



Meeting Agenda • April 7, 2009 • NOAA Office in Gloucester, MA

9:15 am	Arrive
9:30 am	Welcome and Introductions Mel Coté, EPA – Federal Chair
9:40 am	<p>Federal coordination around regional climate change Mel Coté, EPA and Dave Russ, USGS</p> <p><u>Desired decision(s) or other outcome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide input on June Interagency workshop agenda, outcomes, recommended participants, commitment to participate ▪ Discuss opportunities for federal regional collaboration – example: Climate Change Wildlife Center ▪ Evaluate climate matrix as tool for collecting and communicating federal information <p><u>Content:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Update on plans for interagency workshop (20 minutes) ▪ Opportunities for collaboration (20 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Example: USGS Climate Change Wildlife Center - proposed workshops - Other ▪ Coordinated community approach for sharing information with regional partners (20 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review climate matrix - Evaluate ways to communicate information in matrix to NROC partners ▪ Review of federal climate programs (45 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agencies share how programs are evolving and any major developments - Review latest on climate services center <p>Materials: Northeast Federal Interagency Climate Workshop Agenda and draft materials [To be distributed at the meeting]; Federal Climate Inventory (matrix) [NROC Website – Council Publications/Meeting Documents]; Summary of USGS Climate Change Wildlife Center [Link: http://nccw.usgs.gov/documents/NCCWSC_factsheet.pdf]</p>
11:15 am	Agency Round Robin 5 minutes per agency to highlight the new and noteworthy. Please feel free to bring informational materials to share as well.
12:15 pm	Lunch Please feel free to bring your own lunch or \$ for a lunch order.
1:15 pm	<p>Communicating Federal Funding Opportunities: FY09-10 & Stimulus Jaime Geiger, USFWS</p> <p><u>Desired decision(s) or other outcome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commitment to communicate opportunities as one federal community <p><u>Content:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Process for bringing federal opportunities to NROC partners in one coordinated package (30 minutes) Example: Stimulus requests



<p>1:45 pm</p>	<p>Federal Funding and Participation in NROC Activities Betsy Nicholson, NOAA</p> <p><u>Desired decision(s) or other outcome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Renew support for 09 activities <p><u>Content:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NROC 09 activities (15 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review activities with federal agencies as listed partners and discuss current agency participation - Connect activities to related existing federal programs as well as potential funding sources including possible in-kind contributions - Communicating NROC appropriations request ▪ NROC staffing duties (15 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review estimate of in-kind and contract support needed - Connect duties to potential funding sources including in-kind staff support <p>Materials: NROC activities table [Page 3], NROC staffing duties [Page 8]</p>
<p>2:15 pm</p>	<p>Marine Spatial Planning in New England Betsy Nicholson, NOAA</p> <p><u>Desired decision(s) or other outcome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify opportunities for interagency collaboration around ocean energy and marine spatial planning in New England ▪ Assess current federal engagement in state ocean energy planning efforts <p><u>Content:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Updates on federal engagement in NE ocean energy planning efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agencies interfacing with MA and RI (10 minutes) - TNC marine spatial planning workshops (5 minutes) - Cape Wind and other NE energy proposals (10 minutes) ▪ Marine spatial planning tools from federal community to support energy planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multipurpose Marine Cadastre (5 minutes) - Others (10 minutes) ▪ Opportunities for interagency collaboration around ocean energy planning and marine spatial planning in New England (15 minutes) <p>Materials: MSP workshops description [To be handed out at the meeting]</p>
<p>3:20 pm</p>	<p>Closing Business Mel Coté, EPA – Federal Chair</p>
<p>3:30 pm</p>	<p>Adjourn</p>



Potential Roles for Federal Partners in NROC Planned Activities

Submitted by Adrienne Harrison, NOAA

The objective of this session is to identify activities in the NROC work plans that specifically request support from federal agencies, assess current engagement in those activities, and to identify opportunities for federal support of other activities where no federal agency is identified.

The tables below correlate with each committee work plan and show the 2009 activities, federal partners identified in the work plan, and a section to assess current or possible involvement of federal agencies.

Please review these tables and come prepared to discuss the potential role of your agency in each work plan.



