of the document, and highlight how the document has been informed by public input. This will be followed by brief clarifying questions from the RPB.

2:45pm RPB Discussion of Draft Regional Ocean Planning Framework and Workplan: *Effective Decision Making*

During this session, the RPB will begin discussion about the goal, objectives, and actions related to *Effective Decision Making*. The RPB will then pause its discussion and turn to the public for comment at 3:15 pm, before resuming its discussion at 4:30 pm informed by public input.

3:15pm Public Comment About Draft Northeast Regional Ocean Planning Framework and Workplan: *Effective Decision Making*

Interested individuals will be provided the opportunity to offer formal public comment and encouraged to provide input on the draft Northeast Regional Ocean Planning Framework and Workplan, focusing in this session on the goal, objectives and actions related to *Effective Decision Making*. In the interest of

accommodating as many members of the public as possible, the RPB will hold discussion of comments and questions until the following session.

Depending on how many individuals would like to comment, the time limit will be between 2-3 minutes. A sign-up list and instructions will be available at the meeting registration table.

4:15pm Break

4:30pm RPB Discussion of Draft Regional Ocean Planning Framework and Workplan: *Effective Decision Making* (continued)

After hearing public comment, the RPB will resume its discussion of the draft Northeast Regional Ocean Planning Framework and Workplan, focusing on refinements needed to the goal, objectives, and actions related to *Effective Decision Making*. The objective of this session is to:

- Reflect on public input provided to date
- Identify refinements and approve the goal and objectives related to *Effective Decision Making*
- Identify refinements and next steps for draft actions that will be implemented to achieve the goal and objectives

5:45pm Summary of Day 1
Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute

6:00pm Adjourn

6:15pm – Networking Reception
7:30pm Location: Empress Ballroom (14th floor)

The public will be invited to join RPB Members for a cash bar networking reception. This will provide an informal opportunity for the public to interact with the RPB and share any ideas or reactions in an informal setting.

Thursday, January 23, 2014

8:30 am **Public Registration**

9:00 am **Welcome to Massachusetts**

9:15 am **Welcome Back, Review of Day One Outcomes and Review of Day Two Agenda**
Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute

9:45 am **RPB Discussion of Draft Regional Ocean Planning Framework and Workplan:**
Healthy Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems

The RPB will resume discussion of the draft Northeast Regional Ocean Planning Framework and Workplan, focusing on the goal, objectives, and actions related to *Healthy Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems*. The RPB will then pause its discussion and turn to the public for comment at 10:15am, before resuming its discussion at 11:30am informed by public input.

10:15 am **Public Comment About Draft Northeast Regional Ocean Planning Framework and Workplan: *Healthy Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems***

Interested individuals will be provided the opportunity to offer formal public comment and encouraged to provide input on the goal, objectives, and actions related to *Healthy Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems*. In the interest of accommodating as many members of the public as possible, the RPB will hold discussion of comments and questions until the following session.

Depending on how many individuals would like to comment, the time limit will be between 2-3 minutes. A sign-up list and instructions will be available at the meeting registration table.

11:15am **Break**

11:30am RPB Discussion of Draft Regional Ocean Planning Framework and Workplan: *Healthy Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems* (continued)

After hearing public comment, the RPB will resume its discussion and identify key refinements needed to the goal, objectives, and actions related to *Healthy Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems*. The objective of this session is to:

- Reflect on public input provided to date
- Identify refinements and approve the goal and objectives related to *Healthy Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems*
- Identify refinements and next steps for draft actions that will be implemented to achieve the goal and objectives

12:30pm Lunch**1:15pm Update on Activities Related to Offshore Wind Energy Development and Discussion about Relationship with Regional Ocean Planning**

During this session, representatives from the U.S. Department of Energy, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and the RPB will provide an update on recent and upcoming activity related to development of offshore wind energy in New England. This will be followed by RPB discussion of opportunities for the RPB to inform and coordinate with these activities and demonstrate how ocean planning can lead to improved governance of ocean space and resources.

2:15pm RPB Discussion of Draft Regional Ocean Planning Framework and Workplan: *Compatibility Among Past, Current, and Future Ocean Uses*

The RPB will resume discussion of the Draft Northeast Regional Ocean Planning Framework and Workplan, focusing on the goal, objectives, and actions related to *Compatibility Among Past, Current, and Future Ocean Uses*. The RPB will then pause its discussion and turn to the public for comment at 2:45pm, before resuming its discussion at 4:00pm informed by public input.

2:45pm Public Comments About Draft Northeast Regional Ocean Planning Framework and Workplan: Goal, Objectives, and Actions Related to *Compatibility Among Past, Current, and Future Ocean Uses* and Any Other Topics of Interest to the Public

Interested individuals will be provided the opportunity to offer formal public comment and encouraged to provide input on the goal, objectives, and actions related to *Compatibility Among Past, Current, and Future Ocean Uses*. In the interest of accommodating as many members of the public as possible, the RPB will hold discussion of comments and questions until the following session.

Depending on how many individuals would like to comment, the time limit will be between 2-3 minutes. A sign-up list and instructions will be available at the meeting registration table.

3:45pm **Break**

4:00pm **RPB Discussion of Draft Regional Ocean Planning Framework and Workplan: *Compatibility Among Past, Current, and Future Ocean Uses* (continued)**

After hearing public comment, the RPB will resume its discussion and identify key refinements needed to the goal, objectives, and actions related to *Compatibility Among Past, Current, and Future Ocean Uses*. The objective of this session is to:

- Reflect on public input provided to date
- Identify refinements and approve the goal and objectives related to *Compatibility Among Past, Current, and Future Ocean Uses*
- Identify refinements and next steps for draft actions that will be implemented to achieve the goal and objectives

4:45pm **Summary of Meeting Outcomes and Review Next Steps**

Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute

5:00pm **Closing Remarks**

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- *Richard Getchell, Aroostock Band of Micmac Indians; NE RPB Tribal Co-Lead*
- *Betsy Nicholson, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; NE RPB Federal Co-Lead*

5:15pm **Adjourn**