

Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC) – DAY 1 Meeting Agenda Tuesday, November 18, 2025 Innovate Newport, Newport, RI 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	
<i>The first day of NROC’s meeting on November 18 will feature a series of topics related to the identification of data and mapping priorities, improving ocean data management, and using data in coastal and ocean management and planning. Lunch will be provided.</i> Objectives: <i>Increase participation in regional initiatives to prioritize data acquisition and to improve data management related to specific maps and products used to inform decisions.</i> <i>Emphasize the importance of improved ocean data management and increased data accessibility for ocean management and business decisions.</i>	
11:00 am	Arrive
11:15 am	Introductory Presentation by NROC Welcome, objectives for the day, and overview of the meeting agenda. NROC members and staff provide a summary of: - the fundamental linkage between ocean management decisions and our increasing need to access current information, data, and knowledge to inform those decisions; - recent case studies demonstrating the need for improved ocean data management; and - opportunities for NROC and partners to vastly improve the effectiveness of data used in management and business decisions. <u>Speakers:</u> - Ted Diers (NH DES) and Lou Chiarella (NOAA Fisheries) <i>NROC Ocean Planning Committee (OPC) Co-Chairs</i> - Amy Trice, Emily Shumchenia, and Nick Napoli <i>NROC Staff</i>
11:45 am	Regional Seafloor Mapping Priorities Update on previously identified seafloor mapping priorities, introducing a revised process for expanding outreach and regularly updating regional seafloor mapping priorities, and a summary of efforts to document and update seafloor maps and products (e.g., SeaScapes, sediment maps) Todd Callaghan (MA CZM), Dan Sampson (MA CZM), Jesse Minor (ME DMR), Matt Dornback (NOAA) <i>Habitat Classification and Ocean Mapping (HCOM) Subcommittee Co-Chairs</i>

	<u>Speakers:</u> Amy Trice (NROC), Connor Capizzano (Inspire Environmental/Venterra Group), and Marisa Guarinello (Inspire Environmental/Venterra Group)
12:30 pm	Lunch (provided)
1:15 pm	Submerged Archaeological and Cultural Resources Presentation of the literature review of archaeological and cultural resource studies in the Northeast and related geospatial resources for understanding where studies have been conducted. <u>Speakers:</u> Amy Trice (NROC) and Cynthia Fadem (Gray and Pape)
1:45 pm	Redesigned Northeast Ocean Data Portal Presentation of the recently upgraded NE Ocean Data Portal including participant feedback about functionality enhancement and improvements. <u>Speaker:</u> Emily Shumchenia (NROC)
2:15 pm	Break
2:30 pm	Research Coordination and Improving Ocean Data Management – Session 1 Brief presentations followed by panelists answering questions and hearing feedback from virtual participants. In-person participants will then be encouraged to interact with the panelists individually at stations around the room for thirty minutes. <u>Topics and Speakers:</u> • <i>Coordination of marine life research and data collection in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic</i> Julia Dombroski (Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative) • <i>Assessing seafloor data management related to bathymetry, geomorphology, sediment, and habitat products used in decision-making</i> Marisa Guarinello (Inspire Environmental/Venterra Group) • <i>Improving marine mammal, sea turtle, and avian data management through OBIS-SEAMAP</i> Jesse Cleary and Sarah DeLand (Duke Marine Geospatial Ecology Lab) • <i>Assessing and improving marine life and habitat data repositories</i> Kate Wing and Rachael Blake (Intertidal Agency)

