



Working Group Meeting

Monday, April 4, 2016

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET

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Briefing Book

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Meeting Call-in and Webex Information

Conference Call Access Information

Call In: 1 888-206-2266

Passcode: 5764669

Here is the webex link:

<http://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?sigKey=mymeetings&i=744921075&p=4927573&t=c>

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GOMC Working Group Meeting Agenda • Monday, April 4, 2016 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET / 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM AT		
1:00 PM ET	Welcome, Introductions, and Overview of Objectives for the Meeting <i>Steve Couture, Working Group Co-Chair</i> <i>NH Department of Environmental Services</i>	
1:05 PM	Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ June 2016 GOMC Meeting Logistics and Placeholder Agenda, p. 4-6 ➤ Potential Impact of Reduced GOMC Dues on Council Coordination Services, p. 7 	✓ For Decision <i>Briefing Notes: pp. 4-7</i>
1:10 PM	Roundtable Updates	
1:30 PM	GOMC Tribal Membership Ann Rodney will lead discussion regarding potential tribal membership.	✓ For Direction
1:35 PM	GOMC 2016 Awards Joan LeBlanc will provide a brief update regarding status and next steps for the 2016 GOMC Awards program.	✓ For Information ✓ Internal ✓ For Direction <i>Briefing Note: pp. 8-9</i>
1:45 PM	Development of Workshop Concepts for June 2016 WG / Council Meeting Working Group members will work together to continue developing workshop concepts for the June WG / Council meeting.	✓ For Direction <i>Briefing Note: p. 10-12</i>
3:00 PM	Adjourn	

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Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment Meeting Briefing Note				
Title of Agenda Item: GOMC June 2016 Council / WG Meeting Logistics				
Submitted by: Steve Couture, Rebecca Newhall, Peter McLaughlin and Joan LeBlanc				
Type of Item (place X in appropriate box)	For Decision	For Direction	For Information (internal GOMC) X	For Information (External)
Background (required): The following plans have been made for the June 2016 GOMC Council / Working Group meetings and events in Fredericton, New Brunswick.				
GOMC Council / WG Group Meeting Killarney Lake Rotary Centennial Lodge, Fredericton, NB <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Tuesday, June 7 (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM AT / 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM ET)➤ Wednesday, June 8 (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM AT / 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM ET) Includes lunchtime presentations followed by site visit to Mactaquac Dam Project (12-4 AT)				
GOMC Awards Ceremony and Reception Killarney Lake Rotary Centennial Lodge, Fredericton, NB <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Tuesday, June 7, 6:00 PM				
<i>* Please note: event times are subject to minor change</i>				
Recommended Hotel Accommodations are at the Delta Fredericton, NB https://www.deltahotels.com/Hotels/Delta-Fredericton To make reservations, call 1-800-268-1133 and identify yourself as being with the Gulf of Maine Council meetings. The conference rate is \$126. Reservations must be received by Friday, May 6, 2016. After that date, reservations will be subject to availability.				
Bus from US to NB USGS is providing a bus to transport GOMC meeting attendees from the US to Fredericton. Stops to pick up passengers will likely include: Logan Airport, Portsmouth, Danvers, and Portland. The tentative schedule is: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Leave Logan Airport (June 6 @ 10:00 AM)➤ Stop for picnic lunch at Wolf’s Neck Woods State Park, Freeport (check out the Geocache site and the ESIP’s ICUC App photo site)➤ Arrive Fredericton (June 6 @ 6:30 PM)➤ Leave Fredericton (June 9 @ 7:30 AM)➤ Arrive Logan Airport (June 9 @ 2:00 PM) The bus will also be available to provide local transport of GOMC folks from hotel to meeting and from meeting to site visit.				
Actions, Outcomes or Decisions Requested: n/a				
Supporting Documentation (If applicable, list additional documents included in the Briefing Book following this Briefing Note): A DRAFT placeholder agenda has been prepared to assist with travel arrangements. Please note, development of the agenda is still underway, and it will be revised to reflect direction provided during the April 4 Working Group meeting. (pp. 5-6)				

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Joint Council / Working Group Meeting • Tuesday, June 7, 2016 Killarney Lake Rotary Centennial Lodge, 1600 St. Mary's Street, Fredericton, NB		
9:00 AM	GOMC Council Meeting - Welcome, Introductions and Overview of Meeting Objectives	
9:10 AM	Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 2015 Council / WG meeting summary acceptance • April 2016 Working Group meeting summary acceptance • Other Updates 	✓ For Decision
9:15 AM	Roundtable Forum Council / WG members discuss key issues facing jurisdiction and / or region.	✓ For Information
11:15 AM	Break	
11:30 AM	GOMC Initiatives – Work Plan Updates Council and Working Group members will discuss progress and next steps for GOMC Initiatives.	✓ For Direction
12:30 PM	Lunch (provided on-site)	
1:30 PM	GOMC Workshop <i>Under Development: Working Group and Secretariat Team are currently working together to develop interactive workshops for the June 2016 meeting.</i>	✓ For Direction
3:00 PM	Break	
3:15 PM	GOMC Workshop (continued)	✓ For Direction
5:00 PM	Adjourn for the Day	

