
Massachusetts Ocean Partnership

Partners Event: October 29, 2008
Hawthorne Hotel
Salem, MA

Purpose of Meeting:

- To inform MOP Partners about progress in the MA Ocean Planning Process
- To serve as a forum for engagement between MOP Partners and the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs regarding the ocean management planning process
- To review progress on MOP-funded initiatives in support of ocean management planning

Agenda:

9:00 Coffee and Refreshments [*Grand Ballroom*]

9:30 Opening of Meeting [*Grand Ballroom*]

- Welcome by Chair
- Participant introductions
- Overview of Day

10:00 Status of MA Ocean Planning Effort

- Overview of information/data development and public/stakeholder outreach activities
- Future phases of MA Ocean Management Planning

Deerin Babb-Brott, Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Coastal Zone Management, EEA

10:30 Partners Discussion with EEA re: Information Baseline for MA Ocean Management Plan

- What is the status of the data/work being produced by EEA's Work Groups?
- How is qualitative and anecdotal information being assessed and incorporated?
- What additional information and information sources may be available from MOP partners?
- What is the plan for and status of developing the baseline? Will the baseline information be accessible for others to use going forward?

11:15 Partners Discussion

- What are the most important issues and needs that the plan must address?
 - What type of management measures should be considered (e.g. performance standards, zones, conflict resolution frameworks, other)?
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- 12:15 Luncheon [*Sophia's*]
- 1:15 Update on MOP Activities [*Grand Ballroom*]
- Science Program
- Frameworks for Ocean Planning: Progress Report on Framework Research and Discussion of Criteria for Evaluating Framework Options
 - Data Network
 - Modeling and Decision Support Tools
- Communications, Outreach and other Partner Services
- Website: Calendar of Events; News; Requests for Proposals; Document Sharing
 - Public Listening Sessions; Stakeholder Interviews; Summary Reports
 - Progress Reports; Partners' Events; Special Event Workshops and Forums
 - MA Ocean Planning Process Documentary
- 2:30 Is MOP doing what it should to support ocean management and provide useful services to Partners? What improvements could MOP make on these tasks?
- 2:50 Future Partner Activities
- 3:00 Partners' Event Adjourned
- 3:00-5:00 Free Time— experience Salem at the Halloween season
- 3:15-5:00 MOP Board Meeting (for Board members and staff) [*The Essex Room*]
- 5:00-7:00 Reception— for Partners and Prospective Partners [*The Library*]

Next Events:

OAC/SAC Ocean Planning Principles Workshop 11/12/08 [*Boston Fish Pier*]
OAC/SAC Meetings [*Date in December and Location TBD*]
Partners Event 01/29/09 [*Location TBD*]
