

## **Marine Mammal / Sea Turtle Work Group Meeting #3**

**Monday, February 9th; 1:00pm – 2:30pm**

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### **Materials:**

1. Ocean Planning Marine Life Characterization: Proposed Study Areas (pdf)
2. MDAT Marine Mammal/Sea Turtle Draft Work Plan (Word doc)

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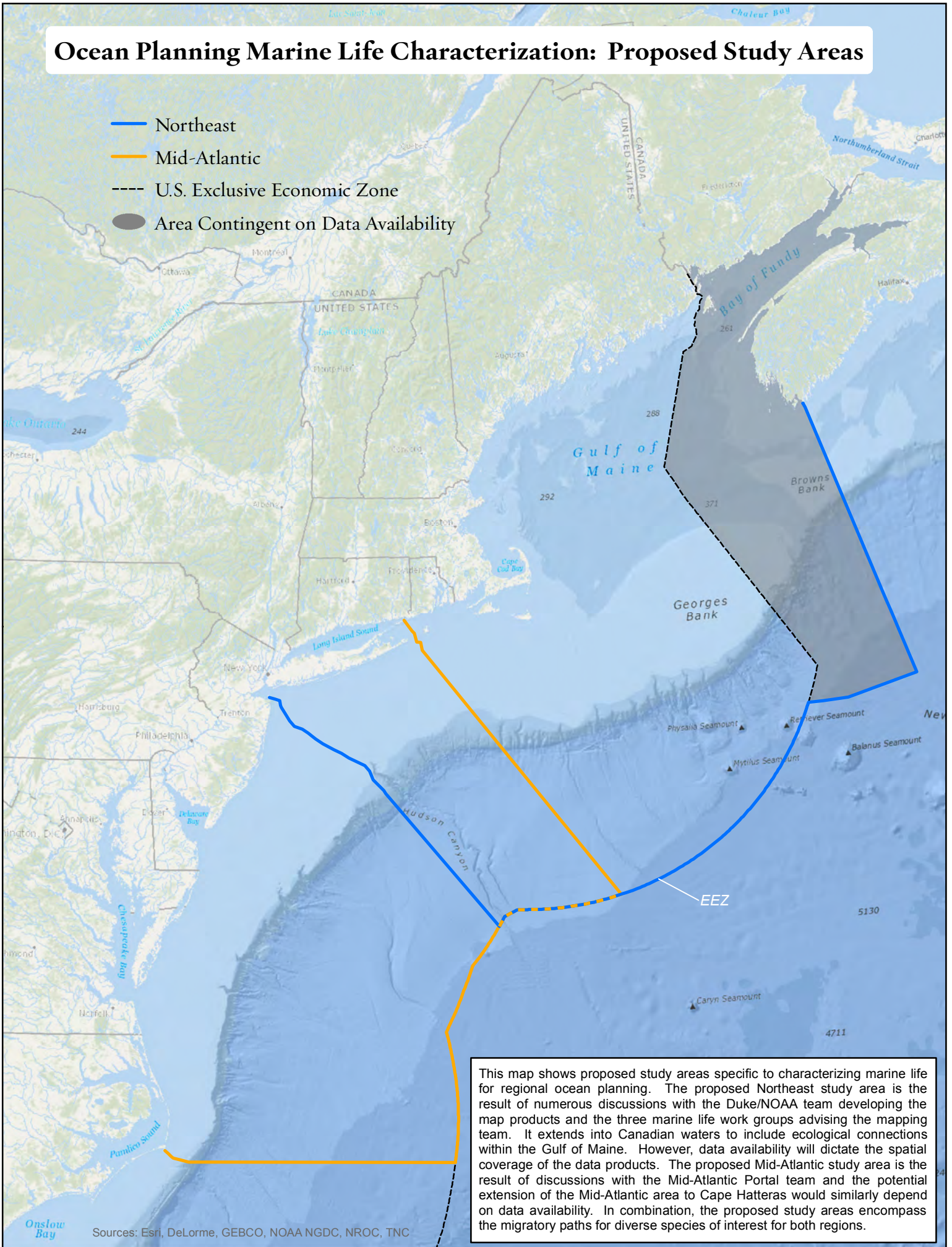
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### **Agenda:**

- I. Welcome, introductions, etc. (Nick Napoli and Emily Shumchenia, NROC)**
  - Roll call
  - Process for summarizing WG feedback to MDAT over past few months
  - Process for following up after this call
- II. Study Area (Nick Napoli, NROC)**
  - Work group feedback
  - Discussions with Mid-Atlantic
  - Discussion/questions
- III. MDAT Draft Workplan (Corrie Curtice, Duke University)**
  - Data sources
  - Suggested outputs/products from models
  - Resolution of model outputs
  - Spatial gaps in model outputs
  - SPUE maps
  - Synthetic products
- IV. Right Whale Consortium and other data (Nick Napoli, NROC)**
- V. Summary and Next Steps**

# Ocean Planning Marine Life Characterization: Proposed Study Areas

- Northeast
- Mid-Atlantic
- - - U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone
- Area Contingent on Data Availability



This map shows proposed study areas specific to characterizing marine life for regional ocean planning. The proposed Northeast study area is the result of numerous discussions with the Duke/NOAA team developing the map products and the three marine life work groups advising the mapping team. It extends into Canadian waters to include ecological connections within the Gulf of Maine. However, data availability will dictate the spatial coverage of the data products. The proposed Mid-Atlantic study area is the result of discussions with the Mid-Atlantic Portal team and the potential extension of the Mid-Atlantic area to Cape Hatteras would similarly depend on data availability. In combination, the proposed study areas encompass the migratory paths for diverse species of interest for both regions.