



Happy 15th Birthday NROC!

A Look Back...In Pictures



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David L. Carcieri
Governor

October 12, 2005

Governor John Baldacci
State of Maine
Office of the Governor
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Dear Governor Baldacci:

I write to ask for your assistance in forming a Northeast Regional Oceans Council (NROC). 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 (NEG-ECP) in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador.

It is vital that each New England state participate. To begin the process, I ask that you appoint 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 regional 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 stop 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 Lautenbacher, the Undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and National Oceans and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Administrator, participated in both the NEGEC meeting and the frequent NEG-ECP Conference and pledged the support of NOAA as we move forward. EPA Regional Administrator Robert Varney also attended and offered the support of his agency.

Alan Dickson
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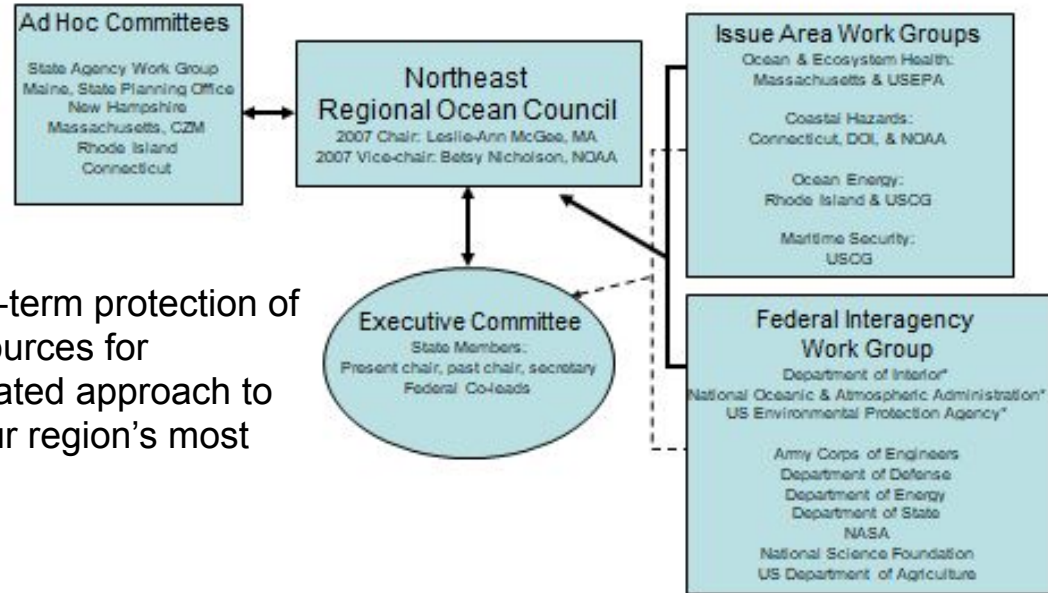
Early NROC development and key influencers

