

# Massachusetts Ocean Partnership

## How can the Massachusetts Ocean Partnership (MOP) better support your organization's involvement in ocean management planning and implementation?

To help us enhance effective stakeholder participation in ocean management planning and to better serve our Partners, MOP has developed the following brief survey. Your input will help shape MOP priorities for Partner engagement and services over the coming months. Responding to this survey should take no more than **5 minutes** of your time. Your feedback is greatly appreciated (Please circle all that apply).

Which of these best describes your organization:

1. industry/business association
2. individual business
3. educational/research institution
4. non-governmental organization (please describe)
5. conservation organization
6. governmental entity
7. other (please describe)

Do you believe there are barriers that inhibit your organization from fully and effectively participating in the ocean management planning process currently underway in Massachusetts?

1. yes
2. no
3. maybe

If yes, how would you describe these barriers to your participation?

1. time constraints (e.g. time away from primary job)
2. financial constraints (e.g. costs associated with travel )
3. limited knowledge of ocean planning concepts and terminology
4. limited skill set for effective participation
5. too many ocean management-related meetings to attend them all
6. insufficient notice of planned events/activities
7. unsure how to best participate in the process
8. I perceive no significant barriers to participation
9. other (please explain)



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If MOP provided opportunities for ocean management-related training/education, which areas would most directly improve your organization's capacity to participate in the ocean management planning and implementation process? (Circle all that apply.)

1. collaborative problem solving/conflict resolution
2. understanding and communicating concepts of ecosystem based management/marine spatial planning
3. understanding, navigation and use of ocean databases
4. fundraising/resource development for collaborative projects
5. networking
6. team building
7. other (please explain)

In the spirit of Partner collaboration and peer learning, what could your organization offer that might enhance fellow Partners' capacity to participate in the ocean management planning and implementation process? (Circle all that apply and please briefly explain).

1. skills training (GIS, communications, etc.)
2. technical information (data, reports, etc.)
3. topical workshops or seminars (on relevant policy, science or other issues)
4. monetary support/opportunities to collaborate on relevant projects (grants, joint projects, etc.)
5. in-kind support (meeting space, etc.)
6. other (please describe)

Do you have any other suggestions about how MOP can better assist your organization's participation in the ocean management planning process? If so, briefly explain.

How would you rate MOP's efforts to-date to involve stakeholders/engage Partners in ocean management planning?

1. excellent
2. sufficient/adequate
3. inadequate
4. not aware of efforts
5. other (briefly explain suggestions for improvement)

END.

