
Northeast Regional Ocean Council

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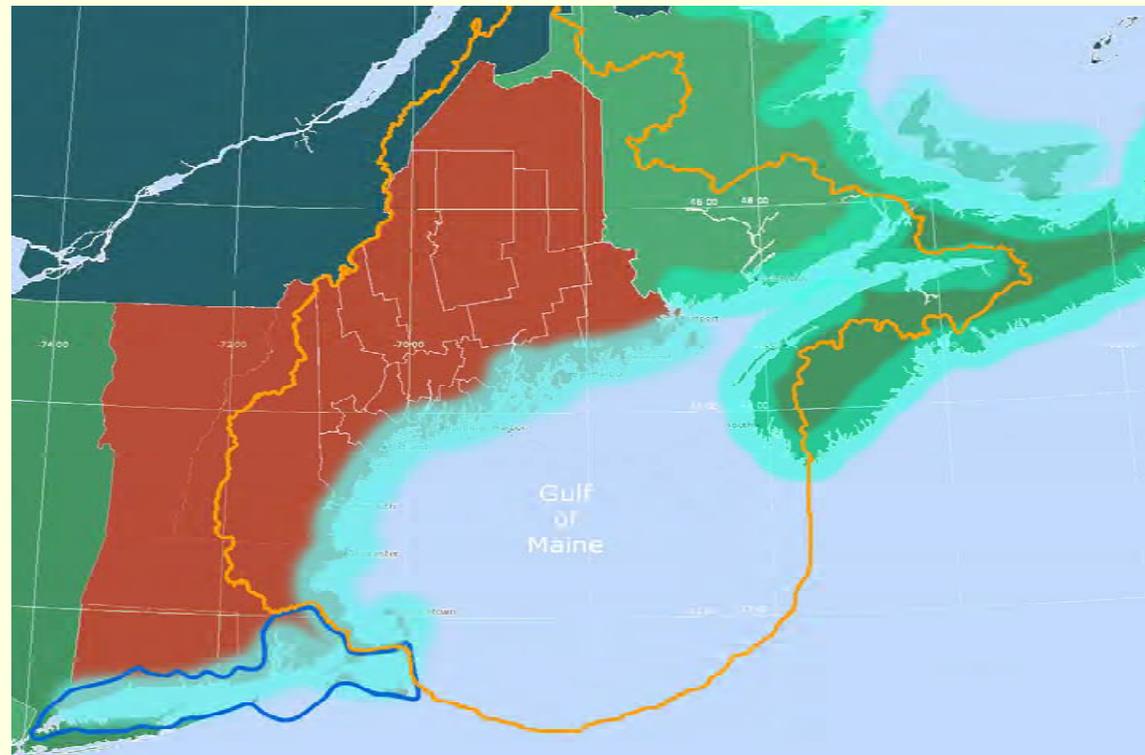
OUR MASCOT



Origin and Purpose

- Post-USOC
- Northeast states (CT, RI, MA, NH, ME)
- Develop **regional goals and priorities** and implement **coordinated and collaborative responses** to coast/ocean issues and challenges that are inherently **regional**.

Geography



 Gulf of Maine Council
on the Marine Environment

 Northeast Regional
Ocean Council

 Oceans Working Committee
(also includes Labrador and Newfoundland)

 Southern New England/New
York Ocean Working Group

Priorities

Established by 2007 **Ocean Congress**

- Ocean Ecosystem Health
- Coastal Hazards and Resiliency
- Ocean Energy

SUCSESSES 😊!

- Improved state/federal **relationships**
- **Alignment** of priorities and resources
- Increased **visibility**
- Formal **partnerships** with NERACOOS, others
SG, TNC, MOP
- **Workshops** – hazards, LIDAR, marine spatial
planning, indicators
- **Influencing** MSP implementation/nat'l policy
- \$\$ Regional LIDAR proposal
- **Partnership** with other ROCs

CHALLENGES

- Capacity
- Information for regional planning
 - Regional-level assessment, data availability
- Appropriations
 - Collaboration on funding requests with feds
 - Motivating Congress – joint request?
- Evolving playing field on legislation
- Consistent leadership

Advice to New ROCs

- Alignment with stakeholders
- Involve the experts
- Take time to articulate clear priorities, start small
- Publications
- Gubernatorial leadership
- Face time in DC
- Method to formalize partnerships

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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