

# Northeast Regional Planning Body Workshop on Ecosystem Based Management

## Draft Agenda

### Meeting Objectives

- Jointly learn more about and discuss the principles, definitions, and frameworks of EBM
- Develop a shared sense of EBM as a lens to understand shorter and longer term NE ocean planning and management
- Identify key learning and research questions of interest to NE stakeholders
- Explore possible actions for moving this topic forward in 2015 and beyond

**Location:** University of New Hampshire, Squamscott Room, Holloway Commons,  
UNH, 75 Main Street, Durham, NH 03824

## Wednesday, April 8, 2015

**8:30 am Registration**

**9:00 am Welcome**

- Greetings and introductions
- Review of objectives, ground rules and agenda

**9:10 am Why Discuss Ecosystem Based Management (EBM)?**

*Presenter: NROC staff*

A short history of EBM, New England, and the NE Regional Planning Body (RPB)

**9:25 am What's Ecosystem Based Management mean for Ocean Planning in the Northeast?**

- Introductions at small tables
- Small tables discuss their ideas briefly
- Initial thoughts shared briefly with full group

**9:45 am EBM: Principles, Concepts and Practice**

Panelists overview of the concept and practice of EBM

- Dr. Michael Fogarty, NE Fisheries Science Center
- Chuckie Green, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council
- Dr. Anamarija Frankic, University of Massachusetts-Boston
- Dr. Kathy Mills, Gulf of Maine Research Institute
- Dr. Andrew Rosenberg, Union of Concerned Scientists
- Brent Greenfield, National Ocean Policy Coalition

**10:45 am Break**

- 11:00 am**     **EBM: Principles, Concepts and Practice**  
Final panelists present and take questions
- 11:45 am**     **Small Table Discussion**
- What similarities do you see across approaches?
  - What differences?
  - Considerations for our Northeast region?
  - Prepare questions for panel dialogue after lunch
- 12:15 pm**     **Lunch**
- 1:15 pm**     **Interactive Discussion**
- Small tables ask questions of panelists convened again after lunch
  - Facilitator summarizes key points, principles, barriers and opportunities from the discussion
- 1:45 pm**     **Review & Discussion of Current Northeast Ocean Planning Activities Related to EBM**  
*Presenter: NROC Staff*
- Brief presentation on key RPB activities related to, or as possible components of, EBM
  - Initial questions before moving to small group work
- 2:15 pm**     **Small Group Work: Furthering an EBM Approach**  
*including a break*
- Three groups, facilitated, with note taking, and panelists scattered across the groups. Given the “lens” we crafted from our morning discussions:
- What elements of Northeast regional ocean planning are on track regarding EBM principles?
  - What key elements or activities are potentially missing?
  - What questions for further learning or research does this brief analysis surface for further consideration?
  - Within existing RPB timelines and resources, what are the key EBM question/ activities we can explore as a region short-term (12 to 18 months) and longer-term (many years to come)?
- 3:45 pm**     **Wrap Up**
- Small Group Report-outs
  - Discussion
  - RPB Co-Chairs summarize the day and identify next steps
  - Thanks and close
- 4:30 pm**     **Adjourn**