

# Draft Northeast Ocean Plan Public Release Webinar

**Date** May 25, 2016  
**Time** 12:00-2:00 pm ET

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## Objectives

- Announce the availability of the draft Northeast Ocean Plan
  - Provide an overview of the draft Northeast Ocean Plan
  - Describe the public comment process and upcoming opportunities to discuss the draft Plan
  - Answer clarifying questions from the public on both the draft Northeast Ocean Plan and public engagement process
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## Agenda

- 12:00 pm**    **Welcome, introduction, agenda review**  
*Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute*
- 12:10 pm**    **Overview of the draft Northeast Ocean Plan**  
*Betsy Nicholson, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and NE RPB Federal Co-Lead*  
Overview of the draft Northeast Ocean Plan, including a summary of Plan content and description of the upcoming public comment process and opportunities for public discussion.
- 12:40 pm**    **Perspectives from NE RPB members**  
NE RPB members will briefly share their perspective on draft Northeast Ocean Plan content, including its development, use, next steps and implementation.
- *Grover Fugate, Rhode Island Coastal Resource Management Council and NE RPB State Co-Lead*
  - *Richard Getchell, All Nations Consulting; and Former Tribal Chief, Aroostook Band of Micmacs and NE RPB Tribal Co-Lead*
  - *Mark Alexander, New England Fishery Management Council and NE RPB member*
  - *Joe Atangan, Senior Scientist, U.S. Navy and NE RPB Member*
- 1:00 pm**    **Facilitated Public Q&A and Comments**  
*Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute*  
Throughout the webinar the public can submit questions via the webinar chat feature. The questions will be reviewed, synthesized, and posed to the NE RPB Co-Leads, NE RPB members, and NE RPB staff. The webinar may not have sufficient time to answer all questions. All questions submitted, even those that were not asked during the webinar, will be included in the webinar record.

**1:50 pm**      **Wrap up and next steps**  
*Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute*  
Summarize the discussion and reminder of next steps for public engagement.

**2:00 pm**      **Adjourn**