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**Webinar Series | April 5 and April 8, 2022**

## ***Aquaculture in New England Federal Waters: Regulation, Public Engagement and Interjurisdictional Coordination***

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*The Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC)'s Ocean Planning Committee (OPC) invites you to participate in a webinar series about the regulatory process, public engagement, and interjurisdictional coordination for aquaculture in New England federal waters. This series builds on NROC's 2020 [webinar](#) which highlighted federal efforts to designate Aquaculture Opportunity Areas in the United States, as well as NROC's recent development of a draft set of "Best Practices for Ocean Permitting and Management Processes."*

*These webinars will provide an overview of the state of aquaculture in New England federal waters, an update on the identification of Aquaculture Opportunity Areas, an overview of the federal review and authorization process for aquaculture activities, and discussion about how federal agencies coordinate with states, tribes, and the public to consider environmental and human impacts during regulatory review. Panel sessions will highlight state, tribal, and public perspectives on opportunities to improve the federal regulatory review process and better engage different interests in aquaculture permitting decisions.*

➤ **WEBINAR 1 | Tuesday, April 5, 2022 | 9:00 - 11:00 AM**

***Federal Agency Review and Authorization of Aquaculture in New England Federal Waters***

Learn about the state of aquaculture in New England, identification of Aquaculture Opportunity Areas, case studies of aquaculture permitting from other regions, and the federal agency review and authorization process for aquaculture in New England federal waters. Speakers will include NROC OPC Co-Chair Lou Chiarella, NOAA Fisheries; Chris Schillaci, NOAA Fisheries; Christine Jacek, US Army Corps of Engineers; and Eric Nelson, US Environmental Protection Agency. Webinar participants will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments following the presentations.

➤ **WEBINAR 2 | Friday, April 8, 2022 | 9:00 - 11:00 AM**

***State, Tribal, and Public Perspectives on Improving the Regulatory Process  
for Aquaculture in New England Federal Waters***

Panel sessions will highlight state, tribal, and public perspectives on improving the regulatory process for aquaculture permitting in New England. Speakers will include: NROC OPC Co-Chair Ted Diers, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; Chris Schillaci, NOAA Fisheries; Chuckie Green, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe; Tom Nies, New England Fisheries Management Council; Lisa Engler, Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management; Chris Williams, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; Amanda Ellis, Maine Department of Marine Resources; Sebastian Belle, Maine Aquaculture Association; Ted Maney, Salem State University; Paul Zajicek, National Aquaculture Association; Beth Casoni, Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association; Robert Jones, The Nature Conservancy; and Priscilla Brooks, Conservation Law Foundation. Webinar participants will have an opportunity to ask questions following each panel session.

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