



# Habitat Classification and Ocean Mapping

2 year Work Plan

NROC Fall 2021 Meeting

# Who is part of HCOM?

**Leads:** Massachusetts Coastal Management Program; NOAA's Office for Coastal Management; Maine Coastal Management Program (advisor)

**Full Partnership:** State Coastal Programs in New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Connecticut; BOEM; USGS; EPA; UNH CCOM/JHS; NOAA: Fisheries, Coast Survey, Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, Ocean Exploration; NERACOOS

**NROC Connections:** Ocean Planning Committee (Emily and Nick)



# Regional Mapping

- Connecting mapping capacity with needs
  - ◆ Identify priority mapping areas/needs in the region (workshop)
  - ◆ Ongoing sharing of mapping needs and priorities through SeaSketch
- Advancing emerging technologies/methods
- Continuing to leverage and expand the Gulf of Maine Mapping Project for new derived products



# Community of Practice around Mapping Classification

- Leveraging what we learned through the Gulf of Maine Mapping project (workshops, conferences, and small meetings)
  - ◆ Regionally sharing the outcomes of the project including automated mapping classification standards; methodologies; and importance
  - ◆ Nationally connecting with others working on mapping classification including the Great Lakes
- Explore a means to share mapping classification development processes with industry