

## NROC Partners:

It has been a busy time for NROC, with a lot going on in the past month or so, and we wanted to provide you with a quick update on recent NROC activities.

- We are very pleased to announce two important additions to the NROC team:

Nick Napoli has joined NROC as the Ocean Planning Project Manager. Nick was most recently the Director of Marine Planning for SeaPlan (formerly the Massachusetts Ocean Partnership) where he managed programs that support northeast regional ocean planning and the development and implementation of the MA Ocean Management Plan. Nick also has a range of resource management and planning experience from previous positions in private consulting, government, and academia.

Also, Dani Carter has joined us as NROC Coordinator. Dani recently relocated back to Maine after several years in Hawaii, where she most recently worked as state co-manager for the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, and before her time in the Pacific, she worked for NOAA's Coastal Services Center. Each of her previous positions were largely focused on state and federal partners working collaboratively on ocean and coastal management issues.

Please join us in welcoming Nick and Dani!

- On the NROC member front, we would like to note that Michele DesAutels, formerly a Renewable Energy Program Specialist with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, is now working as a Coastal Marine Spatial Planning Specialist with the US Coast Guard. Leann Bullin is now serving as BOEM's NROC and MARCO liaison in Michele's former position. Leann has experience in public affairs and communication, formerly working in BOEM's Office of Public Affairs.
- NROC will be getting together later this month for two important meetings:
  - On May 30th in Portsmouth, NH, NROC will hold an internal Strategic Planning Retreat.
  - On May 31<sup>st</sup>, NROC will hold a full Council meeting, also in Portsmouth, NH, and we hope you can join us.
- We would also like to again extend our thanks for your participation in the Ocean Planning workshop at Roger Williams University. Attached to this email is a meeting summary. This summary is also on the NROC web site [<http://collaborate.csc.noaa.gov/nroc/default.aspx>], and we want to thank the Meridian Institute for pulling this synopsis together.
- We are pleased to announce that in support of NROC's ocean planning work, NROC will be working with a team from the URI Coastal Resources Center, George LaPointe Consulting LLC, and the Island Institute of Maine to engage the commercial fishing industry to develop map products related to commercial fishing. Additionally, NROC will be working with a team led by the Consensus Building Institute to design and implement an element of its stakeholder engagement work that targets specific ocean activities/users (ports/shipping, energy, and aquaculture). Stay tuned for additional details and calendar of events.

- Finally, a reminder that NROC is currently seeking proposals for work on a branding, website, and web communications strategy. This RFP is available on the NROC website and closes on May 23rd.

Regards—

Thanks again.

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