3:45 pm	Research Coordination and Improving Ocean Data Management – Session 2 Brief presentations followed by panelists answering questions and hearing feedback from virtual participants. In-person participants will then be encouraged to interact with the panelists individually at stations around the room for thirty minutes. <u>Topics and Speakers:</u> • <i>Improving access to USCG marine safety and navigation data and information products</i> Robert Lewald (USCG) • <i>Integrating commercial fisheries dependent data sources to inform decision-making</i> Doug Christel (NOAA Fisheries) • <i>Data governance for fisheries monitoring - benthic imaging and fishing gear methods</i> Mike Pol and Tricia Perez (Responsible Offshore Science Alliance) • <i>Summary of potential methods for collecting or integrating data on recreational boating and fishing patterns</i> Amy Trice (NROC) • <i>Improving access to data on ocean acidification and understanding management and business data needs</i> Nikelene Mclean (NROC)
5:00 pm	End

Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC) – DAY 2
Meeting Agenda | Wednesday, November 19, 2025
Innovate Newport, Newport, RI
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The second day of NROC’s meeting on November 19 will feature a series of topics related to the use of data in specific coastal and ocean management priorities, emerging ocean technologies and coastal resilience. Lunch will be provided.

Objectives:

Follow up on day one by considering the regulatory process and data needs for specific current and emerging ocean management issues.

Learn about emerging ocean technologies and businesses in New England that might require coastal and ocean space for support infrastructure and testing or that could be used for monitoring and data collection.

Learn about and provide input on NROC’s and regional partners’ coastal resilience initiatives.

9:00 AM	Arrive
9:30 AM	Welcome and Overview of Meeting Agenda <u>Speakers:</u> Brian Thompson (Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection - CT DEEP) and Regina Lyons (Environmental Protection Agency - EPA) <i>NROC State and Federal Co-Chairs</i>
9:45 AM	Updates from the NROC Executive Committee and Federal, State, and Tribal Partners • 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 <u>Speakers:</u> Brian Thompson (CT DEEP), Regina Lyons (EPA), and NROC state, federal, and Tribal partners
10:30 AM	NROC Partner Updates and Opportunities for Collaboration Brief updates from NROC’s partners via Memorandum of Understanding <u>Speakers:</u> • 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>

10:45 AM	Break
11:00 AM	Current and Emerging Ocean Management and Planning Issues The regulatory and policy context for current and emerging ocean management and planning issues, including recent legislation and policy directives related to improvements in the standardization, transparency, and accessibility of ocean data and information for use in decision-making. <u>Speakers:</u> • Ted Diers (NH DES) and Lou Chiarella (NOAA Fisheries) <i>NROC Ocean Planning Committee (OPC) Co-Chairs</i> • Amy Trice and Nick Napoli <i>NROC Staff</i> • Deerin Babb-Brott <i>Consultant</i>
12:00 PM	Lunch Break (provided)
1:00 PM	Emerging Ocean Technologies in New England Emerging ocean technologies in New England and their coastal and ocean planning, infrastructure, and data considerations. <u>Topics and Speakers:</u> • <i>The Port of Davisville Master Plan</i> Greg Coren (Director of Engineering and Construction, Quonset Development Corporation) and Joe Riccio (Port Director, Port of Davisville, Quonset Development Corporation) • <i>MA Clean Energy Center Investments in Ocean Technology</i> Lisa Engler (MA Clean Energy Center)
2:15 PM	Break
2:30 PM	Regional Coastal Resilience Initiatives NROC's Coastal Hazards Resilience Committee and partners will highlight regional coastal resilience initiatives. Julia Knisel (MA CZM), Dani Boudreau (NOAA), and Gavin Jackson (CT DEEP) <i>NROC Coastal Hazards Resilience (CHR) Co-Chairs</i> <u>Topics and Speakers:</u> • <i>Advancing Living Shorelines in New England</i> Joan LeBlanc (NROC), Daniel Goulart (The Nature Conservancy), and Adam Finkle (Woods Hole Group)

	• <i>Rhode Island Resilience: Resilient Rhody 2025, Regional Resilience Coordinators, and What's Next</i> Kimberly Koriath (Chief Resilience Officer, State of Rhode Island Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management) • <i>Growing Regional Resilience Coordination on Aquidneck Island</i> Paige Myatt (Director of Climate Resilience, Aquidneck Island Land Trust)
4:30 PM	End