

# Boston Harbor Habitat Coalition

## BOSTON HARBOR HABITAT COALITION MEETING

Thanks to all who attended the November 10 Boston Harbor Habitat Coalition meeting. Highlights included some group discussions about the state (and name) of the Coalition, presentations about the impacts of sea level rise in the region, coastal habitat protection, ecological research, and stormwater management.

[Click here](#) to access minutes from the meeting.

The next meeting will take place in May. Please [indicate your availability here by 12/16](#).

If you have a **meeting space** able to comfortably hold up to 35 people OR if you have a **topic** you'd like to see covered and/or present on, please let Carole know at [c.mccauley@northeastern.edu](mailto:c.mccauley@northeastern.edu).

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## COALITION STEERING COMMITTEE

A steering committee representing a cross-section of interests is being convened to set the agenda for future Coalition meetings, and to consider recent discussions about the name of the group. Once convened, the Committee will also discuss the role of and terms for the group going forward. If you are interested in serving on this committee to at least plan for the spring meeting, **please let Carole know by December 9th** by emailing [c.mccauley@northeastern.edu](mailto:c.mccauley@northeastern.edu).

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## CALL FOR PRESENTERS: HS Marine Science Symposium

The Massachusetts Marine Educators, Northeastern University, and Salem State University would like to invite you to share your expertise and passion with the next generation of marine scientists. Individuals and small teams are invited to submit a proposal to present two back-to-back 50-minute hands-on workshops at events on March 9 (Boston) and/or March 16 (Salem). Click [here](#) for more information or [here](#) to submit a proposal directly.

***Please consider helping to get metro Boston-specific partners and content on the agenda for these great events.***

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An event flyer is [here](#), which you are encouraged to share with any high school teachers you know. Registration for teachers/students will be open in January.

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## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### ***December 10-15 in New Orleans, LA***

[National Summit on Coastal and Estuarine Restoration](#), Restore America's Estuaries and The Coastal Society

### ***January 1 from 12-4pm at Thompson Island***

[Seafarers Island Holiday](#), Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands

### ***January 17 at 7pm in Nahant, MA***

[Protecting Boston's Most Urban River: Citizen Science, Water Quality, and River Herring Restoration on the Mystic River](#), Andy Hrycyna, Mystic River Watershed Association

### ***March 8-10 in Washington, DC***

[National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program](#), US EPA

### ***May 17-20 in St. Paul, MN***

[Citizen Science 2017](#), Citizen Science Association

*Don't see your event here? Send info to [c.mccauley@neu.edu](mailto:c.mccauley@neu.edu) by January 6th for the next e-newsletter!*

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## GRANTS & OTHER RESOURCES

The **US EPA** Brownfields program is offering grants for both assessment (community-wide and site-specific) and cleanup (site specific) efforts in areas contaminated by petroleum, pollutants, or other hazardous substances. Further information about the grants, which are both due on December 22, can be found [here](#).

The **Neponset River Watershed Association** has launched a new interactive hotspot sampling map. Via field observations and information gathered by citizens in their monitoring network, NepRWA conducts further testing for pollution indicators such as *E. coli*, nutrients, optical brighteners, and dissolved oxygen, and is then able to alert municipalities of these contamination problems. Click [here](#) to learn more.

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The **New England Aquarium** and other partners in the NOAA-funded Visualizing Change Project have launched a new web-based toolkit at [vischange.org](http://vischange.org). This site offers many free resources for interpreting timely climate topics such as extreme weather, ocean acidification, and more - with images and scripts designed to work with a variety of digital display technologies.

**US EPA** has [a new toolkit](#) that includes a best practices guide and factsheet for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit writers, pretreatment coordinators, and industry professionals with recommendations for how to better address toxic and hazardous chemical discharges from industry to publicly owned treatment works.

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#### **About this e-newsletter**

*If you are receiving this, it's because you have participated in [Boston Harbor Habitat Coalition](#) meetings/projects or have otherwise been identified as someone with an interest in coastal watershed and/or marine issues in the Metro Boston region. The Coalition is a group of organizations and individuals with an interest in estuarine health and management issues. It is served by the [MassBays National Estuary Program's Metro Boston Regional Service Provider](#), the [Northeastern University Marine Science Center](#).*

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