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Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC) Thursday, May 15, 2025 Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve 89 Depot Rd, Greenland, NH 03840 <i>Please register for virtual or in-person participation at www.northeastoceancouncil.org</i>	
9:00 AM	Welcome and Overview of Meeting Agenda <i>NROC Co-Chairs: Brian Thompson (Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection - CT DEEP) and Regina Lyons (Environmental Protection Agency - EPA)</i>
9:15 AM	Updates from the NROC Executive Committee and Federal, State, and Tribal Partners <i>Brian Thompson (CT DEEP), Regina Lyons (EPA), and NROC state, federal, and Tribal partners</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NROC Co-Chairs and Executive Committee Updates • Key highlights from NROC federal partners • Key highlights from NROC state partners • Key highlights from NROC Tribal partners and the NROC Tribal Caucus
10:00 AM	NROC Partner Updates and Opportunities for Collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northeast Sea Grant Consortium, <i>Speaker TBD</i> • Northeast Regional Association of Coastal and Ocean Observing Systems (NERACOOS), <i>Speaker TBD</i> • Gulf of Maine Council, <i>Speaker TBD</i>
10:15 AM	Break
10:30 AM	Ocean Planning Committee <i>NROC Co-Chairs: Ted Diers (NH Department of Environmental Service – NH DES) 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"> • Brief project updates, Amy Trice (NROC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NROC Submerged Archaeological and Cultural Resources Work Group – update on literature review, the identification of coastal and submerged coastal resource assessments, and potential data products. ○ Industry outreach regarding spatial and economic data needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maritime – status of outreach to the ports and sectors in USCG District One and summary of feedback to date. ▪ Commercial fishing – status of commercial fishing data updates.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recreational boating – status of outreach to the recreational boating sector and summary of feedback to date. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent and emerging ocean planning issues - updates and input on NROC’s role, including data and coordination, for the following emerging offshore activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Freshwater aquifer research ○ Submarine cables ○ Sand, sediment, and mineral exploration ○ UAVs and AVs for security, research, and maritime operations ○ Others? • Redesigned Northeast Ocean Data Portal, <i>Emily Shumchenia (NROC)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Demonstration and feedback on the redesigned Portal to be publicly released in June ○ Participant input on additional proposed projects or agency regulatory or management actions that could be featured on the Portal • NROC/MARCO data governance and management, <i>Emily Shumchenia (NROC)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on the status of work with partners to assess existing data streams and repositories and make recommendations for improved data management and accessibility ○ Case studies of how current data management is limiting project, management, and research effectiveness ○ Participant input on the potential economic and resource management benefits of improving the data management infrastructure
12:00 PM	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Acknowledging Twenty Years Since NROC was Established by the New England Governors in 2005</p>
1:00 PM	<p>Coastal Hazards Resilience Committee</p> <p><i><u>NROC Co-Chairs:</u> Julia Knisel (MA Office of Coastal Zone Management - MA CZM), Gavin Jackson (CT DEEP), and Dani Boudreau (NOAA National Ocean Service – NOAA NOS)</i></p> <p><i><u>Staff:</u> Joan LeBlanc, Coastal Hazards Resilience Program Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief update on water level water monitoring network implementation and upcoming workshop in collaboration with NERACOOS, <i>Joan LeBlanc (NROC)</i> • Update on recent and upcoming Living Shorelines work in collaboration with TNC, <i>Joan LeBlanc (NROC)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on recent on-site living shoreline training workshops and webinars

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identification of potential sites and technical support needs for future living shorelines implementation ○ Participant input regarding maps and resources to be developed for the Portal to highlight living shorelines projects and to provide economic and environmental context for current and potential future sites
1:30 PM	<p>Implementing <i>Maine Won't Wait</i> through Innovation in Municipal Training and Technical Assistance (TA)</p> <p><i>Rachael Hamilton, NOAA Coastal Management Fellow, Maine Coastal Program</i></p>
1:50 PM	Break
2:00 PM	<p>Ocean and Coastal Ecosystem Health Committee (OCEH)</p> <p><i>NROC Co-Chairs: Steve Couture (NH DES), Regina Lyons (EPA), Devon Gleason (Penobscot Indian Nation), Prassede Vella (MassBays NEP), and Jake Kritzer (NERACOOS)</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"> • Project updates, <i>Amy Trice (NROC)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summary of efforts to obtain State, Federal, and Industry input on data products to be developed from the ocean acidification monitoring network ○ HCOM: Update on seafloor mapping priorities and recent and planned seafloor mapping in the region • Coastal and Submerged Vegetation Workgroup, <i>Brian Yellen (UMass Amherst)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summary of the workgroup terms of reference and participation ○ Update on mapping and modeling activities ○ Participant input on Federal, State, Tribal, and local outreach to inform products and uses of products
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