



**Northeast Regional Ocean Council  
Marine Spatial Planning Working Session  
October 26, 2009**

**NOAA North East Regional Office  
55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA (Hearing Rooms A-C)**

**Meeting Objectives**

1. Promote “thinking and working like a community”. Enhance interstate dialogue and regional coordination among state and federal NROC partners to support “on the water” ocean management efforts at each level:
  - Share perspectives on benefits and challenges for MSP
  - Understand drivers for each state and the federal community
  - Acknowledge challenges and potential opportunities for coordination at a regional scale
2. Explore options for enhancing regulatory coordination and efficiencies and outline realistic options responsive to state and federal partner’s specific needs, opportunities and constraints
3. Identify shared ocean planning and management needs to more effectively capitalize on opportunities to collaborate and leverage resources for research, data, analysis, decision tool development and other science efforts to support state led, federally supported integrated ocean management

**DAY 1**

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| 9:00  | Check-in  |
| 9:30  | Welcome, purpose of workshop, review of agenda, introductions   |
| 10:00 | Setting the Context – presentations of state and federal perspectives on marine spatial planning  |
| 11:30 | Lunch   |
| 12:15 | Framework for Working Better Together – what could it look like?<br>Understand perspectives, constraints and opportunities for coordinating MSP efforts at a regional scale |
| 1:30  | Putting Regional Perspective into Practice – finding regulatory efficiencies  |
| 3:30  | Break   |
| 3:45  | Data Accessibility Constraints and Opportunities  |
| 4:45  | Wrap up – and adjourn for the day   |



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2. Identify shared ocean planning and management needs to support state led, federally supported integrated ocean management
3. Foster cooperation between government and non-governmental partners in the region to more effectively capitalize on opportunities to collaborate, leverage resources and jointly pursue work to fill science needs, including data, analysis, and decision tool development
4. Outline clear statement of need for various audiences (e.g., Ocean Policy Task Force, NE Governors, potential funders) to advance effective marine spatial planning in the Northeast

**Day 2**

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| 8:30  | Check-in  |
| 9:00  | Welcome, review of agenda, introductions, results of Day 1  |
| 9:30  | Marine Spatial Planning at a Regional scale – building upon ideas for working regionally            |
| 10:45 | Break   |
| 11:00 | World Café Session - data, products and processes for effective MSP at the state and regional scale |
| 12:00 | LUNCH   |
| 12:45 | World Café Continued - review of prioritization activity  |
| 1:15  | Matching Needs with Existing Efforts – hearing from our partners                                    |
| 2:30  | Break   |
| 2:45  | Collaborating with NROC – the NROC dock   |
| 3:30  | New England Statement(s) of Need – plan for preparation and submission                              |
| 4:45  | Wrap up and next steps  |