

Northeast Regional Ocean Planning

Northeast Regional Planning Body Meeting | April 11-12, 2013

Agenda

Meeting Objectives

- Identify draft goals for regional ocean planning and mechanisms for receiving public input about those draft goals through early summer.
- Continue discussions about Northeast Regional Planning Body (NE RPB) operational considerations, initial products, a timeline for accomplishing initial work, and engaging stakeholders as the process moves forward.
- Continue providing context about current activities that lay a foundation for Northeast regional ocean planning.
- Provide opportunities for public input about topics being considered by the NE RPB.

Location: Village Inn, 1 Beach Street, Narragansett, Rhode Island

Thursday April 11, 2013

8:30 am **Tribal Blessing**

8:35 am **Opening remarks**

NE RPB Co-Leads provide opening remarks and a briefing on progress made by the NE RPB to date.

Grover Fugate, Rhode Island Coastal Resource Management Council, NE RPB State Co-Lead

Richard Getchell, Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians, NE RPB Tribal Co-Lead

Betsy Nicholson, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NE RPB Federal Co-Lead

8:50 am **Introductions and agenda review**

Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute

9:05 am **Discussion of draft regional ocean planning goals**

The NE RPB Executive Secretariat provides an update on goal setting discussions that have taken place within each governmental sector and offers an integrated set of draft goals for consideration, followed by facilitated discussion.

- **Presentation of initial sets of draft goals by each governmental sector**

*Grover Fugate, Rhode Island Coastal Resource Management Council,
NE RPB State Co-Lead*

*Richard Getchell, Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians, NE RPB Tribal
Co-Lead*

*Betsy Nicholson, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,
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- **Description of the Executive Secretariat's process to integrate a set of draft regional ocean planning goals for discussion**

Katie Lund, NE RPB Executive Secretary

- **Discussion and refinement of integrated draft goals**

10:30 am Results of engagement to date

A presentation of key themes heard via engagement to date that provide important context and information for NE RPB goal setting, followed by discussion.

John Weber, Ocean Planning Director, NROC

Nick Napoli, Ocean Planning Project Manager, NROC

11:15 am Public comment: draft regional ocean planning goals

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Context presentation: overview of Massachusetts Ocean Plan

A presentation about key elements of the Massachusetts Ocean Plan that may be helpful for NE RPB consideration, followed by discussion.

*Bruce Carlisle, Director, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental
Affairs/Coastal Zone Management*

1:30 pm Operational considerations

A set of presentations and discussion by the NE RPB about key operational considerations.

- **Leadership, membership, and advisory roles**

- Co-leads: roles and frequency of rotation
- Ex-officio: roles of domestic and international ex officio members.
- Advisory bodies: options for structure and roles.
- Local representation: options presented for discussion.

- **Charter review and approval**
 - **Proposed three-year phased planning timeline**
 - **Engagement/communications strategies and updates**
Outline of ongoing and future outreach and communications with a focus on activities and timeline for 2013, followed by RPB discussion.
- 4:45 pm Public comment session: operational considerations**
- 5:30 pm Wrap up and adjourn**

Friday, April 12, 2013

- 8:30 am Welcome back and agenda review**
Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute
- 9:00 am Context presentation: Federal regulatory assessment**
A presentation of progress made by the federal agencies to date in identifying regulatory efficiencies and next steps, followed by discussion.
Dan Hubbard, Maritime Energy Program Specialist, First District, U.S. Coast Guard
- 9:45 am Remarks on regional ocean planning efforts**
Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (Rhode Island)
- 10:05 am Context presentations**
- **Ecosystem perspectives**
A joint presentation of ecosystem perspectives important to consider in regional ocean planning, followed by RPB discussion.
Mike Fogarty, NOAA Northeast Fisheries Science Center
Chuckie Green, Assistant Director, Natural Resources Department, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
 - **Outcomes from "Submerged Paleocultural Landscapes Workshop"**
A presentation of outcomes from workshop convened April 8-10 by the University of Rhode Island and the Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office.
Doug Harris, Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer/ Preservationist for Ceremonial Landscapes, Narragansett Indian Tribe of Rhode Island

- 11:20 am** **Continued discussion of draft regional ocean planning goals and resolution of other remaining business**
RPB members will discuss any additional revisions to the draft regional ocean planning goals and discuss specific strategies and mechanisms for seeking extensive public input on the initial set of draft goals through the early summer. This is also an opportunity for the RPB to return to any unfinished business from Day 1 and identify next steps.
- 12:20 pm** **Public comment session: additional opportunity for public comment on meeting discussions**
- 1:05 pm** **Wrap up and next steps**
- 1:15 pm** **Adjourn**