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Governor

October 12, 2005

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Governor John Baldacci State of Maine Office of the Governor #1 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Governor Baldacci:

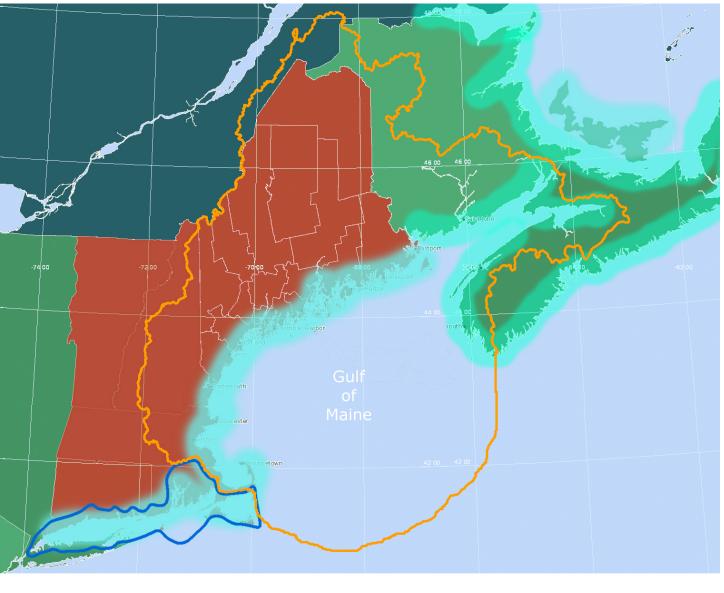
I write to ask for your assistance in forming a Northeast Regional Oceans Council

OROC: I first proposed the NROC in an April letter to each New England Governor. Since then, the New England Governors' Conference agreed to support the formation of the NROC at the 29th Annual Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers (NEGC-127) in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador.

It is vital that each New England state participate. To begin the process, I ask that you provint the appropriate members of your administration to represent you at an initial meeting of an NROC formation committee charged with developing the scope and initial issues for the NROC to discuss.

In addition, the NEG-ECP Conference passed a resolution that will extend our new original collaboration to the Eastern Canadian Provinces. The attached resolution details the desire of Eastern Canadian Premiers to form an Oceans Working Committee that will consist of the NROC and representatives of the five Eastern Canadian provinces. Through this effort, we have the opportunity to achieve regional cooperation on a larger scale on many issues that do not often at our individual or international borders.

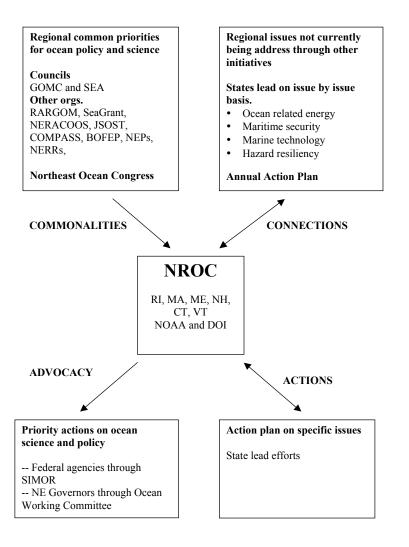
We must also work closely with the federal government in addressing important coastal and oceans problems. Increasing investments in technology, ocean exploration, water pollution and water monitoring, as well as advancing regional fisheries management, aquaculture, and coastal management are just some of the issues to be addressed. Vice-Admiral Lautenhacher, the advancestary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and National Oceans and Atmospheric commission (NOAA) Administrator, participated in both the NEGC meeting and the proposed in NEG-ECP Conference and pledged the support of NOAA as we move forward. EPA accional Administrator Robert Varney also attended and offered the support of his agency.



- Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment
- Northeast Regional
 Ocean Council

- Oceans Working Committee (also includes Labrador and Newfoundland)
- Southern New England/New York Ocean Working Group

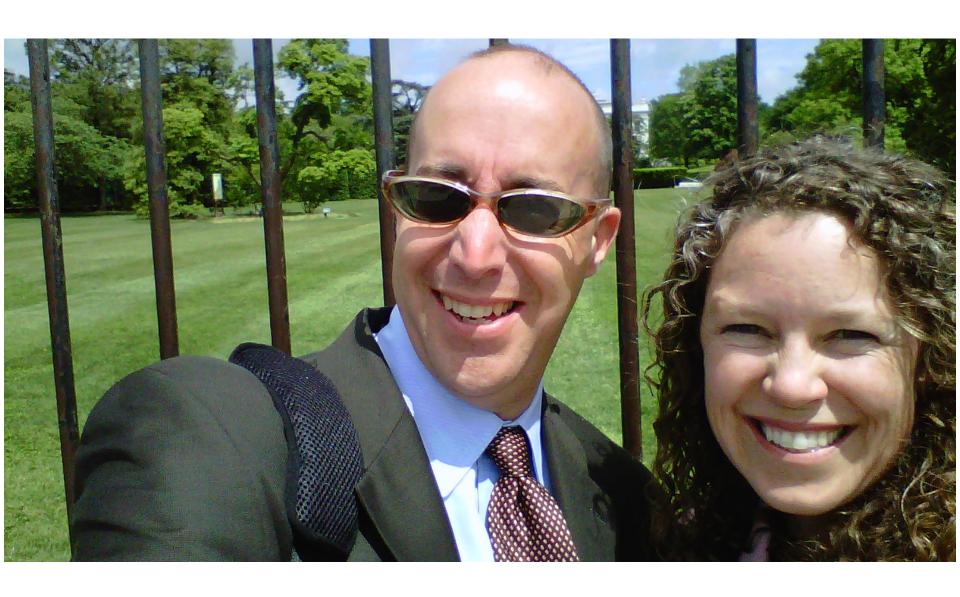
NROC - How We Work







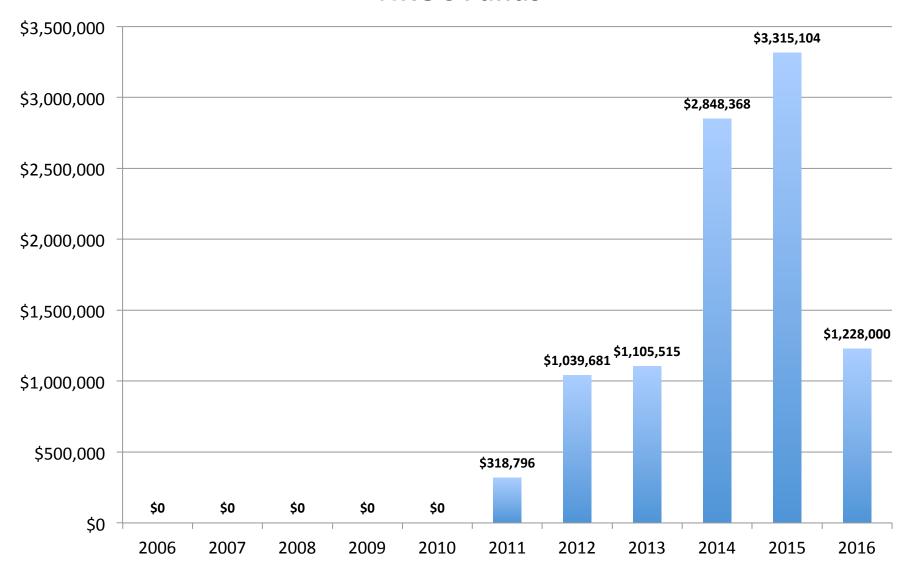






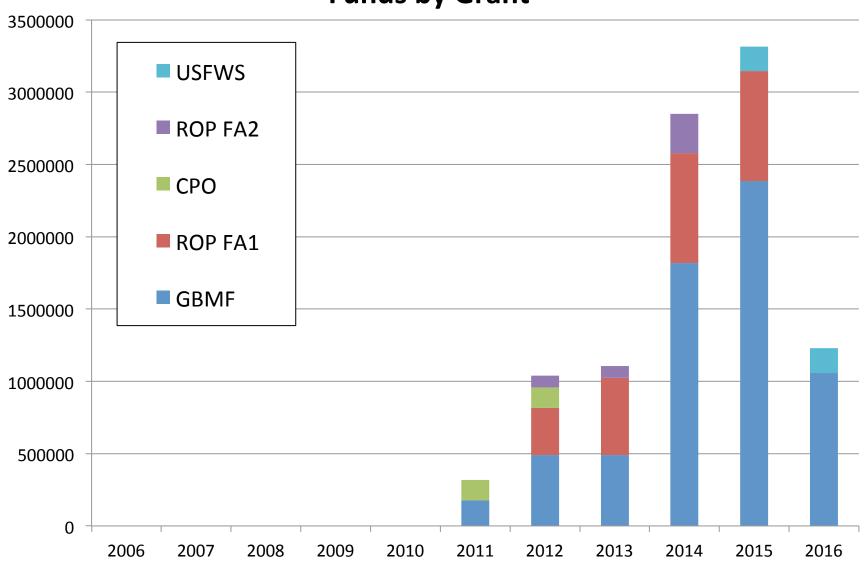


