

PWG meeting 9/12/17

Present: Beth Turner, Esperanza Stancioff, Todd Capson, Erik Chapman, Sarah Cooley, Jackie Ball, Aaron Strong, Matt Liebmann,

State updates:

RI: Conor e-mailed Beth with nothing to report

NH: Commission is examining a range of topics including OA, nutrients, sediments. The 1st year took up OA. This year will be nutrients. Summary of 1st year's activities will be forthcoming with recommendations included. Using other states input (e.g., MOCA) to draft recommendations. Will draft within next month or so.

MA: The Mass Legislature introduced a bill (H. 472) last January titled "An act establishing an ocean acidification task force" in order to look at the effects of OA on commercially harvested or grown species in coastal and ocean environments. It was referred to the joint committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture. Maybe PWG should re-engage and see where we are. **Aaron and Sarah** will contact **Priscilla** to see where things stand. *(Post-meeting, Priscilla noted that there is a huge backlog in bills due to the sudden death of House Environment and Natural Resources Committee Chairwoman Cariddi. Priscilla will keep us posted.)*

NY: Lisa Suitoni talked to Aaron about ME experience with post-commission process. Lisa had intern (Valerie Pinkerton), not clear what the tenure of that intern was. **Sarah** will find out from Lisa what the status is. *(Post-meeting, Sarah reported that according to Lisa Suatoni at NRDC, "the word is that the state fully plans to proceed with this task force, but there is a mysterious hang-up that no one will identify. However, you should know that the Governor's office and key senate staff are being contacted on a weekly basis by various advocates to move this along.")*

ME: MOCA is becoming slightly more formal by documenting their organizational structure and committee roles. Held an advisory council meeting last week to get feedback from original commissioners. Feedback on ideas for fall MOCA meeting, add-on to RARGOM meeting in October. Bond issue (\$50M) passed in June. Submission of proposals now for "lightning round" (with 2 ½ week turnaround) for infrastructure and R&D development. MOCA will submit monitoring proposal, trying to implement portions of MOCA monitoring plan. Broader call for projects later with longer lead time.

MOCA advisory council discussed whether NECAN could provide organizational support. NECAN will need specifics on what would be needed for facilitation, organization of meetings, etc. **Esperanza and Aaron** will document what those specific needs are and present to NECAN Steering Committee. (MOCA activities would fall generally under the PWG.)

NECAN/NROC workshop:

Will be held Dec 1 at NH DES. Discuss how monitoring can address some of the questions around OCA and needs of agencies and industry and think about the best monitoring plans. Aaron talked with

Kathleen Leyden, just started as NROC chair from states. Jackie will assure that Kathleen is on the list for workshop invitations.

International:

Todd has been working in Senegal on a OA workshop and to develop pilot project. USAID and climate change program called CINSERE ([link](#)) has funded the drafting of a proposal for a pilot project in Senegal for monitoring. Includes OA, warming, deoxygenation with links to fisheries and shellfish. Joe Salisbury and Dwight Gledhill also on the team. They have expressed interest in funding the pilot project as well. Aaron will pass along a name from Gambia who has interest in aquaculture.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Plan on monthly meetings on Tuesdays at 11:00. Beth will circulate this time to the whole PWG to see if this will be suitable. If so, the next meeting will be on **Oct 10 at 11:00**.