

Title: **Leveraging NOAA Expertise in the North Atlantic to Address Regional Priorities: NOAA's North Atlantic Regional Team (NART)**

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Abstract: The North Atlantic region extends from Maine to Virginia and encompasses the coastlines of 11 states, as well as Pennsylvania. It is characterized by several large scale geographic features including the Gulf of Maine and Cape Cod Bay and estuarine systems including Long Island Sound, New York Bight, Delaware Bay and Chesapeake Bay. The geology includes rocky shorelines, wetlands, and beach/dune complexes as well as significant barrier island systems with extensive intertidal and freshwater wetland complexes, and low lying sandy coastal plains. As the most populous region in the nation, the North Atlantic has significant residential, commercial, industrial, recreational and energy related activities that stress natural resources, increase potential use conflicts, and impact communities and their residents. The North Atlantic hosts some of the Nation's largest metropolitan areas and ports, with significant projected increases in maritime transportation. The region has commercial and recreational fishing industries as well as coastal dependent tourism. The region includes 180 coastal counties (and the District of Columbia) constituting 40% of the total land area, and 77% of its population. The North Atlantic has four of the Nation's ten largest metropolitan areas, three of the top five U.S. ports (value of fish landed) and five of the Nation's top 20 ports (international cargo volume.)

As one of eight regional collaboration teams, NOAA's North Atlantic Regional Team (NART) has been drawing on available assets from Virginia to Maine to improve understanding of constituent needs and better deliver NOAA's products and services to meet them. In New England and the Mid-Atlantic, the NART has been working on such issues as coastal inundation, integrated ecosystem assessments, enhanced water resources planning and management, and climate change activities. Ensuring consistent, high-value services to NOAA partners and customers is more important than ever, especially given recent public attention to the state of the oceans, the effects of climate change, and impacts of natural disasters. This seminar will provide background information on the NART, highlight the accomplishments to date, and engage participants in looking forward to regional collaboration activities in FY09 - Silver Spring is part of the North Atlantic!

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