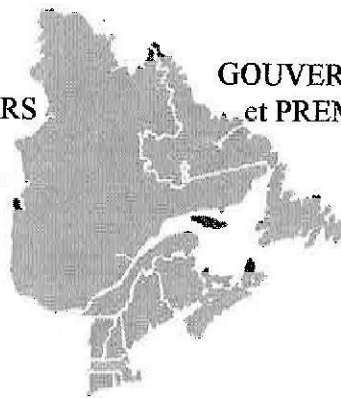


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RESOLUTION 29-3

RESOLUTION CONCERNING OCEANS

WHEREAS, the Northeast Region, as represented by the six New England states and the five Eastern Canadian provinces, is a region whose culture, history, and economy has been and will continue to be closely aligned and impacted by its coastal and marine interests; and

WHEREAS, there is a broad array of public, private, and educational activity in this region addressing every aspect of marine and oceans technology, exploration, industry, and environment; and

WHEREAS, the 29th Conference of New England Governors/Eastern Canadian Premiers wishes to advance all aspects of oceans and marine related research and development, technology transfer and commercialization, education, sustainable development, and exploration for the benefit of the people of this region; and

WHEREAS, significant opportunities exist to advance this goal; and

WHEREAS, the New England Governors have committed to forming a Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC) to facilitate the development of more coordinated and collaborative regional goals and priorities and improve responses to regional issues; and

WHEREAS, the NROC will work directly with the President's Council of Advisors on Ocean Policy to communicate regional needs at the U.S. national level and better address issues of national importance in the Northeast on the implementation of the U.S. Ocean Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Canadian Premiers wish to collectively advance oceans protection and conservation through different existing or upcoming mechanisms, such as Canada's Oceans Action Plan, in a manner which benefits the region.

