

# Innovations in Regional Ocean Planning and Management – Northeast

Kathleen Leyden, Maine Coastal Program &  
Northeast Regional Ocean Council  
California and the World Ocean September 2010

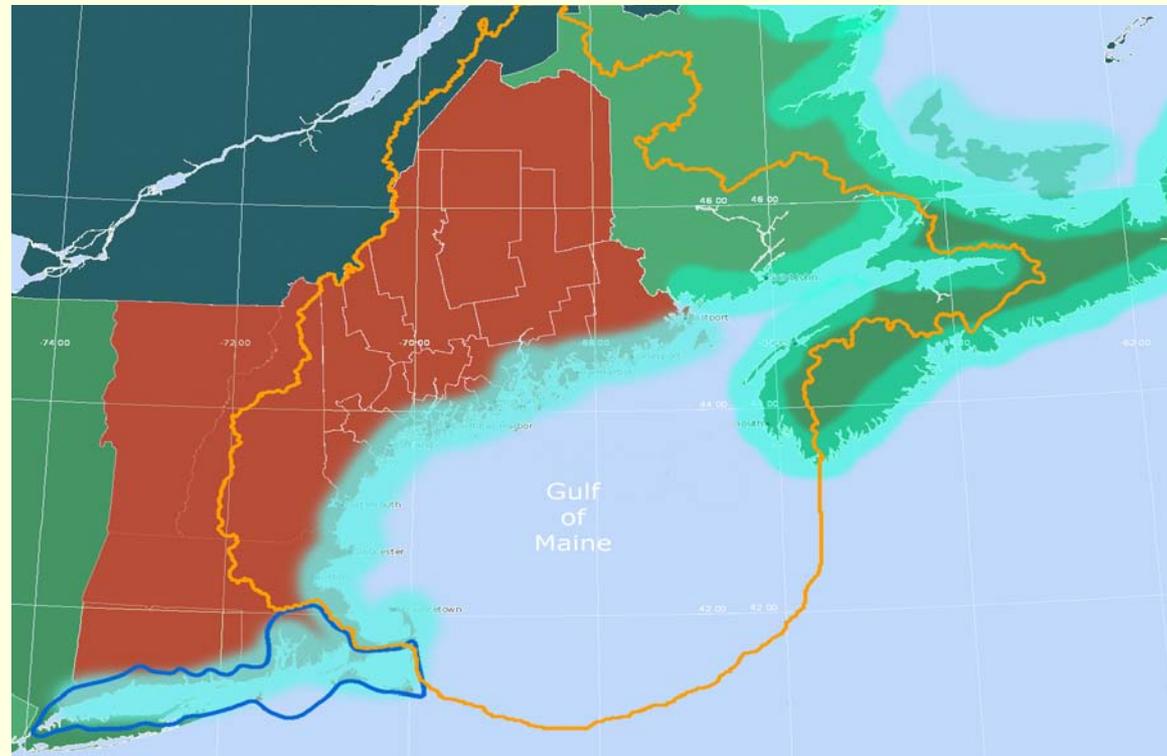
# Origin and Purpose

---



- Post-USOC
- Northeast states (CT, RI, MA, NH, ME)
- Develop **regional goals and priorities** and implement **coordinated and collaborative responses** to coast/ocean issues and challenges that are inherently **regional**.

# Geography



 Gulf of Maine Council  
on the Marine Environment

 Northeast Regional  
Ocean Council

 Oceans Working Committee  
(also includes Labrador and Newfoundland)

 Southern New England/New  
York Ocean Working Group

# Current NROC Membership

---

- ME CZM & ME DMR
- NH CZM
- MA CZM and MA Technology Collaborative
- RI DEM & CZM
- CT CZM
- EPA
- NOAA CSC, NMFS, NEFSC
- DOI: USGS, MMS, NPS, USFWS
- USCG
- ACOE
- USDA-NRCS

# Priorities

---

Established by 2007 Ocean Congress

- Ocean Ecosystem Health
  - Marine spatial planning
- Coastal Resiliency & Climate Change Adaptation
- Ocean Energy

# SUCCESSIONS

---

- Improved state/federal **relationships**
- **Alignment** of priorities and resources
- Increased **visibility**
- Formal **partnerships** with NERACOOS, etc
- **Convening** – hazards, LIDAR, marine spatial planning, indicators
- **Influencing** MSP implementation/nat'l policy
- **Funding** -- Regional LIDAR
- **Alliances** with other ROCs

# Works in Progress

---

- Regional MSP Framework and data portal
- High Resolution Elevation Data and products
- Regional strategic planning
- Restoration priorities plan for GOM
- Regional coastal conservation initiative
- Atlantic States Consortium for wind energy

# CHALLENGES

---

- Regional identity – state sovereignty
- Aligning with other regional efforts
- Capacity
- Information for regional planning
  - Regional-level assessment, data availability
- Appropriations & Sustained Support
  - Existing state programs
  - Collaboration on funding requests with feds
  - Joint national request
- Evolving playing field on legislation
- Consistent high-level leadership

# FOR MORE INFORMATION

---



<http://community.csc.noaa.gov/nroc>

[kathleen.leyden@maine.gov](mailto:kathleen.leyden@maine.gov)

207-287-3144

**THANKS!**

# Advice to New ROCs

---

- Alignment with stakeholders
- Involve the experts
- Take time to articulate clear priorities, start small
- Publications
- Gubernatorial leadership
- Face time in DC
- Method to formalize partnerships