Tuesday, June 7, 2016 • GOMC Awards Reception Killarney Lake Rotary Centennial Lodge, Fredericton, NB	
6:00 PM (TBD)	GOMC Awards Reception GOMC will host special reception to present 2016 GOMC Awards.

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Joint Council / Working Group Meeting • Wednesday, June 8, 2016 Killarney Lake Rotary Centennial Lodge, 1600 St. Mary's Street, Fredericton, NB		
8:00 AM	Overview of Objectives for Day 2	
8:15 AM	GOMC Workshop (continued)	✓ For Direction
10:30 AM	Break	
10:45 AM	GOMC Workshop Wrap Up and Plans for 2016 / 2017 Council and Working Group will wrap-up workshop and identify next steps for 2016 / 2017, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affirm support for continuing or revised GOMC work plans, • Affirm support for any new GOMC initiatives developed during the workshop and discuss associated next steps, and • Check-in regarding leadership and meeting plans for 2016 / 2017 	✓ For Direction ✓ For Decision
GOMC Meeting Adjourns		
12:00 PM	Lunch (provided on site) During lunch guest presenters will highlight the Mactaquac Dam Project on the St. John's River in Fredericton, NB.	
1:00 PM	Site Visit to View Mactaquac Dam Project <i>Bus will depart at approximately 1:00 PM.</i>	✓ For Information ✓ External
4:00 PM	Site Visit Ends <i>Bus transports GOMC participants to Delta Hotel, Fredericton</i>	

Please note FYI:

Bay of Fundy Ecosystem Partnership (BoFEP) 11th Science Workshop

June 8, 2016 – June 10, 2016

Theme: Fundy in Flux: Challenges for Science, Policy and Society.

St. Thomas University Conference Centre, 368 Forest Hill Rd., Fredericton, NB E3B 4K4

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Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment Meeting Briefing Note				
Title of Agenda Item: Impact of Potential GOMC Dues Shortfall on Council Coordination Services				
Submitted by: Steve Couture, Becca Newhall, and Joan LeBlanc				
Type of Item (place X in appropriate box)	For Decision	For Direction	For Information (internal GOMC) x	For Information (External)
Background (required): GOMC’s budget for core services (including the Council Coordinator position) is funded by GOMC member dues. If outstanding dues payments are not received, the contract for Council Coordination would either require funding from reserves, or be reduced from the current annual level of \$47,000 to \$36,500. In preparation for a potential shortfall, Joan LeBlanc was asked to provide feedback regarding the level of service that could be provided for \$36,500 in FY 2016 / 2017. LeBlanc provided the following feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Providing Council Coordination services at the \$36,500 level would require a significant 22% reduction in level of effort and deliverables.➤ The first step would be to work with the Council and Working Group to determine which work items would be eliminated from the contract. The overall GOMC Framework would need to be revisited as the current structure and number of Secretariat Team, Working Group and Council meetings along with the Awards program could not be supported effectively at the reduced level of funding.➤ Funding for Council Coordinator travel costs would need to be allocated within the \$36,500 contract.➤ In addition to a reduction in GOMC scope of operations, the Council Coordinator would no longer be able to conduct significant outreach to Council and WG members and take on additional tasks outside of the specific duties outlined in the contract. Working effectively as Council Coordinator has required regularly reaching out and responding to individuals and small groups of Council and Working Group members in a proactive manner to ensure that GOMC work is reflective of priorities and issues that are important to each jurisdiction and member. Taking on a variety of efforts and tasks (in addition to those specified in the contract) has also been a regular occurrence to help facilitate smooth operations of the Council. Under a reduced contract scenario, this type of flexibility would not be feasible.➤ If agreement can be reached regarding an appropriate level of effort for the \$36,500, Joan would sign onto a contract for FY2016/2017 (for six month periods only).➤ If agreement cannot be reached regarding an acceptable level of effort for the \$36,500, then Joan would sign onto an interim contract to facilitate a smooth transition during the process for hiring a new contractor for Council Coordination services.				
Actions, Outcomes or Decisions Requested: None at this time, however, if dues are not received, Council / WG will need to either: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) identify alternative funds such as reserve account for Council Coordination services, or2) reduce funding and scope for Council Coordination services and associated GOMC operations for FY 2016 / 2017.				
Supporting Documentation (If applicable, list additional documents included in the Briefing Book following this Briefing Note): n/a				

