

# Northeast Regional Planning Body Meeting

**Date** June 3-4, 2015  
**Location** Hilton Mystic, 20 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic, Connecticut

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## Meeting Agenda

### Meeting Objectives

- Discuss updates on Northeast Regional Planning Body (NE RPB) activities and progress since November 2014.
- Review and make decisions on next steps for the synthesis and use of data and other information under existing authorities.
- Review draft outline of the Northeast Ocean Plan and make decisions about next steps.
- Provide opportunities for public input about the topics being considered by the NE RPB.

### Wednesday, June 3, 2015

**9:00 am**      **Public registration**

**9:30 am**      **Tribal blessing**  
*Lynn Malerba, Chief of the Mohegan Tribe*

**9:40 am**      **Welcoming remarks**  
*Rob Klee, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection*

**9:50 am**      **Introductions and agenda review**  
*Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute*

**10:00 am**      **Opening remarks, overview of NE RPB progress, and presentation of draft outline of the Northeast Ocean Plan**  
NE RPB Co-Leads will provide brief opening remarks, present important updates about progress since the last public NE RPB meeting, review the NE RPB timeline, and present a draft outline of the Northeast Ocean Plan.

- *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 (NOAA) and NE RPB Federal Co-Lead*

**10:30 am Update on recent activities and projects**

During this session project teams will provide updates on their work, followed by brief discussion and an opportunity for informal NE RPB and public engagement with the project teams:

- Commercial fishing  
*George LaPointe, George LaPointe Consulting*
- Marine life characterization  
*Pat Halpin, Nicholas School of the Environment & Duke Marine Lab, Duke University*
- Baseline assessment  
*Hauke Kite-Powell, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Marine Policy Center*

**11:45 am 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.

**12:00 pm Lunch**

Those interested in continuing discussion with project teams are welcome to do so during the lunch break.

**12:45 pm Continued updates on recent activities and projects**

During this session project teams and work groups will provide brief updates on their work, followed by brief RPB discussion.

- CZMA update  
*David Kaiser, NOAA*
- Regional restoration priorities  
*William Hubbard, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*
- Sand and gravel  
*William Hubbard, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bob LaBelle, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)*
- Aquaculture  
*John Weber, Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC)*
- Regulatory pre-application best practices  
*Deerin Babb-Brott, SeaPlan*

**2:15 pm NE RPB discussion on next steps for data synthesis and agency use**

*Nick Napoli, NROC*

Following on project presentations, staff will provide examples of potential approaches to bringing together data products, regulatory practices, and the results of industry and public engagement for agency use. This will include a presentation of potential next steps and will be followed by NE RPB discussion.

**3:45 pm Break**

- 4:00 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.
- 5:00 pm**      **Summary of day 1**  
*Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute*
- 5:30 pm**      **Adjourn**

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| <b>Thursday, June 4, 2015</b> |
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- 8:30 am**      **Public registration**
- 9:00 am**      **Welcome back, review of day 1 outcomes, and review of day 2 agenda**  
*Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute*
- 9:30 am**      **Continued NE RPB discussion and decision on next steps for data synthesis and agency use**  
The NE RPB will make a decision to guide future activities on the next steps for data synthesis and agency use.
- 10:30 am**      **Review draft outline of Northeast Ocean Plan**  
*John Weber and Nick Napoli, NROC*  
During this session, the NE RPB will review the draft plan outline and make decisions about how to proceed. The objective of this session is to get additional RPB member input and direction on the draft plan outline and discuss process and timeline for specific sections of the Northeast Ocean Plan.
- 11:30 am**      **Public comment**  
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- 12:15 pm**      **Closing remarks**  
*NE RPB co-leads*
- 12:20 pm**      **Summary and next steps**  
*Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute*
- 12:30 pm**      **Adjourn**