

# Massachusetts Ocean Partnership

## Ocean Management Planning Progress Report #2

As a service to our Partners: This report, the second in a series to be distributed every few weeks, is designed to keep you informed in an expedient fashion. Each report will list and briefly describe significant events, activities and milestones in the rapidly evolving ocean planning process being led by the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA). **Links to relevant, supporting documentation have been embedded for your reference**— if you require additional information, do not hesitate to contact us via phone (617-981-2788) or email ([hkrum@massoceanpartnership.org](mailto:hkrum@massoceanpartnership.org)).

### Event Key      Responsibility

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<a href="#">EEA</a>	Led and conducted by EEA Planning Team
<b>EEA</b> (mop)	Directed by EEA with MOP Technical Support
<b>MOP</b> (eea)	Directed by MOP with EEA Team Input
<a href="#">MOP</a>	MOP Independent Event

## Progress in MA Ocean Management Planning (12/23/08-02/20/09)

### 12/23/08      **Previous MA Ocean Management Planning Progress Report (#1)**

**MOP**

Purpose:

This report lists and briefly describes the significant events, activities and milestones in the rapidly evolving ocean planning process between 10/29 and 12/23/08.

Related Information:

You can directly access this report with embedded links at: [MA Ocean Planning Progress Report #1](#)

### 01/08/09      **EEA-MOP Working Session**

**EEA**  
(mop)

Purpose:

This joint meeting of the EEA planning and MOP planning framework teams was held to review, evaluate and determine the most viable ocean management planning models available for use in Massachusetts. The MOP planning framework team has been examining dozens of ocean management planning models/tools that have been or are currently in use from around the world. This meeting is just one in a series of similar working sessions on this topic that occurred throughout January and early February 2009.

Related Information:

For further information on similar meetings please refer to the MOP calendar link/icon on our home page: [MOP Home Page](#)



**01/14/09**  
**EEA**

**EEA Science Advisory Council Meeting (SAC)**

Purpose:

This EEA meeting of the Science Advisory Council was convened to: evaluate/discuss the three remaining EEA Workgroup reports (Transportation, Navigation and Infrastructure; Ocean Sediments; and Recreational and Cultural Ocean Services); discuss the status of the science baseline assessment; and to brainstorm approaches for the development of the overall science plan for the MA ocean management planning process.

Related Information:

The agenda and complete meeting summary can be accessed at: [January SAC Meeting](#)

**01/29/09**  
**MOP**

**Effective Skills for Collaboration Workshop (MOP Partners' Event)**

Purpose:

This workshop, led by Patrick Field and Stacie Smith of the Consensus Building Institute (CBI), was designed to strengthen our Partners' collaborative skills in support of their effective participation in the MA ocean management planning process including the EEA stakeholder meetings scheduled for February 7th and 10th of 2009.

Related Information:

All supporting materials including the [video](#) and [written summary](#) of the workshop are available at: [Skills for Effective Collaboration Workshop](#)

**02/07 and**  
**02/10/09**  
**EEA (mop)**

**EEA Stakeholder Meetings (Sandwich and Boston) \*\***

Purpose:

These EEA led workshops provided an explanation of the planning process to date, a description of how stakeholders can provide input and gave an opportunity for representatives of all six EEA Workgroups (Habitat; Renewable Energy; Fisheries; Sediment Management; Recreation and Culture; Transportation, Navigation and Infrastructure) to give formal presentations and conduct individual poster sessions summarizing their respective workgroup findings. These EEA workgroups were tasked with the specific responsibility of identifying all pertinent available data relevant to the MA ocean management planning process while noting where significant data gaps existed. Stakeholder participants were encouraged to ask questions and provide input.

Related Information:

The complete [video](#) webcasts of these events are available online and all supporting documentation can be downloaded from: [02/07/09 EEA Stakeholder Meeting](#) and [02/10/09 EEA Stakeholder Meeting](#)

\*\* The 02/07 and 02/10 stakeholder meetings were identical in scope and content but the [video](#) webcasts were unique to each event.

**Next Steps** (02/17/09-03/09)

**March 4** [EEA OAC Meeting](#) (plan goals and objectives discussion) 1-4pm, UMass Boston, 100 Morrissey Boulevard, 11th Floor of the Healey Library, Boston

**Mid March** [Next SAC Meeting](#) (date, time and location TBD)

