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What some ocean stakeholders are saying about the Partnership:

"Determining appropriate and sustainable uses of the Commonwealth's coastal and ocean resources is an important priority for Governor Patrick. I commend the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation for funding a public/private partnership to work on this important topic. I look forward to a fruitful partnership with the Massachusetts Ocean Partnership."

Ian Bowles, *Secretary, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs*

"Grounded in solid natural and social science and driven by a full and diverse spectrum of stakeholders, we trust that MOP will uniquely serve as a credible broker among users competing for access to, use or conservation of our finite coastal resources. In the end, MOP and the reasoned, deliberate debate and decision making it fosters, has great potential to relieve the regulatory burden on small water-dependent businesses while simultaneously fostering increased marine environmental stewardship."

Leona Roach, *Principal, Marine Consulting Services*

"In the coastal waters near SEA's campus (Buzzards Bay, Vineyard Sound, Nantucket Sound), you have issues of where to site large scale wind turbines, where to dump dredge material, how to regulate oil barge traffic, how to reduce nitrogen loading, and how to rebuild

roseate tern populations just to name a few. Oftentimes these issues interrelate. If we can get all the user groups talking with one another and armed with robust and accessible science, then the ocean management decisions may be quicker, better and more transparent than they are today. Science and negotiation may play a larger role. Politics and litigation may play a lesser role. This would be a good thing."

John Bullard, *President, Sea Education Association in Woods Hole*

"The Commonwealth's marine fisheries agency recognizes that concepts for managing traditional and often parochial use of ocean resources by coastal fisheries should be expanded to sustain demand on environmental capacity. This requires significant appreciation for ecosystem-based integrated multi-use management of our oceans."

Paul Diodati, *Director, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries*

"Boston Harbor and our vast ocean waters have for centuries supported a variety of marine uses, from waterfront development and trade, to recreation and tourism. Today, the pressures on our oceans are greater than ever and this requires a new stewardship model that protects our resources while continuing to support and grow our economy. This major grant from the Moore Foundation will bring a wide array of stakeholders together to develop the

science and new ocean management framework necessary to ensure a thriving Massachusetts ocean for generations to come."

James Hunt, III, *Chief of Environmental and Energy Services, City of Boston*

"The Massachusetts Port Authority is pleased to serve on the MOP Governing Board and to work together with such a diverse group of stakeholders to advance development of a management plan for the Commonwealth's coastal waters. Integrated ocean management will enable the Commonwealth to better preserve and balance competing uses for our limited coastal resources, including preservation of safe and efficient international shipping lanes and airport flight space."

Deborah Hadden, *Deputy Port Director, Massport*

"Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies has collaborated with numerous groups over the last thirty years, but few have had participation by as many different ocean interests and none have had a goal more critical than MOP's work toward a sustainable future for our ocean resources. Ultimately, if we are going to truly protect endangered whales, we must be able to preserve the ecosystems in which they live."

Richard Delaney, *Executive Director, Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies*

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