



Northeast Regional Planning Body Stakeholder Forum

Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 9:30 to 3:30

Portsmouth Public Library, Portsmouth, NH

Meeting Objectives

- Provide updates and discuss progress implementing the Northeast Ocean Plan, with a focus on RPB initiatives to:
 - Use, maintain and update the Northeast Ocean Data Portal
 - Advance aspects of plan performance monitoring and evaluation
- Obtain feedback on progress to date and on potential next steps to inform decisions at the Northeast Regional Planning Body Meeting on May 24

Agenda

- 9:00am** **Registration**
- 9:30** **Call to Order and Agenda Review** – *Patrick Field, Consensus Building Institute, Facilitator*
- 9:35** **Objectives of the Day and Major Recent Milestones** - *Mel Coté, (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Co-lead) and Ted Diers (NH Department of Environmental Services, State Co-Lead)*
- 9:50** **Northeast Ocean Plan Implementation Update** – *Nick Napoli (contract staff to NE RPB)*
Presentation and brief discussion about the work plan for implementation
- 10:10** **Northeast Ocean Data Portal: Maintenance and Use of the Portal** – *Betsy Nicholson (NOAA) and Nick Napoli*
- Overview of the approach to maintain the Portal and initiatives to communicate the value of the Portal, including the development of case studies characterizing the range of uses of the Portal
 - *Questions and Discussion*
 - *Comments from the audience specifically about how they are using the Portal*
- 10:40** **Northeast Ocean Data Portal: Updating the Ocean Activity Data on the Portal** – *Nick Napoli*
- Overview of RPB activities to update and maintain specific ocean activity data themes, including related stakeholder outreach
 - *Questions and Discussion*
 - *Suggestions from the audience about outreach to inform product updates*



- 11:10 Stakeholder Updates**
Stakeholders can share brief updates on their work related to the Northeast Ocean Plan
- 11:45 Lunch (on your own in Portsmouth, NH)**
- 1:00 Northeast Ocean Data Portal: Updating Marine Life, Habitat, and Important Ecological Area Data Products – Emily Shumchenia (contract staff to the NE RPB)**
Overview of RPB activities to update draft data products for marine life, habitat, and the components of ecological importance, and to obtain input on draft products and methods
- 1:10 Northeast Ocean Data Portal: Review Recent Marine Life & Habitat Data Updates and Draft Important Ecological Area Data Products and Methods – Emily Shumchenia, Jesse Cleary (Duke University) and Corrie Curtice (Duke University)**
Move to three break-out groups for in-depth presentation and discussion about draft products and methods
- 1:50 Break**
- 2:00 Draft Approach for Evaluating Plan Performance – Nick Napoli**
- Presentation of draft approach for evaluating plan performance
 - *Questions and Discussion*
- 2:30 Overview of One Approach for Monitoring Ecosystem Changes - The Ocean Health Index (OHI) – OHI Team (University of California, Santa Barbara)**
- Presentation on overall OHI methodology, work plan, and initial tasks
 - *Discussion, questions and feedback on tailoring the OHI approach to the Northeast*
- 3:15 Next Steps**
- 3:30 Adjourn**