

Ocean Health Index for the US Northeast Workshop

September 21, 2017

Renaissance Hotel, Providence, Rhode Island

Workshop Objectives:

The Northeast Regional Planning Body is providing a forum to inform the development of an Ocean Health Index for the northeast. The objectives of this one-day workshop are to:

1. Inform the development of reporting regions and goal priorities to advance the Ocean Health Index effort in the US Northeast
2. Inform the overall project timeline, priorities, near- and long-term objectives, roles, and responsibilities, including potential goal-specific workgroups based on participant interest

Solicited feedback from the workshop will be used by the Ocean Health Index team to begin drafting the regional assessment.

Agenda:

9:30 - 10:00 am	Registration, Coffee, and light breakfast
10:00 - 10:15 am	Welcome, overview, objectives for the day, and ocean planning context <i>Northeast Regional Planning Body Co-leads and Staff Pat Field, Facilitator, Consensus Building Institute</i>
10:15 - 10:45 am	Presentation: Introduction to the Ocean Health Index (OHI) for the US Northeast <i>Ben Halpern, OHI Team</i>
10:45 - 11:00 am	Q&A: General Ocean Health Index framework
11:00 - 11:30 am	Presentation: OHI reporting region boundary options <i>Jamie Afflerbach, OHI Team</i>
11:30 - 12:00 pm	Discussion and Feedback: Reporting region boundary options
12:00 - 1:00 pm	LUNCH
1:00 - 1:15 pm	Presentation: Priorities and potential goal definitions <i>Courtney Scarborough, OHI Team</i>
1:15 - 1:45 pm	Discussion and Feedback: Priorities and potential goal definitions
1:45 - 2:00 pm	BREAK
2:00 - 3:30 pm	Breakouts Sessions: <i>Discussion and problem solving in small breakout groups around setting goals within an OHI assessment, what goals to include in the US Northeast assessment, and how they align with plan priorities</i>
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Breakout groups report out, final feedback, and discussion <i>Pat Field</i>