

Massachusetts Ocean Partnership

Ocean Management Planning Progress Report #3

As a service to our Partners: This report, the third in the series, is designed to keep you informed in an expedient fashion. Significant events, activities and milestones in the rapidly evolving ocean planning process are listed and briefly described below. **Links to relevant, supporting documentation and other information have been embedded for quick reference.**

Event Key Responsibility

EEA	Led and conducted by EEA Planning Team
EEA (mop)	Directed by EEA with MOP Technical Support
MOP (eea)	Directed by MOP with EEA Team Input
MOP	MOP Independent Event

Important Upcoming Events (April & May 2009)

04/29/09 **MOP Annual Partners Event** (1:30-6:00pm, John Carver Inn, Plymouth)

MOP

Description:

This meeting will give MOP Partners and prospective Partners an advanced opportunity to evaluate and provide input for the new MA integrated ocean data network as well as receive the most up-to-date information regarding the MA ocean management planning process. [Further information.](#)

05/02/09 **OAC/Stakeholder Workshop** (9:30-1:00pm, Jonsson Center, Woods Hole)

EEA (mop)

Description:

The OAC is providing two additional opportunities (on 5/2 and 5/6) for stakeholders to examine the preliminary information being used by EEA to craft the draft ocean management plan which is scheduled for release by 6/30/09. [Registration, Webcasting and additional information.](#)

05/06/09 **OAC/Stakeholder Workshop** (9:00-12:30pm, Hynes Convention Center, Boston)

EEA (mop)

Description:

This meeting is identical in scope, duration and content to the 5/2 workshop (above). [Registration, Webcasting and additional information.](#)

05/28/09 **OAC Meeting** (9:00am-12:00pm, Fish Pier Conference Center, Boston)

EEA (mop)

Description:

This will be the final OAC meeting prior to draft plan release and will provide stakeholders with an opportunity to comment and provide input.



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Recent Progress in Ocean Management Planning (02/20-04/24/09)

02/20/09 Previous MA Ocean Management Planning Progress Report (#2)

MOP

Purpose:

This report lists and briefly describes the significant events, activities and milestones that occurred during the ocean planning process between 12/23/08 and 02/20/09.

Related Information:

You can access this report with embedded links at: [MA Ocean Planning Progress Report #2](#)

03/04/09 Ocean Advisory Commission Meeting (Plan Principles: Goals & Objectives)

EEA (mop)

Purpose:

This EEA-convened meeting of the Ocean Advisory Commission provided: an update on the MA ocean management planning process; a review of the draft ocean plan goals and objectives; and a continued discussion of planning framework options.

Related Information:

All supporting materials including the [meeting video](#), [MA Ocean Plan goals, strategies & outcomes](#); and [PowerPoint presentations](#) are available online.

03/18/09 Science Advisory Council Meeting (SAC)

EEA (mop)

Purpose:

The EEA Science Advisory Council continued their work on the development of the science plan component of the overall MA ocean management plan. Additionally, the Council discussed the use of EEA's Ecological Valuation Index (EVI) as it pertains to the designation of state planning areas that contain special, sensitive or unique (SSU) species and/or habitats.

Related Information:

The [03/18/09 SAC meeting summary](#) and other support materials are available online.

3/30/09 Science Advisory Council Meetings (and 04/13/09)

EEA (mop)

Purpose:

These two meetings (on 3/30 & 4/13) were a continuation of the previous (03/18) Science Advisory Council meeting.

Related Information:

The [03/30/09 SAC meeting summary](#) is available online.

