

Northeast Federal Partners Meeting Packet • September 30, 2009 • EPA in Boston, MA

Directions to meeting location www.epa.gov/NE/directions/index.html

Meeting materials available at <http://community.csc.noaa.gov/nroc>

10:00 AM	<p><u>Welcome & Introductions</u> <i>Mel Côté, EPA – 2009 Federal Chair</i></p>
10:15 AM	<p><u>Regional Support for National Initiatives</u> Part I: National Ocean Policy & MSP Framework <i>Mel Cote, EPA</i></p> <p>The purpose of this session is to discuss the results of the first 90 days of the Ocean Policy Task Force as well as opportunities to support the development of the MSP Framework. Agencies will share their experiences working with states, products they are working on to support MSP, and engagement with the Ocean Policy Task Force.</p> <p>Part II: Coordinating Climate Services <i>Ellen Mecray, NOAA</i></p> <p>This session will review the status of several action items that came out of the Interagency Climate Workshop held in June 2009.</p>
11:30 AM	<p><u>Opportunities for Broadening Federal Partners Role and Support</u> <i>Susan Russell-Robinson, USGS</i></p> <p>This session is a facilitated discussion on the broader purpose of the federal partners group with two main objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Group Accomplishments and Value - what does this group want to have as its accomplishments; what is the value of bringing this group together; and how can we organize to increase value and achieve goals and accomplishments of interest.2) Audience and Outlets - what are the primary groups or stakeholders that this group should engage and serve; do we need to expand this group to better engage/serve them; and how should we structure the group and meetings to do this.
12:15 PM	<p>Networking Lunch: <i>Bring your own or grab lunch at one of the local eateries.</i></p>
1:00 PM	<p><u>Supporting Regional Ocean Councils</u> Part I: ROG Café Results & Recommendations <i>Adrienne Harrison, NOAA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review the results of recent ROG facilitated discussion focused on challenges and strategies for regional collaboration, and identify strategies or challenges to address. <p>Part II: MARCO & NROC & Gulf of Maine Council <i>Betsy Nicholson, NOAA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review current federal support for regional Councils and discuss some of their common issues and needs Federal Partners could help address. <p>Part III: NROC Work Plans <i>Susan Russell-Robinson, USGS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2010 Federal Priorities focusing on big opportunities to partner with states or coordinate resources.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Examples include: Expanding Gulf of Maine Ocean Data Partnership to rest of New England; Marine Spatial Planning; Climate Adaptation and Sea Level Rise• Opportunities to pool resources for regional projects.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Examples of programs include North Atlantic Cooperative Ecosystems Study Unit (CESU) - of which USDA, NPS, USGS, NOAA, and ACOE are members; Cooperative Institute for the North Atlantic Region (CINAR); and others.
3:00 PM	<p><u>Coordinating Execution and Funding Opportunities</u> Develop a strategy and timeline for the federal partners to influence resources available for regional needs and issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is available in FY10 for regional issues?• What resources are agencies planning for that we could be coordinated across agencies to address regional needs?

3:45 PM	<u>Federal Partner Updates</u> Agency Spotlight: This session will provide two agencies an opportunity to share news on hot topics, regional priorities, and regional projects.
4:45 PM	<u>Closing Business</u> <i>Mel Côté, EPA – Federal Chair</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2010 federal chair; 2010 meeting dates
5:00 PM	<u>Adjourn</u>