



Meeting Agenda • October 27, 2008 • Mariner's House in Boston, MA

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9:00 AM	Refreshments
9:15 AM	Welcome and Introductions <i>Brian Thompson, Connecticut & Dave Russ, DOI – Council Chair and Vice-chair</i>
9:20 AM	<p>Consent Agenda <i>Brian Thompson, Connecticut - Chair</i></p> <p>Consent agenda items are intended to provide Council members with updates on NROC activities (information only). The Chair will summarize each item and ask Council members to accept each item 'as is' or remove an item for further discussion. <i>Please review items before the meeting.</i></p> <p><u>Desired decision or other outcome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accept or pull for further discussion <p><u>Content:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NROC May 1, 2008 meeting minutes ▪ 2008 Progress Report ▪ NEGC September Meeting update (Information Only) ▪ Massachusetts Oceans Act update (Information Only) ▪ StormSmart Coasts Network (Information Only)
9:30 AM	<p>Ocean and Coastal Ecosystem Health Committee Report <i>Leslie-Ann McGee, Massachusetts and Mel Coté, EPA</i></p> <p><u>Desired decision(s) or other outcome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approve Committee recommendations for 2009 priority actions. <p><u>Content:</u></p> <p>The Committee leads will provide an update on progress to date including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft 2009 work plan items including deliverables, partners, and resources ▪ Recommendations for priority actions <p><i>Materials: Ocean and Coastal Ecosystem Health Committee Work Plan</i></p>
10:30 AM	<p>Coastal Hazards Resilience Committee Report <i>Ron Rozsa, Connecticut, Susan Russell Robinson, USGS and Adrienne Harrison, NOAA</i></p> <p><u>Desired decision(s) or other outcome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approve Committee recommendations for 2009 priority actions. <p><u>Content:</u></p> <p>The Committee leads will provide an update on progress to date including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft 2009 work plan items including deliverables, partners, and resources ▪ Recommendations for priority actions <p><i>Materials: Coastal Hazards Resilience Committee Work Plan</i></p>

11:15 AM	<p>Ocean Energy Planning and Management Committee Report <i>Ames Colt, RI and Ron Beck, USCG</i></p> <p><u>Desired decision(s) or other outcome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approve Committee recommendations for 2009 priority actions. <p><u>Content:</u> The Committee leads will provide an update on progress to date including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft 2009 work plan items including deliverables, partners, and resources ▪ Recommendations for priority actions <p><i>Materials: Ocean Energy Planning and Management Committee Work Plan</i></p>
12:00 PM	<p>Lunch at Mariners House Please feel free to bring your own lunch or \$5 for boxed lunch provided by the Mariners House.</p>
12:45 PM	<p>Review Priority Actions <i>David Keeley, Contractor</i></p> <p><u>Content:</u> Review and confirm decisions and recommendations from morning sessions. These priority actions will become the basis for NROC's 2009 work plan.</p>
1:00 PM	<p>Communications and Outreach Committee <i>Susan Russell Robinson, USGS</i></p> <p><u>Desired decision(s) or other outcome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide recommendations for NROC website content ▪ Approve NROC letter to new administration <p><u>Content:</u> The Communications and Outreach Committee will provide a demonstration of the new website and discuss opportunities for posting information. The Council will be asked to provide feedback on the types of information and documents that they would like the public to have access to. The Communications and Outreach Committee will also provide an overview of their purpose and the anticipated tasks for 2009 including communicating with governors and the new administration.</p> <p><i>Materials: Communications and Outreach Committee Terms of Reference, draft letter to new administration</i></p>
1:30 PM	<p>Appropriations Committee <i>Kathleen Leyden, ME</i></p> <p><u>Desired decision(s) or other outcome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approve appropriations request <p><u>Content:</u> The draft appropriations request and strategy for communicating with state delegations.</p> <p><i>Materials: Appropriations update</i></p>
2:00 PM	<p>NROC Activities and Perspectives in Climate Change <i>David Russ, USGS</i></p> <p><u>Desired decision(s) or other outcome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adopt NROC statement on climate change <p><u>Content:</u> NROC is currently addressing elements of climate change in its existing priority issues. Additionally, many NROC partners are engaged in regional climate change initiatives and efforts. The Executive Committee requests the Council discuss and approve a statement that outlines NROC's efforts to coordinate and advance a regional response to climate change through its existing priority issue area actions. Climate change will serve as an overarching theme for NROC activities.</p> <p><i>Materials: Draft NROC statement on climate change</i></p>

3:00 PM	<p>Regional Ocean Governance efforts in the Gulf of Mexico and the West Coast <i>Betsy Nicholson, NOAA</i></p> <p><u>Desired decision(s) or other outcome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information only. <p><u>Content:</u> This will be an opportunity to learn about other regional efforts including the Gulf of Mexico Alliance and the West Coast Governors Agreement.</p> <p><i>Materials: Summary of regional ocean governance groups</i></p>
3:20 PM	<p>Closing Business <i>Brian Thompson, Connecticut - Chair</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review and confirm decisions and recommendations from afternoon sessions. ▪ Next meeting date and location: January, Boston/ Chelmsford, MA
3:30 PM	<p>Adjourn</p>

Dinner: For anyone interested, a group reservation will be made at a North End restaurant – the little Italy of Boston - at 6:00 pm.