



## **Citizen Monitoring Coordinators' Summit**

September 29, 2016,

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife Field Headquarters  
1 Rabbit Hill Road Westborough, MA 01581

**9:30am**

***Registration/check-in***

***Setting the Stage***

10:00am **MassBays in Context: EPA's National Estuary Program**

*Margherita Pryor, EPA Region 1*

10:15am **Introduction to the Bays, and MassBays' Monitoring Framework**

*Prassede Vella, Mass Bays*

10:30am **MassBays' Investment in Citizen Monitoring; Summit Agenda & Goals**

*Pam DiBona, MassBays*

10:45am

***Break***

***Panel Presentations***

11:00am **Re-imagining the Quality Assurance Project Plan**

The value of QAPPs for project design

*Nora Conlon, EPA Region 1*

Importance of QAPPs for data reliability

*Kim Groff, MA Department of Environmental Protection*

The value of QAPPs in the real world

*Jo Ann Muramoto, Association to Preserve Cape Cod*

11:30am Q & A, Discussion

*Margherita Pryor, EPA Region 1 (moderator)*

12:00pm **A test case: Boston Harbor Habitat Atlas 2.0**

*Carole McCauley, Northeastern University Marine Science Center*

A new tool for documenting and displaying environmental research and monitoring...  
feedback requested!

**12:15pm**

***Lunch***

## ***Panel Presentations***

- 1:15pm **Data Management - From Collection to Dissemination**  
Tools for data management  
*Rob Stevenson, UMass Boston*
- Making sense of the data - statistical analysis  
*Rachel Jakuba, Buzzards Bay Coalition*
- Sharing results with stakeholders and decisionmakers  
*Andy Hrycyna, Mystic River Watershed Association*
- 1:45pm Q&A, Discussion *Dan Codiga, Massachusetts Water Resources Authority*

**2:15-2:45pm**

***Break***

## ***Concurrent Breakout Sessions***

### **A. Securing resources for your monitoring program - equipment, sample analysis, and volunteers**

*Facilitator:* Barbara Warren, Salem Sound Coastwatch  
*Resources:* Therese Beaudoin, MA Department of Environmental Protection  
Dan Codiga, Massachusetts Water Resources Authority  
Andy Hrycyna, Mystic River Watershed Association  
Peter Phippen, Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

### **B. Partnering to collect quality data - working with researchers, academia, industry, and government**

*Facilitator:* Carole McCauley, Northeastern University Marine Science Center  
*Resources:* Harlan Doliner, Marine and Ocean Technology Network  
Aimee Bonanno, New England Ocean Science Education Collaborative  
Colleen Hitchcock, Brandeis University  
Kim Groff, MA Department of Environmental Protection

### **C. Sharing data – opportunities for collaboration**

*Facilitator:* Sara Grady, North and South Rivers Watershed Association  
*Resources:* Rob Vincent, MIT Sea Grant  
Jon Pollak, CUAHSI  
Rachel Jakuba, Buzzards Bay Coalition  
Brad Chase, MA Division of Marine Fisheries  
Cristina Kennedy, MA Office of Coastal Zone Management

## ***Closing and Next Steps***

- 3:30pm **You're hiring – leave us a job description!**  
Next steps and opportunities

**4:00pm**

***Adjourn***