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Nick Napoli will be presenting about current ocean planning activities by the Northeast Regional Planning Body and the Northeast Regional Ocean Council. Specifically, he will provide an overview of potential upgrades to the Northeast Ocean Data Portal, including draft interactive maps portraying current and proposed energy and infrastructure areas, coral amendment alternatives, shipping traffic, Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) data, and data products that link fishing communities to specific areas in the ocean using Vessel Trip Report (VTR) data (this method is also referred to as "Communities at Sea" - see Martin 2008 at http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.4113/jom.2008.93). Nick will also review various uses of the Northeast Ocean Data Portal over the last year and summarize feedback on the draft VMS and VTR data products to date.

Meeting participants are encouraged to review the draft data with Nick and George Lapointe throughout the day on Tuesday, December 5, in Salon A & B, near the main Council meeting room.