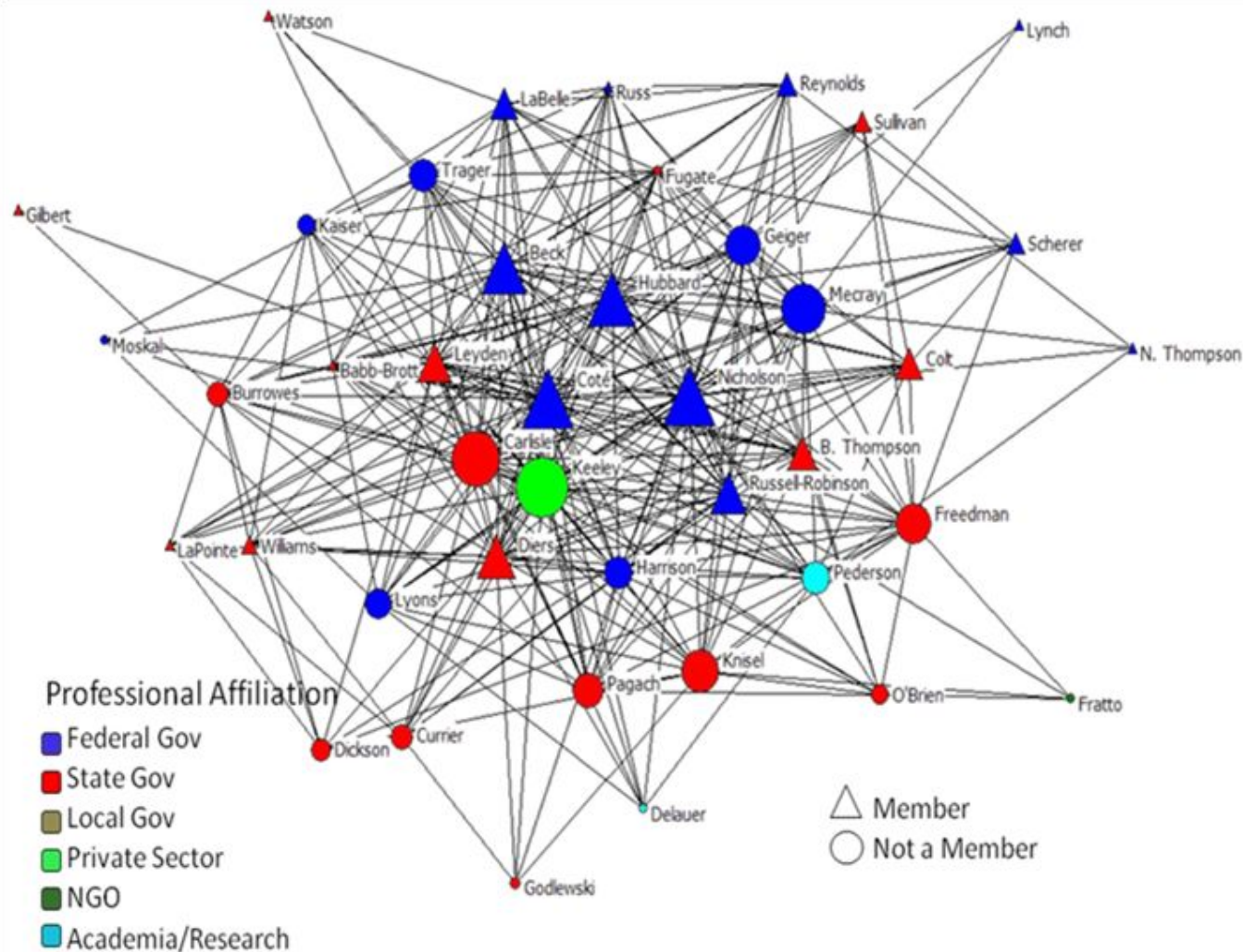


From May 2007 NROC Ocean Congress:

“The purpose of NROC is to foster regional, long-term protection of ocean resources, the balanced use of those resources for economic and ecological benefits, and a coordinated approach to finding and implementing regional solutions to our region’s most pressing ocean and coastal challenges.”

