

Agenda

Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee

Schoodic Institute
Acadia National Park, Winter Harbor, Maine

May 24-26, 2015

Objectives

- Develop Subcommittee and reports and recommendations related to ecological connectivity and external financing.
- Review and vote on recommendations developed by the Arctic MPA Working Group.
- Provide an opportunity for public comment on MPA issues
- Discuss next steps to finalize Committee work and plan for new membership and charge

Tuesday, May 24

- 9:00-9:05 Call to Order (Lauren Wenzel, Designated Federal Official, National Marine Protected Areas Center)
- 9:05-9:15 Welcome and Committee Business (George Geiger, Chair)
- Introduction of Members and Guests
 - Review of Agenda
 - Should we change agenda to start at 8 AM on Wed & Thurs? (right after breakfast?)
 - Approval of Minutes from December 2015 meeting
 - Sent out in email from LW; have a couple of hard copies
- 9:15-9:35 Welcome to Schoodic Institute and Acadia National Park
- Mark Berry, President and CEO, Schoodic Institute
 - Kevin Schneider, Superintendent, Acadia National Park
- 9:35-10:00 Updates from NOAA and Department of the Interior
- MPA Center Update (Lauren Wenzel)
 - Department of the Interior (Cliff McCreedy)
- 10:00-10:15 Break
- 10:15-11:15 Arctic MPA Working Group Report to Full Committee and Committee Action (Stephanie Madsen and Lauren Wenzel, Working Group Co-Chairs)
- 11:15-12:15 Subcommittees Report to Full Committee; Committee Feedback
- Connectivity (Mark Carr, Subcommittee Chair)
 - External Financing (Brian Baird, Subcommittee Chair)
- Decide which subcommittee will stay in Moore, and which one will go to Dorr.
- 12:15-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-5:15 Subcommittees Meet
- 5:15-5:30 Public comment

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Lauren & George will check on whether there is public comment.

5:30 Adjourn

Remind people tomorrow to dress ready to go out on the boat in the afternoon.

6:30 Lobster Bake!

Wednesday, May 25

8:30-8:35 Call To Order
 • Review logistics for boat trip

8:35-12:00 Subcommittees Meet

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-5:00 Field Visit – Marine and Coastal Issues at Acadia
 Trip aboard the “Osprey” vessel of the College of the Atlantic with Seth Benz, Director of Bird Ecology, Schoodic Institute.

Remind people who want to go on bird walk. Confirm time.

Thursday, May 26

Early Bird walk with Mark Berry (optional)

8:30-8:35 Call To Order

8:35-12:00 Subcommittees Meet

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:00 Subcommittees Report to Full Committee; Committee Feedback

2:00-3:45 Panel Presentation: Marine Conservation Issues in the Gulf of Maine
 Lauren will introduce panel

- Ecosystem Impacts of Climate Change in the Gulf of Maine – Graham Sherwood, Gulf of Maine Institute
- Northeast Regional Ocean Plan – John Weber, Executive Director of Ocean Planning, Northeast Regional Ocean Council
- Community-based Nominations for Sanctuaries in the Northeast Region, Matt Brookhart, Acting Deputy Director, NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

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- Coastal and Marine Management at Acadia National Park, Rebecca Cole-Will, Chief of Resource Management

3:45-4:00 Break

4:00-4:30 Next steps, and planning for future MPA FAC membership and charge

- Establish timeline for Subcommittee follow up and next full FAC meeting

4:30-5:00 Committee Business

5:00 Adjourn