

<b>Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC) – DAY 1</b> <b>Meeting Agenda   Tuesday, November 12, 2024</b> <b>The Venue at Portwalk, 22 Portwalk Place, Portsmouth, NH 03801</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The first day of NROC’s meeting on November 12 will feature a series of meetings and workshops based on ongoing Committee work as noted below. Detailed agendas are in development.</i></li> <li>• <i>Light refreshments and coffee for arrival.</i></li> <li>• <i>Lunch during Day 1 will be on your own. (Lunch provided for NROC staff, Co-chairs, CBI, and Tribal Youth field trip participants)</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Room 1</b>	<p><b>Advancing Climate Resilience through Proactive Coastal Relocation (10–12)</b>  <u>Objectives:</u> Participate in Coastal Resilience Exchange to share priorities, initiatives, plans, and opportunities to improve resilience in the Northeast region through proactive coastal relocation. Hear about ongoing strategies and identify opportunities for NROC and partners (including The Nature Conservancy) to support regional efforts.</p> <p><b>Coastal Hazards Resilience Committee Meeting (1:30-4:30)</b>  <u>Objectives:</u> State coastal managers and regional partners share latest efforts to advance coastal resilience in New England (resilience plans, grants, staffing, etc.). Project update and discussion about next steps for establishing a water level sensor network in New England (NERACOOs). Project update and discussion about next steps to advance living shorelines in the Northeast (NROC/TNC/CBI). Discuss continuation of funding for current CHR projects (coastal resilience exchange, living shorelines, water level monitoring), and identify potential new or expanded CHR funding priorities.</p>
<b>Room 2</b>	<p><b>Habitat and Classification and Ocean Mapping Subcommittee Meeting (HCOM) (10-12)</b>  <u>Objectives:</u> Define ocean mapping priorities for 2025 building off the regional prioritization report finalized in 2024. Identify additional state, federal, Tribal, NGO, and industry representatives to engage in future seafloor mapping prioritization exercises. Determine funding priorities for NROC BIL funding Years 4 and 5.</p> <p><b>Refining the Assessment of Blue Carbon Stored in Northeast Salt Marshes and Seagrass (1:30-3:00)</b>  <u>Objectives:</u> Hear the results of field studies conducted by UMass to understand the depth of potential carbon deposits in salt marshes. Inform methods for modeling blue carbon stock assessments considering recent studies and field work. Determine funding priorities for NROC BIL funding Years 4 and 5.</p> <p><b>Ocean Acidification Monitoring Plan and Implementation (3:15-4:30)</b>  <u>Objectives:</u> Hear a summary of feedback provided on the draft Ocean Acidification Monitoring Plan for the Northeast (to be released in October). Provide input on a plan to engage managers and biologists to inform ocean acidification thresholds and related data and information needs for important managed resources.</p>
<b>Room 3</b>	<p><b>Transmission Work Group (1:30-4:30)</b>  <u>Objectives:</u> To further refine workgroup priorities, outputs, and a timeline. Additional details will be added in advance of the November meeting.</p>
<b>Offsite</b>	<p><b>Field Trip for Tribal Members and Tribal Youth to Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (9-1)</b>  <u>Objectives:</u> Provide an opportunity for Tribal youth and Tribal members to learn about the Great Bay Estuarine Research Reserve programs. A bus will leave Portsmouth, NH, at 9 AM and return in advance of the afternoon sessions. Lunch will be provided for participants.</p>

