

# Northeast Regional Planning Body Meeting

**Date** November 16-17, 2015  
**Location** Westin Portland Harborview, East Grand Ballroom  
157 High Street, Portland, Maine

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## Meeting Agenda and Objectives

### Meeting Objectives

- x Discuss updates on Northeast Regional Planning Body (NE RPB) activities and progress since June 2015, including progress on data and agency guidance (included in Chapter 3) and a review of updated draft plan outline and timeline.
- x Review options and discuss next steps for plan performance and ocean health indicators (Chapter 4 Section 3 of the draft plan outline).
- x Review options and discuss next steps for science and research priorities, (Chapter 5 of the draft plan outline).
- x Review options and discuss future responsibilities and commitments (Chapter 4 Section 2 of the draft plan outline).
- x Provide opportunities for public input about the topics being considered by the NE RPB.

### Monday, November 16, 2015

- 8:30 am**      **Continental breakfast (for RPB members only)**  
Location: Hawthorne Room
- 9:00 am**      **Public registration**
- 9:30 am**      **Tribal blessing**  
*Richard Getchell, All Nations Consulting; and Former Tribal Chief, Aroostook Band of Micmacs and NE RPB Tribal Co-Lead*
- 9:35 am**      **Introductions and agenda review**  
*Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute*
- 9:45 am**      **Welcome and remarks from National Ocean Council Director**  
*Beth Kerttula, National Ocean Council*

- 10:00 am**     **Opening remarks, overview of NE RPB progress and timeline**  
NE RPB Co-Leads will provide brief opening remarks, share updates about progress since the last NE RPB meeting and review the NE RPB timeline.
- x *Grover Fugate, Rhode Island Coastal Resource Management Council and NE RPB State Co-Lead*
  - x *Richard Getchell, All Nations Consulting; and Former Tribal Chief, Aroostook Band of Micmacs and NE RPB Tribal Co-Lead*
  - x *Betsy Nicholson, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and NE RPB Federal Co-Lead*
- 10:15 am**     **Review and updates on draft NE Ocean Plan outline**  
*Nick Napoli, Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC)*  
Staff will present the plan outline and explain how this meeting's presentations and discussions will inform the development of the plan. RPB discussion will follow.
- 10:45 am**     **Update on the development of Chapter 3: The Regulatory Environment and Management**  
Update and discussion of progress on the data and agency guidance to be included in Chapter 3, *The Regulatory Environment and Management Actions*, of the plan. RPB discussion will follow.
- x Update on the status of Chapter 3, *Nick Napoli, NROC*
  - x Marine life characterization, *Pat Halpin, Nicholas School of the Environment & Duke Marine Lab, Duke University*
  - x EBM Work Group update, *Emily Shumchenia, NROC*
- 12:00 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 are available at the meeting registration table.
- 12:30 pm**     **Lunch**  
(Lunch available for RPB members in the Hawthorne Room)
- 1:30 pm**     **Other updates on recent activities and projects**  
During this session project leads will provide updates on their work, followed by brief RPB discussion.
- x Best practices for agency coordination, *Deerin Babb-Brott, SeaPlan*
  - x Climate Change Impacts on the Ocean Environment, *Kathy Mills, Gulf of Maine Research Institute (GMRI)*

- 2:15 pm**      **NE RPB discussion on Chapter 4 Section 3: Monitoring and Evaluation**  
*John Weber and Nick Napoli, NROC*  
Staff will present an approach to content for the plan's section regarding monitoring and evaluation of plan performance and for ecosystem health. This will be followed by NE RPB discussion.
- 3:15 pm**      **Break**
- 3:30 pm**      **Public comment**  
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- 4:15 pm**      **RPB decision on content for Chapter 4 Section 3: Monitoring and Evaluation**  
The NE RPB will decide on the approach to content for Chapter 4, Section 3.
- 5:00 pm**      **Summary of day 1**  
*Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute*
- 5:15 pm**      **Adjourn**

**November 17, 2015**

- 8:00 am**      **Continental breakfast (for members only)**  
Location: Hawthorne Room
- 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*
- 9:15 am**      **NE RPB discussion on a framework for Chapter 5: Science and Research Priorities**  
*Nick Napoli and Emily Shumchenia, NROC*  
Staff will present on the status and a proposed framework for Chapter 5 of the Northeast Ocean Plan, *Science and Research Priorities*. NE RPB discussion will follow.
- 10:15 am**      **NE RPB discussion on Chapter 4 Section 2: Plan Implementation Responsibilities and Commitments**  
*Betsy Nicholson, NOAA and NE RPB Federal Co-Lead*  
The NE RPB will have a preliminary discussion on how the Northeast Ocean Plan will be implemented and the role of the NE RPB following the finalization of the Northeast Ocean Plan in 2016.

- 11:15 am Public comment**  
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- 12:00 pm Lunch**  
(Lunch available for RPB members in the Hawthorne Room)
- 1:00 pm Continue NE RPB discussion and decision on content for science and research priorities and plan implementation**
- 2:00 pm Review timeline and closing remarks**  
*NE RPB co-leads*
- 2:15 pm Summary and next steps**  
*Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute*
- 2:30 pm Adjourn**