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Title of Agenda Item: 2016 GOMC Awards Program				
Submitted by: Steve Couture, Theresa Torrent, Joan LeBlanc				
Type of Item (place X in appropriate box)	For Decision	For Direction	For Information (internal GOMC)	For Information (External)
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Background (required): 2016 GOMC Award nominations received to date are summarized in the table following this briefing note. <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Working Group members are asked to review the summary of nominations for 2016 GOMC Awards and let Joan know if there are any edits or additions.➤ Nominations will be discussed on the April 20 Secretariat Team Call (all WG and Council members are welcome to participate).➤ Visionary Awards will be decided by each jurisdiction.				
Actions, Outcomes or Decisions Requested: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Working Group members are asked to review the summary of nominations for 2016 GOMC Awards and let Joan know if there are any edits or additions.				
Supporting Documentation (If applicable, list additional documents included in the Briefing Book following this Briefing Note): <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Summary of Nominations Received for 2016 GOMC Awards, (p. 9)				

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Gulf of Maine Council 2016 Award Nominations			
Nominee	Jurisdiction	Award Category	Submitted by
New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance	MA	Visionary	Anne M. DiMonti, Director Audubon Society of Rhode Island
Glorianna Davenport & Evan Schulman Tidmarsh Farms, Inc., Plymouth, MA	MA	Visionary	Tim Purinton, MA DER
William S. Spitzer New England Aquarium	MA	Susan Snow Cotter	Carole McCauley Northeastern University Marine Science Center
Dwayne Shaw Downeast Salmon Federation	ME	Visionary	1. Natalie Springuel, Maine Sea Grant 2. Robin Alden, Executive Director, Penobscot East Resource Center 3. Anne Hayden, Manomet/ Downeast Fisheries Partnership
Laura Rose Day Penobscot River Restoration	ME	Visionary	Don Hudson
Elaine P. Jones ME Dept. of Marine Resources as Director of the Education	ME	Visionary	Patrick Keliher Commissioner, Department of Marine Resources
Bailey Bowden Penobscot, ME	ME	Longard	1. Dwayne Shaw Downeast Salmon Federation 2. Robin Alden, Executive Director, Penobscot East Resource Center 3. Anne Hayden Manomet/Downeast Fisheries Partnership
Walter Emrich Volunteer at Nature Trust of NB	NB	Longard	Renata Woodward , The Nature Trust of New Brunswick Inc.
Marianne Janowicz	NB	Susan Snow Cotter	1. Martin Tango Acadia University and (BoFEP) 2. Peter Wells
Hugh M. Akagi Chief of the Schoodic Band of Passamaquoddy	NB	Longard (or possibly Visionary per Heather Breeze)	Martin Tango and Marianne Janowicz
Dr. Myriam Barbeau UNB Fredericton	NB	Visionary	Peter Wells
Dr. Karen Kidd, UNB St. John	NB	Visionary	Peter Wells
Diana Hamilton, Mount Allison University, NB	NB	Visionary	Peter Wells
Matthew Abbott Fundy Baykeeper St. Andrews, NB	NB	Visionary	Jessie Davies, retired Director Environment and Sustainable Development, University of NB
Town of Durham, NH	NH	Sustainable Communities	Steven Couture, NHDES
Linda Schier, Exec. Dir., Acton Wakefield Watersheds Alliance,	NH	Visionary	Sally Soule, Coastal Watershed Supervisor, NH DES
Carroll Brown, Jr., NH DES	NH	Visionary	Jason Domke, NH DES
Dr. Robert Pett, NS Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal	NS	Visionary	Tony M. Bowron CBWES Inc.
Hana Nelson Afisionado Halifax Fishmongers	NS	Industry	Daniel Bryce Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

Potential Distinguished Service Awards: Mel Cote, Kevin Friedland, others?

