

Marine GIS Technology Conference

October 12-13, 2000 - Providence, RI

Planning dates and deadlines	Background	Organization	Organizers and Principle Contacts:
<p>May 17, 2000 Primary participant list developed</p>	<p>On February 29th, 2000, the principle contacts held an initial meeting at the MIT Sea Grant Collegium to discuss the possibility of holding a workshop that would be useful to people (especially fishermen) who live and work in the coastal and marine environments of the Gulf of Maine.</p>	<p>This workshop is being organized by specialists who work with Marine GIS Information. They stand to gain by interacting with professionals and lay persons to improve their understanding of the tools that are used to analyze and manipulate data that is being assembled for the marine realms of the region.</p>	<p>Diane Carle, MCZM Data Manager diane.carle@state.ma.us 617-626-1222</p>
<p>June 14, 2000 Program outline approved</p>	<p>Purpose</p> <p>There is great interest in holding a focused conference on Marine GIS Technology in the Boston area that would benefit fishermen. To assist fishermen, a publication product would be created to establish linkages to technologies that contribute to the economic health of the region.</p>	<p>Justification</p> <p>This meeting is meant to be a building block for groups who require information to make decisions about the use of the marine resources of our region. It is also a chance for specialists from around the world to share their knowledge and expertise in dealing with similar situations. It is the principle contacts intent to invite a number of international participants.</p>	<p>Jeff Donze, TPMC GIS Manager jdonze@tpmc.com 781-545-1524</p>
<p>July 12, 2000 Invited speakers and topics accepted.</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>The principle contacts are planning a meeting to take place in October. The meeting would include invited specialists who would address issues and focal points that relate to Marine GIS technology and the sciences and industries that make use of it. It would also provide a forum for users (especially fishermen) of the technology to improve their understanding and use of the best and most practical application of such tools and data.</p>	<p>Products of meeting</p> <p>A CD-ROM will be produced for the conference that will allow the participants to work with some of the information that will be discussed. A post conference version of the CD will include additional data, the list of conference participants (co-authors), and useful information for those who study and manage marine environments. The conference will be especially successful if fishermen are able to use the CD-ROM as a tool in their work and recreation in the Gulf of Maine. The CD will also be useful as a link to other relevant data and information resources.</p>	<p>Cliff Goudey, MIT Sea Grant Advisory cgoudey@mit.edu 617-653-7079</p>
<p>Aug 16, 2000 Final call for participants</p>	<p>Priorities</p> <p>The principle contacts also decided that the fishermen of the Gulf of Maine would be a priority for the meeting and that every attempt would be made to enhance their attendance and participation. A special effort would be made to understand the needs of fishermen and their understanding of GIS.</p>	<p>For further information you may contact: Chris Polloni: 508-457-2280 fax 457-2310 cpolloni@usgs.gov or Richard Taylor - rtaylor@cove.com</p>	<p>Rich Morris, MIT Sea Grant Collegium Executive Officer rgmorris@mit.edu 617-253-7042</p>
<p>Sept 13, 2000 Program and registration deadline</p>	<p>Background</p> <p>MCZM - Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management MIT - Massachusetts Institute of Technology</p>	<p>Background</p> <p>NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. TPMC - Technical Planning and Management Corporation USGS - United States Geological Survey</p>	<p>Chris Polloni, USGS GIS Technologist, Conference Co-chair cpolloni@usgs.gov 508-457-2280</p>
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