NROC Funds

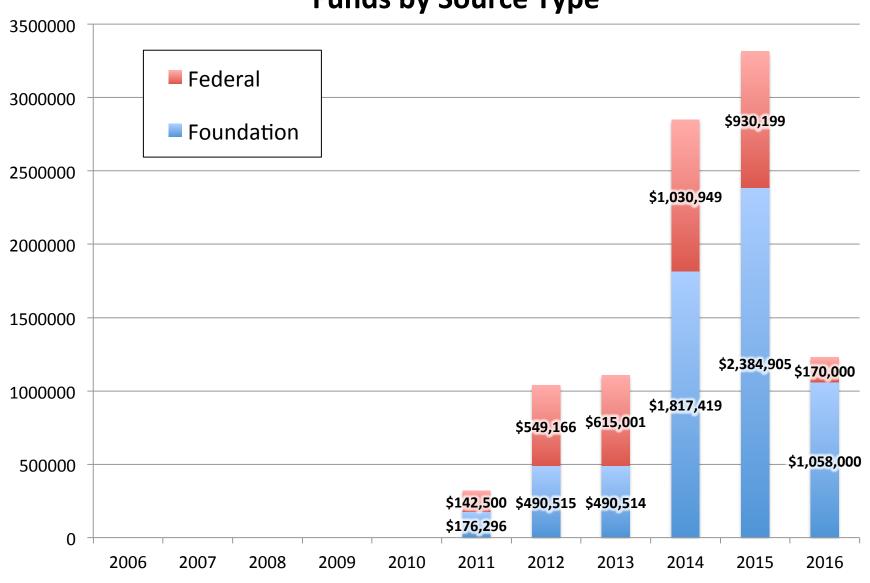


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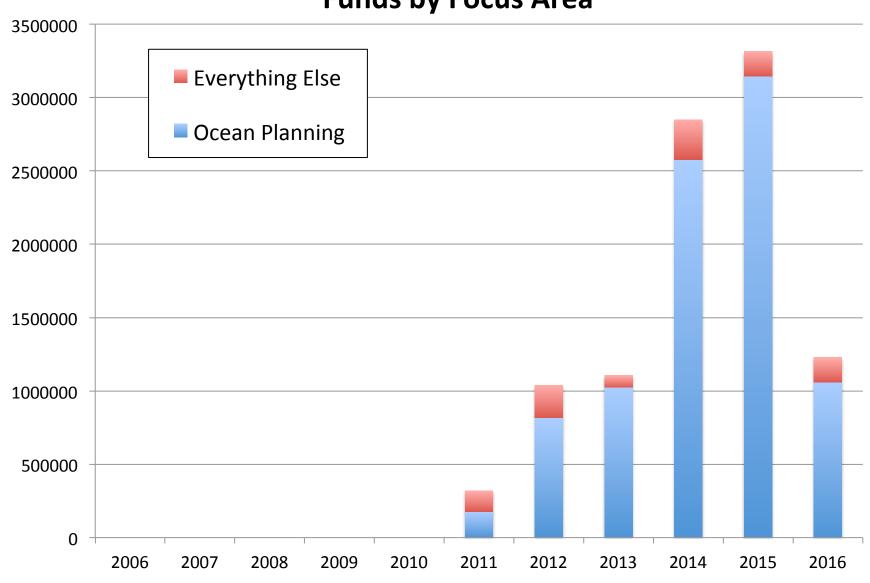
Funds by Grant



Funds by Source Type



Funds by Focus Area





Regional Solutions for New England's Coastal and Ocean Future

NROC 10th Anniversary Word Cloud



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