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Title of Agenda Item: Development of Workshop Concepts for June 2016 GOMC / WG Meeting				
Submitted by: Steve Couture, Becca Newhall, and Joan LeBlanc				
Type of Item (place X in appropriate box)	For Decision	For Direction x	For Information (internal GOMC)	For Information (External)
Background (required):				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Secretariat Team members, and an agenda development sub-committee, have been working together to develop workshop concepts for the June meeting. Planning to date has focused around the following two concepts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Policy / Issues</u>. 3-5 hour interactive workshop around coastal resiliency and vulnerability issues in order to identify opportunities for GOMC to bring cross-cutting support for common priorities 2. <u>Tools</u>. 1.5 hour workshop exploring sea level rise and coastal change tools ➤ During the March 2016 Secretariat Team meeting, the following specific feedback was provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Steve noted that the workshop concepts will continue to be developed during the April 4th Working Group meeting and the amount of time allotted for each is flexible. - Ellen highlighted recommendations from the Climate Network and ESIP co-chairs including renaming the workshop to “Gulf of Maine Regional Vulnerability and Resiliency Workshop”, bringing a watershed (not just coastal) perspective to the workshops, looking at extreme weather events, and incorporating issues of bilateral interest such as transportation and infrastructure. Ellen also circulated a marked-up draft concept with recommended edits from the CN and ESIP leadership. - Steve noted the importance of having opportunities to explore issues and tools at both the jurisdictional and regional levels. - Bill also noted that the Canadians will meet together to discuss the two workshop concepts and identify priorities or recommendations for the workshop. - Bill W. noted that they are at the exploratory phase regarding tools. He recommended a small group work together to identify 1-4 tools for discussion at the June meeting. - Participants agreed that a technical team may be needed to further develop the tools portion of the workshop once feedback from the Canadian partners is received. The following volunteered or were suggested as participants - Ellen, Bill W., Lee, Becca, Bill A., Kathryn. - Susan noted that the workshop should focus on development of tools that enhance GOMC capacity. - Susan recommended including a segment on the power of transboundary APPs such as iplover. - Joan passed on the following communication from Kathryn Parlee – She will confer with her colleagues at Environment and Climate Change Canada and will provide some recommendations / suggestions regarding priorities and issues that would be important to address as part of the June workshop. - During the call, Becca circulated the following link highlighting the wide range of tools that could be considered. http://sealevel.climatecentral.org/matrix/ 				

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- Lee noted that additional information is needed to ensure that New Brunswick municipal and provincial folks understand coastal resiliency issues as well as tools.
 - Ellen noted that we need to think about who should be invited to the workshop once we determine which tools will be explored.
 - Several participants noted the importance of focusing the workshop on issues that are important to the Council and Working Group, and on tools that have the potential for being expanded into Canada.
- Additional feedback from the Canadian team,
- During the past two weeks, the Canadian team has been meeting to identify shared priorities and develop specific input regarding the proposed workshops for the GOMC 2016 June meeting.
 - With recent changes in political leadership and agency priorities, this effort has required multiple discussions.
 - The Canadian team is meeting on the afternoon of Friday, April 1 to finalize input that they will provide to the Working Group for the Monday, April 4 Working Group meeting.

Actions, Outcomes or Decisions Requested:

- Bill Whitman will provide an update to the Working Group highlighting input from the recent meetings of the Canadian Team (this may include circulation of a written summary in advance of the meeting, and / or presentation during the WG meeting).
- During the April 4th meeting, Working Group will work together to develop workshop concepts by bringing together the range of feedback received to date.

Supporting Documentation (If applicable, list additional documents included in the Briefing Book following this Briefing Note):

Draft June 2016 Workshop Concepts (for reference only), (p. 11)

**IMPORTANT – This draft concept is for reference only - it has not been updated to reflect input from the Secretariat Team because recommendations from the Canadian Team were pending at the time this Briefing Book was prepared. During the Working Group meeting, participants will work together to reach agreement about direction and priorities for the workshop concepts at the June 2016 Council / WG meeting.*

**GOMC 2016 Joint Council / WG Meeting - Fredericton, NB
DRAFT Workshop Concepts for Discussion**

1. Gulf of Maine - Coastal Vulnerability and Resiliency Workshop

Estimated time: 3 – 5 hours over two days

Goals:

- Provide opportunity for GOMC members to discuss important coastal resiliency / vulnerability policy issues facing jurisdictions.
- Identify opportunities for GOMC to bring cross-cutting support for common priorities.

Process:

- During March / April, solicit feedback from Council and Working Group regarding potential structure and key questions for the workshop.
- Distribute key questions / themes to Council and Working Group by May to allow for consideration and preparation in advance of the June meeting.
- Hold workshop with breakout interactive policy discussions during the June meeting.
 - Depending upon feedback received, the workshop would be broken into sub-topics such as infrastructure, natural resources, land use, planning tools, etc.
 - Where appropriate, identify new or expanded GOMC initiative (s) with broad support to move forward with during 2016 / 2017 Secretariat Year.

2. Exploring Sea Level Rise and Other Coastal Change Tools

Estimated time: 1.5 hours

Learn about and discuss a variety of tools available to assist jurisdictions throughout the Gulf of Maine Council with climate adaptation and coastal resiliency planning, including

- Learn about USGS Coastal Change Hazards Portal
<http://marine.usgs.gov/coastalchangehazardsportal/>
- Discuss potential opportunities to expand NOAA Sea Level Rise Viewer into Canada
<https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/tools/slr>
- Other - TBD