

Northeast Regional Ocean Council Ocean Planning Committee Webinar May 28, 2020, 10:00 – 12:00

DRAFT AGENDA

The Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC) Ocean Planning Committee (OPC) was originally scheduled to hold an in-person meeting on April 2, 2020. Due to recent events, the NROC OPC decided instead to hold a series of webinars starting on April 2 and including this webinar on May 28. This agenda includes many of the topics that were originally planned to be covered in-person on April 2. The NROC OPC will be scheduling additional webinars in the coming months to cover other topics that were originally on the agenda for the in-person meeting on April 2, including opportunities to go into more detail about grid and transmission planning, aquaculture, and wildlife and habitat research and data development related to offshore wind.

Webinar Registration and Materials

Please register in advance of the webinar via this link:

<https://neoceanplanning.my.webex.com/neoceanplanning.my/j.php?RGID=r18b8a76ca1a9db48e2f14e1202e0bbba>

Webinar materials including this agenda will be posted at this URL on the Northeast Ocean Planning website: <https://neoceanplanning.org/news/nroc-ocean-planning-committee-may-28-webinar/>

Webinar Objectives

- Obtain an update on the status of state-led marine planning efforts in the region and from the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC). This will include state and NEFMC policies related to transmission cables, aquaculture, offshore wind, and other activities.
- Consider the use of the Northeast Ocean Data Portal and the best practices identified in the Northeast Ocean Plan, and identify potential opportunities and priorities for continued improvement and coordination with NROC.

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10:00

Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Review, Co-Chair Update

*Chris Boelke, NROC Ocean Planning Committee Federal Co-Chair
New England Branch Chief, Habitat Conservation Division, NOAA Fisheries*

*Ted Diers, NROC Ocean Planning Committee State Co-Chair
Administrator of the Watershed Bureau of the New Hampshire Department of
Environmental Services*

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New England Fishery Management Council

Tom Nies, New England Fishery Management Council

Michelle Bachman, New England Fishery Management Council

Relevant Links:

NEFMC Offshore Development Policies: <http://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/Council-policies-on-offshore-wind-and-oil-adopted-June-2018.pdf>

Omnibus Habitat Amendment 2: <https://www.nefmc.org/library/omnibus-habitat-amendment-2>

Omnibus Deep-Sea Coral Amendment: <https://www.nefmc.org/library/omnibus-deep-sea-coral-amendment>

Clam Dredge Framework: <https://www.nefmc.org/library/clam-dredge-framework>

Fishing Effects Model: <https://www.nefmc.org/library/fishing-effects-model>

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Long Island Sound Blue Plan

David Blatt, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Christian Fox, The Nature Conservancy

Relevant Links:

Blue Plan Home Page: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Coastal-Resources/LIS-Blue-Plan/Long-Island-Sound-Blue-Plan-Home>

Blue Plan Map Viewer: <http://cteco.uconn.edu/projects/blueplan/index.htm>

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Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan

Lisa Engler, MA Office of Coastal Zone Management

Relevant Links:

MA Ocean Management Plan Home Page: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massachusetts-ocean-management-plan>

MA Ocean Management Plan Data:

http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/map_ol/mass_ocean_plan.php

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Rhode Island Ocean and Bay Special Area Management Plans

Grover Fugate, RI Coastal Resources Management Council

Relevant Link: Ocean SAMP: http://www.crmc.ri.gov/samp_ocean.html

12:00pm

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