

Northeast Regional Planning Body Fall 2014 Stakeholder Forum

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Tuesday, 21 October 2014

University of New Hampshire
Holloway Commons, 75 Main Street, Durham, NH
Squamscott Room

Meeting Objectives

- Engage RPB state, federal, and tribal members and stakeholders in dialogue about key upcoming RPB decisions.
- Increase understanding of options for Characterizing Natural Resources and Effective Decision-making and identify where further clarifications are needed.
- Gain advice and input on various options, practical considerations, and other related questions.

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WHEN	WHAT & WHO	Description
9:00 a.m.	Registration and Coffee	
9:30 a.m.	Welcome, Agenda Review, & Objectives – <i>Betsy Nicholson, NOAA, RPB Member and Facilitator</i>	
9:40 a.m.	Ocean Planning Context & Work to Date – <i>Nick Napoli</i>	
9:50 a.m.	Options for Identifying Important Ecological Areas – <i>Nick Napoli</i>	Introduce options for identifying important ecological areas and other assessments. Maps (marine mammals, fish, birds) will be available as examples of the type of products that will be forthcoming.
10:10 a.m.	Small Table Discussion	Participants at small table will discuss options, identifying key questions and issues.
10:45 a.m.	Large Group Questions and Discussions	Moving around the tables one by one, participants will provide questions and responses on the ecological work that

		arose in the small group discussions.
11:30 a.m.	Effective Decision Making – present background & options- <i>staff</i>	Presentation to outline the key options and issues for effective decisionmaking.
11:45 a.m.	Questions	Initial questions from audience
12:00 p.m.	Instructions for Breakouts	Facilitator explain “after lunch” process and agenda
12:05 p.m.	Lunch	
1:05 p.m.	Breakout Session #1: Three Breakout groups each discuss “Use of Plan Data and Information.” <i>Sessions facilitated and with RPB members in each.</i>	Each breakout group will address the same topic, with RPB members as “discussants” to listen & respond. The goal is to discuss and explore these options together, and identify practical considerations and outstanding questions about the options. Breakout group assignments will ensure diverse participation across geographies and sector.
1:45 p.m.	Brief Stretch Break (in room)	Groups stay in the same room.
1:50 p.m.	Breakout Session #1B: Continue three breakout groups each discuss “Enhanced Coordination and Public Participation.” <i>Sessions facilitated and with RPB members in each.</i>	Each breakout group will address the same topic, with RPB members as “discussants” to listen & respond. The goal is to discuss and explore these options together, and identify practical considerations and outstanding questions about the options.
2:30 p.m.	Break	
2:50 p.m.	Report Outs – Facilitators report out on discussions	The facilitators will report out the practical considerations and outstanding questions for each topic raised by the smaller group discussions.
3:05 p.m.	Discussion and Conclusions – <i>Primarily non-RPB participants</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large group discussion in response to the report outs and small group discussion • Small table discussion – as the RPB decides on natural resource characterization and effective, what other key considerations or factors should they take into account?
4:15 p.m.	Next Steps – <i>Betsy Nicholson, NOAA, RPB Member</i>	
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