Activity	Description	Federal Partners Listed	Current engagement	Additional support
Energy #1	Identify the types and sources of contextual and baseline data and knowledge essential for ocean energy facility development, impact mitigation, and operations	MMS		
		USCG		
		EPA		
		NOAA		
		FERC		
		Navy		
Energy #2	Build on key state planning initiatives and propose a regional ocean energy governance framework	MMS		
		USCG		
		NOAA		
		National Estuary Program		
Energy #3	Develop and maintain an inventory of projects devoted to renewable ocean energy resource development and maritime transportation and handling of fossil fuel supplies	MMS		
		USCG		
		FERC		
Energy #4	Propose voluntary guidelines for assessing and mitigating the environmental and economic impacts, use conflicts, and safety concerns related to renewable ocean energy development	MMS		
		USCG		
		EPA		
		NOAA		
		FERC		
Energy #5	Promote communications among public, non-profit and private sector interests	None listed		

Note: The NROC Ocean Energy Planning and Management Work Plan is available online - http://community.csc.noaa.gov/nroc/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_view&qid=24&tmpl=component&format=raw&Itemid=55



Activity	Description	Federal Partners Listed	Current engagement	Additional support
Hazards #1	Promote regional dialogue on broad-scale adaptation strategies for responding to the effects of sea-level rise	FEMA		
		NOAA		
Hazards #2	Act on data acquisition priorities and user-friendly tools needed to support planning for and responses to coastal hazards	NOAA/Digital Coast		
		USGS (CLICK)		
Hazards #3	Methodology and Framework for regional storm surge database	None listed		
Hazards #4	Partner with academia, industry and public agencies to develop a plan for an Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) that supports storm, storm surge and inundation forecasting and response	None listed		

Note: The NROC Coastal Hazards Resilience Work Plan is available online - http://community.csc.noaa.gov/nroc/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_view&gid=23&tmpl=component&format=raw&Itemid=55



Activity	Description	Federal Partners Listed	Current engagement	Additional support
Ecosystem #1	Increase the visibility of state-federal work groups	EPA		
		ACOE		
		NOAA/NMFS		
		USFWS		
Ecosystem #2	Convene ocean ecosystem health workshop	EPA		
		NOAA/NMFS		
		USFWS		
Ecosystem #3	Conduct regional ecosystem-based marine spatial planning workshop	NOAA		
Ecosystem #4	Develop a vision for spatially explicit regional ocean governance in New England waters	None listed		
Ecosystem #6	Accelerate research on priority coastal and ocean issues in the Gulf of Maine Regional Ocean Science Plan	Sea Grant		
		National Estuaries Program		
		National Estuarine Research Reserves		
Ecosystem #7	Develop a New England social network analysis to better enable effective communication and collaboration	NOAA		
Ecosystem #8	Promote existing regional ocean and coastal ecosystem health reporting initiatives: increasing	USGS		
		National Estuaries Program		



	awareness			
Ecosystem #9	Promote existing regional ocean and coastal ecosystem health initiatives: work with Governors' on a regional invasive species proclamation	USCG		
		Department of Transportation		

Note: The NROC Ocean and Coastal Ecosystem Health Work Plan is available online - http://community.csc.noaa.gov/nroc/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_view&gid=22&tmpl=component&format=raw&Itemid=55



2009 Plan for Staffing and Agency In-kind Support
Submitted by NROC Executive Committee

Background: NROC has a range of administrative, policy and communication activities that need to be conducted via contract staff and in-kind donations of agency staff time (see below). This is a summary of the duties performed in support of the Executive Committee.

I. Administrative Activities

Activity	Staff
Make conference call arrangements; take, distribute, and finalize meeting notes; post to web site if appropriate	TBD
Manage Council web site including posting content and keeping it current	Adrianne/NOAA CSC
Cultivate active participation by Councilors, provide assistance, etc.	Adrianne
Maintain Council and committee rosters as well as contact information for external partners (e.g., TNC, CONEG, NEGC, sub-regional efforts, etc.) and for House/Senate members and key staff	TBD

II. Policy/Content Activities

Activity	Staff
Prepare Council, Executive Committee and Federal Partners agendas and supporting materials (e.g., briefing papers, research, etc.)	Adrianne (Lead) David (Support)
Provide policy support to NROC co-chairs (e.g., prepare materials, ensure follow through on decisions, facilitate sessions at Council meetings, etc.)	David
Assist committees pursue (and update) tasks in their work plans & help committee co-chairs with member recruitment & ad-hoc groups	David
Pursue funding (e.g., Appropriations request, funding proposals, etc.)	David
Maintain federal programs inventory & cross-linkages with NROC priorities	Adrianne

III. Communications

Activity	Staff
Monitor and report on progress of other regional ocean governance groups & applicable lessons-learned	Adrianne
Produce and disseminate semi-annual NROC e-mail report to partners, agencies and others	Communications Committee
Produce and disseminate annual report to the Governors	Ron & Communications Committee

