

Northeast Regional Ocean Council Ocean Planning Committee Fall 2018 Meeting

Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 9:30-4:30

Clarion Hotel
1230 Congress St.
Portland, ME 04102

Meeting Objectives

- Review ocean planning activities since the last regional meeting in June 2018, including the decision to advance regional ocean planning priorities under the Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC)
- Identify and confirm regional data priorities and obtain input on the 2019 work plan for the Northeast Ocean Data Portal
- Identify other potential regional ocean planning priorities and decide how those priorities will be advanced and communicated by NROC

Agenda

- 8:45** **Breakfast for NROC Ocean Planning Committee Members (in meeting room)**
- 9:30** **Registration**
- 10:00** **Welcome to Maine**
TBD
- Tribal Blessing**
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- Welcome from NROC**
Matt Nixon, NROC State Co-Chair, Deputy Director of the Maine Coastal Program, Maine Department of Marine Resources
- 10:20** **Introductions and Agenda Review**
Mel Coté, NROC Ocean Planning Committee Federal Co-Chair, Chief of the Surface Water Branch at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1
- 10:40** **Review of Ocean Planning Activities Since June 2018 Meeting**
Ted Diers, NROC Ocean Planning Committee State Co-Chair, Administrator of the Watershed Bureau of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

Mel Coté, NROC Ocean Planning Committee Federal Co-Chair, Chief of the Surface Water Branch at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1

Nick Napoli, Ocean Planning Director, NROC

Co-chairs and staff will provide an overview of ocean planning activities since the last meeting in June 2018. This includes the decision by the Northeast Regional Ocean Council to serve as the organization for advancing regional ocean management and planning priorities. This will be followed up with a brief Q&A and discussion.

11:10 NOAA/BOEM Scoping Study on Regional Data Needs
Betsy Nicholson, North Regional Director, NOAA Office for Coastal Management

11:30 Northeast Ocean Data Portal Work Plan and Regional Data Priorities
Emily Shumchenia, Staff, NROC Ocean Planning Committee

Staff will provide a summary of the work plan for maintaining and updating the Northeast Ocean Data Portal in 2019. This will include an overview of those data assets that are used or requested most by regional partners and stakeholders.

11:45 Regional Data Priorities Discussion
All Meeting Participants

12:30pm Lunch (On your own)

1:30 Summary of Feedback To-Date on Regional Ocean Planning Priorities
Nick Napoli, Ocean Planning Director, NROC
Fara Courtney, Independent Consultant

Staff and contractors will summarize input on regional priorities that has been provided to NROC in advance of the meeting, identify those areas where there appears to be broad agreement, and suggest a way forward for advancing those priorities.

2:00 Regional Ocean Planning Priorities Discussion
All Meeting Participants

3:15 Break

3:30 NROC Ocean Planning Committee Recommendations
NROC Ocean Planning Committee

The NROC Ocean Planning Committee, with additional input from meeting participants, will consider feedback provided throughout the day and make recommendations about the following:

- *The structure within NROC for carrying forward regional planning priorities*
- *Regional data priorities*
- *Other regional ocean management and planning priorities*
- *Communicating regional priorities to the federal Ocean Policy Committee created under Executive Order 13840*

4:30

Adjourn

Please note that the Northeast Regional Ocean Council will hold its general meeting on Thursday, November 15th at the University of Southern Maine, Abromson Center, Room 214/215, 88 Bedford Street, Portland, Maine. The agenda on November 15th will include an hour discussion about the outcomes from the ocean planning meeting on November 14th. For additional details, please visit the Northeast Regional Ocean Council website (www.northeastoceancouncil.org).