



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

10:00am

MassBays in Context: EPA's National Estuary Program

Margherita Pryor, US Environmental Protection Agency Region 1

10:15am

Introduction to the Bays, and MassBays' Monitoring Framework

Prassede Vella, MassBays

10:30am

MassBays' Investment in Citizen Monitoring; Summit Agenda & Goals

Pam DiBona, MassBays

10:45am

Break

11:00am

Panel: Reimagining the Quality Assurance Project Plan

The value of QAPPs for project design

Nora Conlon, US Environmental Protection Agency 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, US Environmental Protection Agency Region 1*

12:00pm

Test case: Boston Harbor Habitat Atlas 2.0

Carole McCauley, Northeastern University Marine Science Center

12:15pm

Lunch

1:15pm **Panel: Data Management – From Collection to Dissemination**

Trials and triumphs with data management

Rob Stevenson, UMass Boston

Making sense of the data

Rachel Jakuba, Buzzards Bay Coalition

Sharing results with stakeholders and decision makers

Andy Hrycyna, Mystic River Watershed Association

1:45pm Q&A, Discussion *Dan Codiga, Massachusetts Water Resources Authority*

2:15pm

Break

2:45pm **Breakout Discussions**

- 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*

3:30pm **You're hiring – Next steps and opportunities**

4:00pm

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