Northeast Regional Ocean Council Organizational Chart





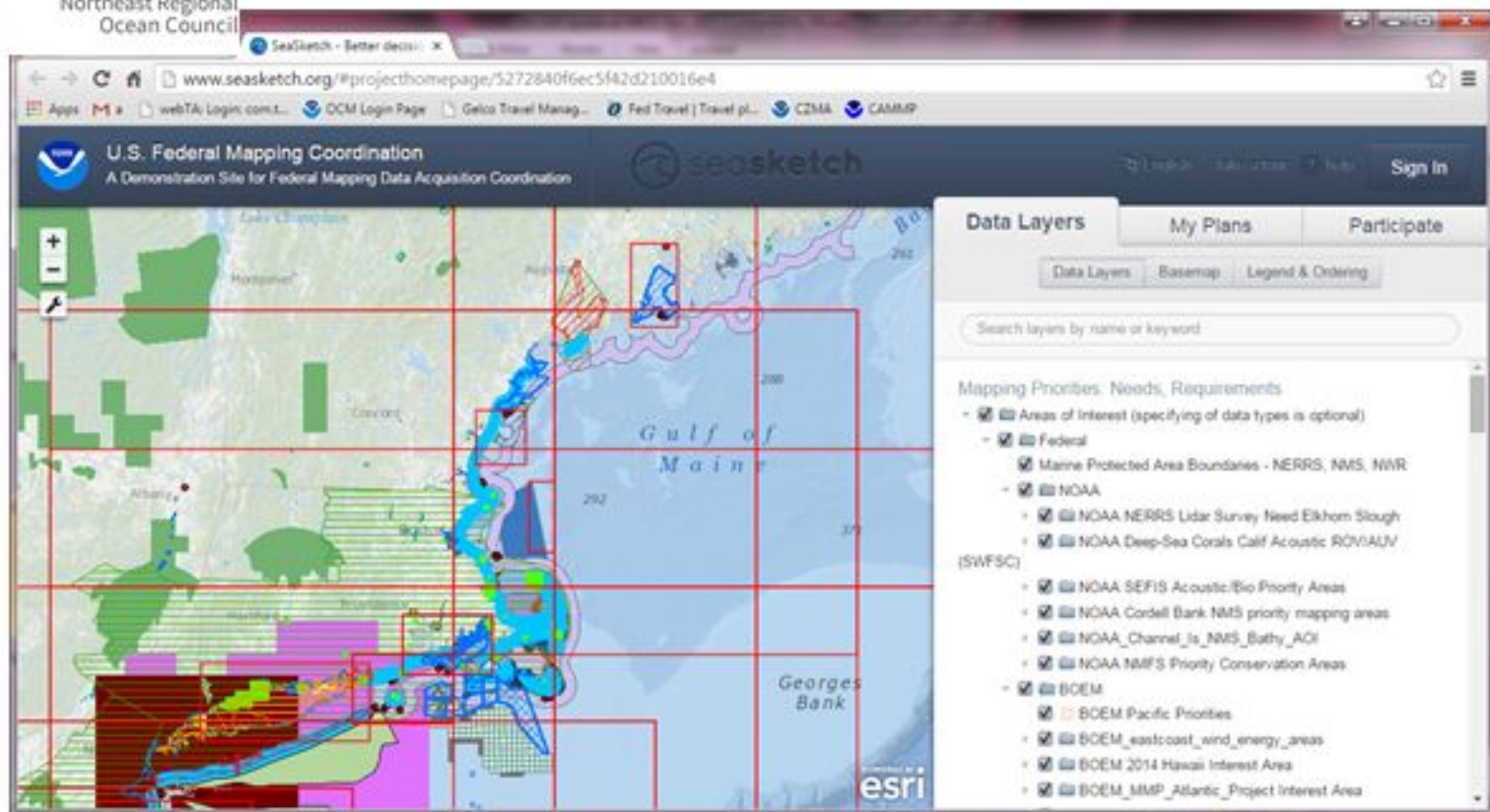
**We're well
connected
- a core
strength!**

Ocean and Coastal Ecosystem Health

NROC Accomplishments



Sea Sketch Tool



Coastal Hazards Resilience

NROC Accomplishments

Living Shorelines Stacker



NOAA Regional Coastal Resilience Grants awarded to NROC

- High Resolution Coastal Inundation Modeling
- Advance Green Infrastructure through
 - Literature review
 - Identify and address regulatory barriers
 - Standardized guidance and metrics
 - Construction of living shoreline sites
 - Continue to increase capacity and knowledge



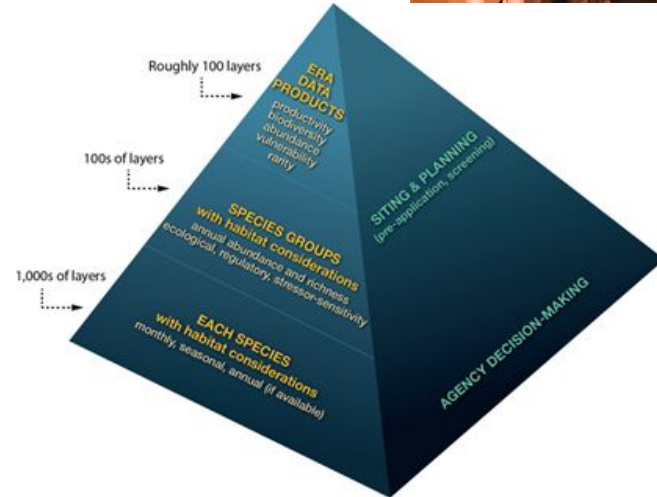
NORTHEAST OCEAN DATA

Maps and data for ocean planning in the northeastern United States

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“Marine Spaceship Planning” - T Diers



NROC Accomplishments



A Successful Regional Ocean Partnership

- Improved state/federal **relationships and trust over time**
- **Alignment** of priorities and resources
- Increased **visibility**
- Formal **partnerships** with other regional groups (e.g., NERACOOS)
- **Neutral Convener**
- **Influencing** national policy
- **Funding** from diverse sources
- **Alliances** with other Regional Ocean Partnerships around U.S.

Most importantly, NROC is about the people



Real OR



Celebrating milestones and friendships



Appreciating special partners





NROC
Northeast Regional
Ocean Council

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**Set your fun meter for
another 15 years!**

**Thank you all for your
commitment to this
partnership**





ROC at 15!