

Northeast Regional Planning Body Meeting

Date November 13-14, 2014

Location Wentworth by the Sea, 88 Wentworth Road, New Castle, New Hampshire

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Objectives

- Discuss updates on Northeast Regional Planning Body (NE RPB) activities since the last in-person meeting in June 2014.
- Review options and make decisions about next steps related to *Healthy Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems* and *Effective Decision Making* goals.
- Provide opportunities for public input about the topics being considered by the NE RPB and informal discussion of ideas with NE RPB members.

Thursday, November 13, 2014

9:00 am **Public registration**

9:30 am **Tribal blessing**

Richard Getchell, All Nations Consulting; and Former Tribal Chief, Aroostook Band of Micmacs and NE RPB Tribal Co-Lead

9:35 am **Introductions and agenda review**

Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute

9:45 am **Opening remarks and overview of NE RPB progress**

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

- *Grover Fugate, Rhode Island Coastal Resource Management Council and NE RPB State Co-Lead*
- *Richard Getchell, All Nations Consulting; and Former Tribal Chief, Aroostook Band of Micmacs and NE RPB Tribal Co-Lead*
- *Betsy Nicholson, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and NE RPB Federal Co-Lead*

- 10:15 am** **Tying together efforts under the Northeast Regional Ocean Planning Framework goals: a preliminary draft outline of a Northeast Ocean Plan**
Betsy Nicholson, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and NE RPB Federal Co-Lead
- During this session, the NE RPB will review a preliminary draft outline of an ocean plan that would connect the many work streams currently underway by the NE RPB. The objective of this session is to discuss initial, high-level NE RPB input on the draft outline, recognizing that the outline will evolve with the work and be refined over time.
- 10:45 am** **Updates on Northeast ocean planning projects related to the *Healthy Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems* goal**
John Weber, Northeast Regional Ocean Council
- During this session, teams working on projects related to the *Healthy Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems* goal will provide brief updates on their work, followed by brief discussion and an opportunity for informal NE RPB and public engagement with the project teams:
- Regional restoration priorities
William Hubbard, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - Marine life characterization
Pat Halpin, Duke University
 - Fisheries characterization
George LaPointe, George LaPointe Consulting
 - Baseline assessment
Hauke Kite-Powell, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Marine Policy Center
 - Recreational characterization
Andy Lipsky, SeaPlan
 - NE RPB project discussion
- 12:10 pm** **Informal NE RPB and public discussion about projects**
Public and NE RPB will have an opportunity to discuss and ask questions of specific project teams during a world café style session.
- 12:40 pm** **Lunch (and optional continued discussion about projects)**
Those interested in continuing discussion with project teams are welcome to do so during the lunch break.

- 1:20 pm** **Discussion about Northeast ocean planning options for next steps related to *Healthy Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems* goal**
Nick Napoli, Northeast Regional Ocean Council
Staff will provide brief descriptions of the options related to the *Healthy Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems* goal, followed by NE RPB discussion. This will include reflection on public input to date about those options.
- 2:45 pm** **Public comment**
Interested individuals will be provided the opportunity to offer formal public comment and encouraged to provide input on the topics currently being discussed by the NE RPB. Depending on how many individuals would like to comment, the time limit will be between 2-3 minutes. A sign-up list and guidelines will be available at the meeting registration table.
- 3:30 pm** **Break**
- 3:45 PM** **Make decisions about next steps related to *Healthy Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems* goal**
The NE RPB will reflect on public comment and make decisions about next steps related to the *Healthy Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems* goal.
- 4:00 pm** **Updates on Northeast ocean planning projects and options related to the *Effective Decision Making* goal**
- *All Nations Consulting; and Former Tribal Chief, Aroostook Band of Micmacs and NE RPB Tribal Co-Lead*
 - *Deerin Babb-Brott, SeaPlan*
- The NE RPB will hear updates and description of two sets of activities under the *Effective Decision Making* goal: related to (1) best practices for tribal consultation and (2) options related to the following objectives:
- Objective 1. Enhance Inter-Agency Coordination
 - Objective 2. Implement Specific Actions to Enhance Informed Public Input in Decision-making
 - Objective 3. Incorporate Maps and Other Products into Existing Agency Decision-making Processes
- 5:00 pm** **Public comment**
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available at the meeting registration table.

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

6:00 pm **Adjourn**

Friday, November 14, 2014

8:00 am **Public registration**

8:30 am **Welcome back, review of Day 1 outcomes, and review of Day 2 agenda**
Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute

9:00 am **Discussion about Northeast ocean planning projects and options for next steps related to the *Effective Decision Making* goal (continued)**

The NE RPB will continue discussion of options under the *Effective Decision Making* goal.

11:00 am **Public comment**

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12:00 pm **Lunch**

1:00 pm **Make decisions about next steps related to the *Effective Decision Making* goal**

The NE RPB will reflect on public comment and make decisions about next steps related to the *Effective Decision Making* goal.

1:45 pm **Break**

2:00 pm Review next steps for the three Northeast Regional Ocean Planning Framework goals

John Weber, Northeast Regional Ocean Council

Staff will review immediate next steps, in light of decisions made during the meeting, followed by NE RPB discussion. This will include next steps related to the three Northeast Regional Ocean Planning Framework goals of *Healthy Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems, Effective Decision Making, and Compatibility Among Past, Current and Future Ocean Uses.*

3:00 pm Closing remarks

- *Grover Fugate, Rhode Island Coastal Resource Management Council; NE RPB State Co-Lead*
- *Richard Getchell, All Nations Consulting; and Former Tribal Chief, Aroostook Band of Micmacs and NE RPB Tribal Co-Lead*
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3:15 pm Summary and next steps

Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute

3:30 pm Adjourn