<b>Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC) – DAY 2</b> <b>Meeting Agenda   Wednesday, November 13, 2024</b> <b>The Venue at Portwalk, 22 Portwalk Place, Portsmouth, NH 03801</b>	
8:00 AM	<b>Breakfast</b> (provided on-site)
8:30 AM	<b>Welcome and Overview of Meeting Agenda</b> <i>NROC Co-Chairs: Jeff Willis, RI Coastal Resources Management Council (RI CRMC); and Rick Bennett, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (US FWS)</i>
8:35 AM	<b>Updates from NROC Executive Committee, Federal Partners, and State Partners</b> <i>Jeff Willis, RI CRMC; Rick Bennett, US FWS; and NROC state and federal partners</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NROC Co-Chairs and Executive Committee Updates (10 min)</li> <li>• Key highlights from NROC federal partners (20 min)</li> <li>• Key highlights from NROC state partners (25 min)</li> <li>• Key highlights from the Tribal Caucus (25 min)</li> </ul>
9:55 AM	<b>NROC Partner Updates and Opportunities for Collaboration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northeast Sea Grant Consortium, (5 min)</li> <li>• Northeast Regional Association of Coastal and Ocean Observing Systems (NERACOOS), (5 min)</li> <li>• Gulf of Maine Council, (5 min)</li> <li>• New England Federal Partners, (5 min)</li> </ul>
10:15 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:30 AM	<b>Ocean Planning Committee</b> <i>NROC Co-Chairs: Ted Diers, NH Department of Environmental Services; and Lou Chiarella, NOAA Fisheries</i>  <i>NROC Staff: Amy Trice, Senior Program Director for Ocean Planning and Coastal and Ocean Ecosystem Health; and Emily Shumchenia, Science and NE Ocean Data Portal Director</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Transmission Work Group Outcomes and Next Steps</b> (15 minutes - Amy)</li> <li>• <b>Updates: Submerged Archaeological and Cultural Resources Work Group, mCDR, and recreational and maritime outreach</b> (20 minutes - Amy)</li> <li>• <b>RWSC Offshore Wind and Wildlife Data Management and Sharing</b> (25 minutes - Emily, Nick, Amy, Kate Wing)</li> <li>• <b>Northeast Ocean Data Portal Redesign</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– User requirements and design approach (Emily -15 minutes)</li> <li>– Portal demo tables (RPS-TetraTech, Waterview – 15 minutes or more overlapping with Lunch)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
12:00 PM	<b>Lunch Break</b> (provided on-site)
1:00 PM	<b>Tribal Youth Panel</b> <i>Facilitated by Asha Ajmani, NROC Tribal Engagement Coordinator</i>

1:45 PM	<p><b>Coastal Hazards Resilience Committee</b></p> <p><i>NROC Co-Chairs: Julia Knisel, MA Office of Coastal Zone Management; Gavin Jackson, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; and Dani Boudreau, NOAA Office of Coastal Management</i></p> <p><i>Staff: Joan LeBlanc, Coastal Hazards Resilience Program Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key takeaways and potential NROC next steps for advancing resilience through proactive coastal relocation</li> <li>• Outcomes from project discussions on day 1 (water level sensors, living shorelines, coastal resilience exchange)</li> </ul>
2:30 PM	<b>Break</b>
2:45 PM	<p><b>Ocean and Coastal Ecosystem Health Committee</b></p> <p><i>NROC Co-Chairs: Steve Couture, NH Department of Environmental Services; and Regina Lyons, Environmental Protection Agency; and Jake Kritzer, Northeastern Regional Association of Coastal Ocean Observing Systems</i></p> <p><i>Staff: Amy Trice, Senior Program Director for Ocean Planning and Coastal and Ocean Ecosystem Health</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcomes from project discussions on Day 1: HCOM, Blue Carbon, and Ocean acidification</li> <li>• Review of nearshore hydrodynamic modeling needs (priority approved for Year 3 funding)</li> </ul>
3:30 PM	<p><b>NROC Meeting Wrap-Up and Next Steps</b></p> <p><i>NROC Co-Chairs: Jeff Willis, RI CRMC; and Rick Bennett, US FWS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal development for Year 4 funding from BIL</li> <li>• NROC Co-Chair transition: Brian Thompson, CT, and Regina Lyons, EPA</li> </ul>
4:00 PM	<b>Adjourn</b>