

Fish Work Group Meeting #3

Monday, March 9th; 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Materials:

1. Map of NROC/MDAT assessment area/geographic boundaries (pdf)
2. MDAT Fish draft workplan (Word doc)

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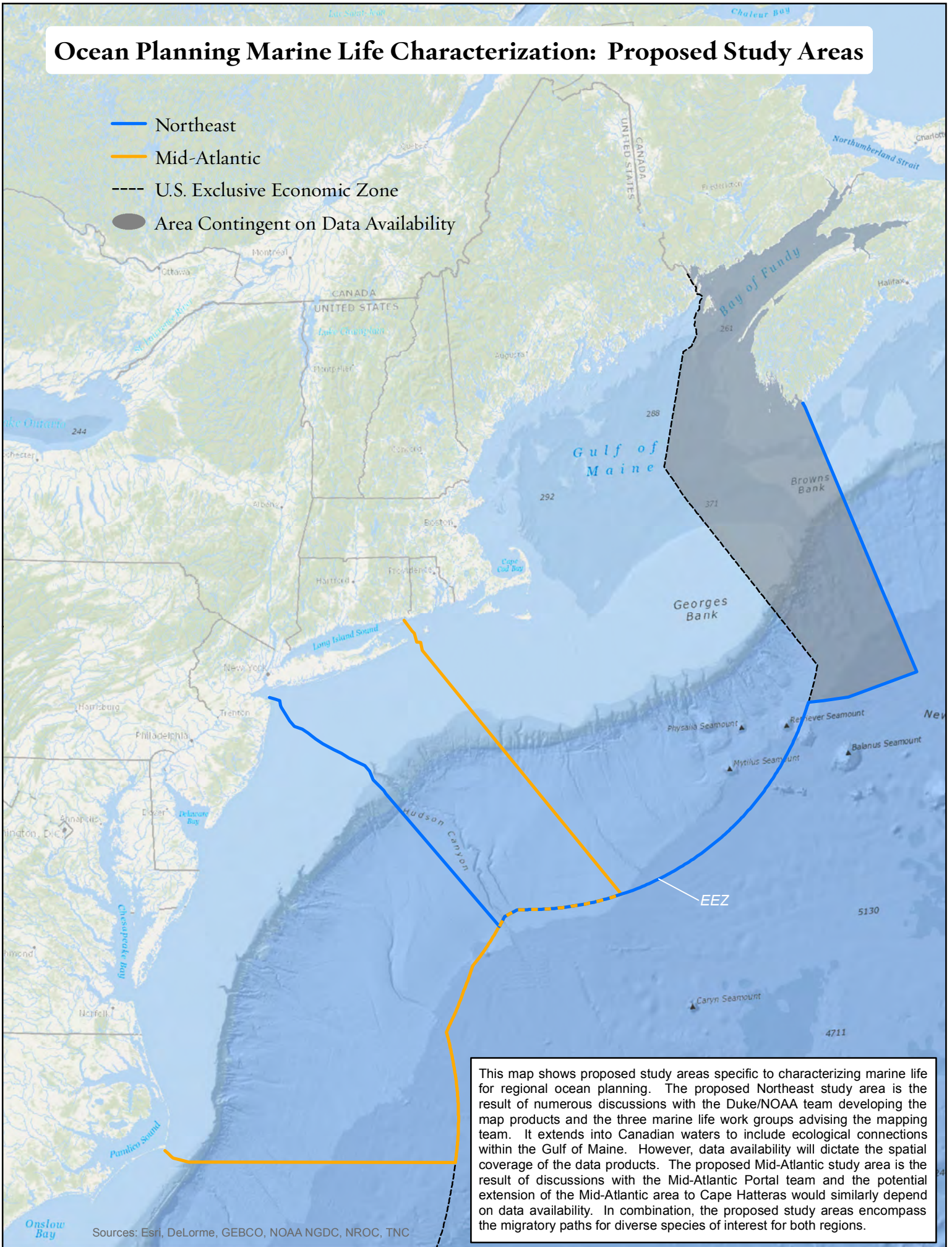
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Agenda:

- 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 (Mike Fogarty, NOAA)**
 - Data sources
 - Priority species and groupings
 - Important species that will not be modeled/mapped
 - Planned outputs – bubble, hexagon, IDW
 - Spatial gaps
- IV. 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.