



Envisioning a National System of Marine Protected Areas: A New England Region Public Dialogue

AGENDA

May 16, 2005, 7:00 – 9:30 PM

Gulf of Maine Research Institute

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- 1) Welcome – *Joseph Uravitch, Director, NOAA National MPA Center* (5 minutes)
- 2) Overview of Dialogue – *George Chmael, Ecologix Group, Inc.* (5 minutes)
- 3) MPAs and Developing the Vision for a U.S. National System – *Jonathan Kelsey, MPA Center* (20 minutes)
- 4) The MPA Federal Advisory Committee: An Update on our Work – *Mr. George Lapointe, Commissioner, Maine Department of Marine Resources and Ms. Barbara Stevenson (tentative), Seller's Representative; Members, MPA Federal Advisory Committee* (10 minutes)
- 5) Clarifying questions – *George Chmael and MPA Center staff* (20 minutes)
- 6) Charge to breakout groups – *George Chmael* (5 minutes)
- 7) Break out groups – *Facilitation by MPA Center and partner program staff* (approx. 90 minutes)
 - a. Questions for the participants
 - i. How could your interests in New England's natural and cultural resources issues benefit from some kind of national system of MPAs?
 - ii. What are New England's important marine economic, recreational, and other types of uses and values that you want to be considered in developing a national system of MPAs?
 - iii. What are New England's important natural and cultural resources that you think a national system of MPAs should conserve and sustain for future generations?
 - iv. How should NOAA and Department of the Interior continue to work with stakeholders like you in New England to develop the vision for the national system?
 - v. Other comments?