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of the New England Governors  
and the  
Eastern Canadian Premiers  
Newport, Rhode Island  
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**Trentième Conférence annuelle**  
des gouverneurs de la Nouvelle-  
Angleterre et des premiers ministres  
de l'Est du Canada  
Newport (Rhode Island)  
Les 11, 12 et 13 mai 2006

## **RESOLUTION 30-1**

### **RESOLUTION CONCERNING OCEANS**

**WHEREAS**, at the 29<sup>th</sup> Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers (NEG/ECP) held in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, the governors of New England formed a Northeast Regional Oceans Committee (NROC); and

**WHEREAS**, the premiers of the Eastern Canadian provinces joined the governors in making a similar commitment to collectively work together with the NROC to advance regional oceans issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the NEG/ECP formed an Oceans Working Committee consisting of the NROC and appropriate representatives of the Eastern Canadian provinces and were tasked to: (i) foster international cooperation and collaboration on all aspects of marine and oceans-related research and development, education, exploration, observation, and oceans management; (ii) facilitate information exchange; (iii) seek partnerships and synergies to facilitate existing initiatives such as the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment and encourage new initiatives and partnership; (iv) address related environmental issues; and (v) provide a vehicle for cooperation on all aspects of oceans management; and

**WHEREAS**, the NROC and the Canadian representatives of the NEG/ECP Oceans Working Group continue to meet with their respective states and provinces to finalize prioritization of regional issues for the councils to address.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Oceans Working Committee will focus its efforts in the short term on finalizing prioritization of regional issues for the councils to address including those related to;

- marine and oceans-related research and development, education, exploration, observation, oceans management and security;
- invasive species, disease identification and control and environmental factors; and
- partnerships and synergies to facilitate existing initiatives such as the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment and encourage new initiatives and partnership; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Oceans Working Committee will develop a long-term strategy to explore regional governance issues, such as:

- monitoring and management actions to assess effectiveness of addressing regional ocean priorities; and
- data Sharing, technology development and coordinated funding strategies; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the members of the Oceans Working Committee will work cooperatively with federal agencies to formulate a regional ocean plan and implementation strategy; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Oceans Working Committee report back to the next meeting of the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers on the status of these initiatives.

**Adopted at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers, Newport, Rhode Island May 13, 2006.**



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