



## PRELIMINARY SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

Updated June 17, 2009

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2009

3:00 to 7:00 p.m. — Symposium Check-in

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Opening Reception (venue TBD)

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009

8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. — Concurrent Technical Sessions (please see the session summaries under the Technical Sessions tab at <http://www.rargom.org/Symposium2009/>)

- *Technical Workshop on Ecosystem Services in the Gulf of Maine (Stephen Hale and Maxine Westhead)*
- *Technical Workshop on Biodiversity in the Gulf of Maine (Lewis Incze, Peter Lawton, and Sara Ellis)*
- *Seafloor Mapping for Ecosystem Management in the Gulf of Maine (Jonathan Grabowski, Brian Todd, Page Valentine, and Tracy Hart)– seeking poster abstracts!*
- *Technical Workshop on Life Histories of Gulf of Maine Fishes and Invertebrates (Jake Kritzer)– seeking oral abstracts!*
- *Others (TBD)*

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. — Opening Perspective Talks

- **Dr. Robert Stephenson** (*Fisheries and Oceans Canada, St Andrews Biological Station*)
- **Dr. Andy Rosenberg** (*Professor, Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space at the University of New Hampshire*)
- **Ms. Sally McGee** (*Policy Director, Environmental Defense Fund Oceans Program in New England*)
- **Mr. Jean Guy D'Entremont** (*President, Scotia Harvest Seafoods Inc.*)
- **Dr. Bonnie McCay** (*Professor, Anthropology and Ecology at Rutgers University, New Jersey*)
- **Dr. Pete Jumars** (*Director of the School of Marine Sciences, University of Maine*)

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. — Networking Lunch (provided)

1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. — Plenary Session

**Theme 1 — Tools for integrated policy and management**— a synthesis of the management and policy tools, and approaches, that are required to implement integrated management in the Gulf of Maine. **Co-Conveners: Andy Rosenberg/Leslie-Ann McGee (US) and Arran McPherson/Tim Hall (Canada)**

**Keynote speakers — Faith Scattolon (Fisheries and Oceans Canada/ Fanny Douvere (UNESCO)**

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. — Poster Session (reception provided) – venue TBD

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2009

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Plenary Session

**Theme 2 — Structure and function of the Gulf of Maine system**— a synthesis of the current ecological and oceanographic understanding of the Gulf of Maine, and the social, economic, and cultural interactions and goals within the Gulf. **Co-Conveners: Michael Fogarty/David Townsend (US).**

**Keynote Speakers — Ken Frank (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)/ John Hare (NOAA)**

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. — Networking Lunch (provided)

1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. — Theme 2 Plenary Session (continued)

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2009

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. — Plenary Session

**Theme 3 — Anthropogenic and External Influences on the Gulf of Maine Ecosystem**— a synthesis of the major pressures being exerted on the Gulf of Maine that impact the achievement of objectives or the desired state of valued attributes (ecological, social/cultural, and economic). **Co-Conveners: Madeleine Hall-Arber/Judy Pederson (US) and Jim Abraham/Peter Wells (Canada)**

**Keynote Speakers — Michael Chiarappa (Western Michigan State University)/ Danika van Proosdij (St. Mary's University)**

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Networking Lunch (provided)

1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. – Plenary Session

**Theme 4 — Monitoring/Observation, Data Collection, Analyses, and Tools Required for an Ecosystem Approach to Management (EAM) of the Gulf of Maine**— a synthesis of the science that is required to observe and predict changes in the Gulf of Maine ecosystem, and to evaluate the strategies used to implement an ecosystem approach to management. **Co-Conveners: Jeffrey Runge (US) and Michael Sinclair (Canada)**

**Keynote Speakers — Stratis Gavaris (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)/ Michael Fogarty (NOAA)**

7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. — Gala Dinner (provided to full registrants)

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. — Plenary Session

The fifth theme session will synthesize the results of the symposium, produce recommendations, and identify priority action items.

12:00 p.m. — Official Symposium Closing