

PWG meeting 5/17/17

Present: Beth Turner, Theresa Torrent, Ralph Johnson, Priscilla Brooks, Chris Williams, Susie Arnold, Jackie Ball, Conor McManus, Aaron Strong, Eric Chapman

Welcome to Eric, Acting Director of NH SG and chair of the NH commission

NECAN updates:

Implementation plan circulated after last PWG meeting – thanks for comments. Close to finalized, will be posted on NECAN website.

Ideas for website content welcome. Planning to have PWG space on website, will populate with state commission status, updated regularly

Ideas for webinar speakers welcome, especially policy-relevant speakers.

No word yet on RARGOM proposal to hold a meeting with NROC re. monitoring coastal acidification. NECAN-NROC efforts will go forward with or without RARGOM funds, but funding would provide support for more participation

Beginning to plan citizen science outreach workshops for ME, MA, CT. First planning call next week, will start gearing up now that semester is over.

State updates:

ME: two meetings planned:

- MOCA webinar meeting May 31, 1-2:30. Invitations were sent out through the ME OA Google group, contact **Susie** and/or **Aaron** if interested in being added to the list. Webinar will include and update on R&D bond on ballot for June 13 re. \$ for OA monitoring and instrumentation, Curtis Bohlen on the new Casco Bay nutrient council and Casco Bay monitoring group, Jason Gear on EPA monitoring guidance, Beth on Citizen Science training based on the EPA guidance, and Michelle LaVigne on inter-calibration of monitoring groups in Maine.
- June 19 monitoring meeting at Darling Center. Builds on MOCA webinar. Complementary to fall cit sci workshops, engage groups actively monitoring in ME, gather info together from various groups, intercalibration, how to make monitoring efforts as useful as possible. Initial invitations gone out, contact **Aaron** for more info.

NH: Commission met yesterday, Bill Mook joined to discuss impacts and efforts undertaken at his oyster farm. The next meeting will take a look at what is going on in other states with relevance to the NH effort. This is a permanent commission, so there is no deadline for a report but some self-imposed targets. They are thinking about writing something to document work to date on OA, wrapping up OA focus in next few months and moving on to other coastal threats. An interim document will probably include support and recommendations for monitoring, and discussion of variability and potential impacts of OA in NH. Interested in hearing about ME and MOCA efforts on monitoring.

MA: The OA study commission bill has been referred to joint committee on the environment, no hearing set yet. Priscilla has been helping Rep Fernandez i.d. interested shellfish folks, contacted [Jan Pechenik](#) from Tufts, who has been doing summer work on OA in WA state.

RI: The RI commission will meet next week. They will discuss prospective research and approaches to understand impacts of OA in RI and Narragansett Bay. Met in April to hear from industry members: One wild shellfish harvester, one from aquaculture. Sarah Schuman presented survey results from a project on fishermen's knowledge of climate impacts. Growing concern re. eutrophication in Narr Bay, what are the implications to OA? (Used some of Chris Gobler's and Jason Gear's work.) Nitrogen loading came up because industry is more focused on those issues in the immediate future. **Conor** will ask Sarah Schuman about sharing her slides and future webinar possibilities.

CT: NECAN Outreach and Education work group suggested contacts in CT for citizen science workshops. **Beth** and **Esperanza** will include them in workshop planning.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Thursday, June 29 at 10 AM

Thursday, Aug 8 at 10 AM

First Thurs of every month at 10 AM thereafter. We can revisit scheduling in the fall when the academic year resumes.