

Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment
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Work Plan for Goal 1:

Coastal and marine habitats are in a healthy, productive, and resilient condition

Activities

- 1.1 Continue to offer competitive Habitat Restoration Grant Program
- 1.2 Improve the Habitat Restoration web portal by updating and upgrading what is currently on the portal
- 1.3B Develop and implement a social marketing campaign on the benefits of habitat Restoration
- 1.4 Convene follow-up meeting with foundations for funding support for habitat restoration in the Gulf
- 1.5 Prepare regional criteria to identify coastal habitats at risk from sea level rise and other climate change impacts; integrate into habitat restoration decision-making
- 1.6 Compile and disseminate information on coastal habitats and watersheds at risk due to climate change
- 1.8 Ecosystem Indicators and State of the Environment Report
- 1.9B Develop a web and spatially-enabled data management system for input, synthesis, and reporting of regional habitat monitoring data that augments current efforts
- 1.10 Partnering to create a framework for ecosystem-based management
- 1.11 Complete documentation of existing coastal/marine managed areas in the Canadian portion of the Gulf of Maine that builds on existing inventories
- 1.12 Support the mapping of priority areas identified in the Gulf of Maine Mapping Initiative's 2-year work plan
- 1.13 Facilitate communication about sub-tidal habitat classification methodologies in the Gulf of Maine and work toward a consistent approach
- 1.16 Investigate options for voluntary private landowner restoration program that provides technical assistance
- 1.17 Conduct risk analysis and prioritize the vectors of invasive species and understand the effects of climate change
- 1.18 Convene stakeholder workshops to identify and promote mitigative and adaptive strategies for dealing with sea level rise and changes in water quality related to climate change
- 1.19 Promoting interaction among practitioners through an EBM learning network
- 1.20 Enhance the climate change module of the Council's online Knowledgebase by compiling programs, best practices, and other information
- 1.22 Initiate Climate Change Network and coordinate Climate Change Action Plan Activities
- 1.23 Document scientific thresholds and metrics for maintaining nearshore and coastal marine habitat integrity

**Work Plan for Goal 2:
Improve environmental conditions in the Gulf of Maine to support ecosystem and human health**

Activities

- 2.2 Gulfwatch Contaminants Monitoring Program
- 2.5 Raise awareness of requirements, best management practices, and innovative technologies in sewage management and on-site residential septic systems

**Work Plan for Goal 3:
Gulf of Maine coastal communities are vibrant and have marine-dependent industries that are healthy and globally competitive**

Activities

- 3.1 Outreach and engagement of industry
- 3.2 Support industry sustainability awards program
- 3.3 Assess working waterfront awareness
- 3.4 Conduct best management practices survey of the sustainable tourism sector

Crosscutting Services

- 4.1 Produce three editions of the *Gulf of Maine Times*
- 4.2 Maintain GOMC Website
- 4.3 GOMC Outreach Services
- 4.4 Science Translation
- 4.5 Policy Development
- 4.6 Fund Development
- 4.7 Action Plan Grant Program – to be added

Organizational Management

- 5.1 Secretariat
- 5.2 US Gulf of Maine Association
- 5.3 Canadian Gulf of Maine Association