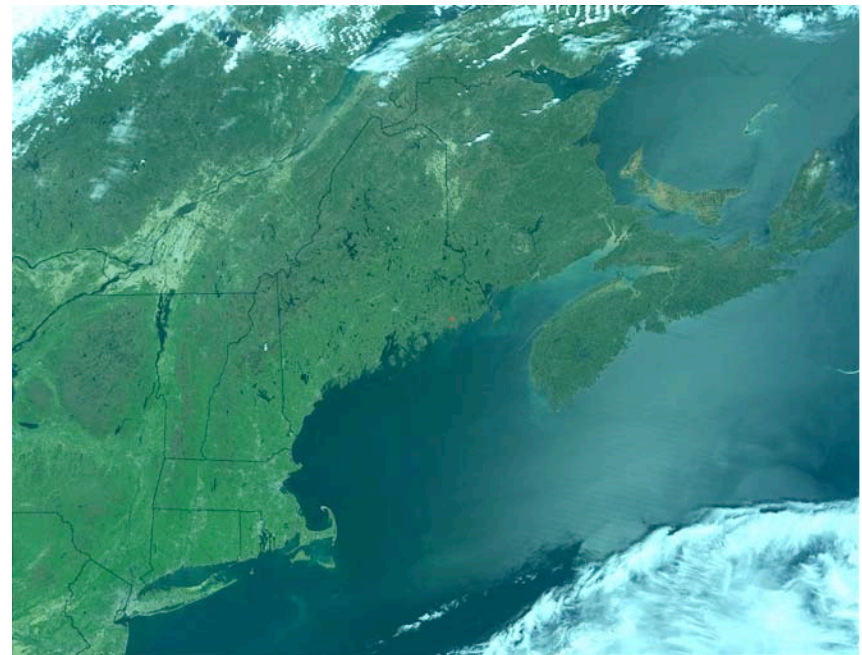
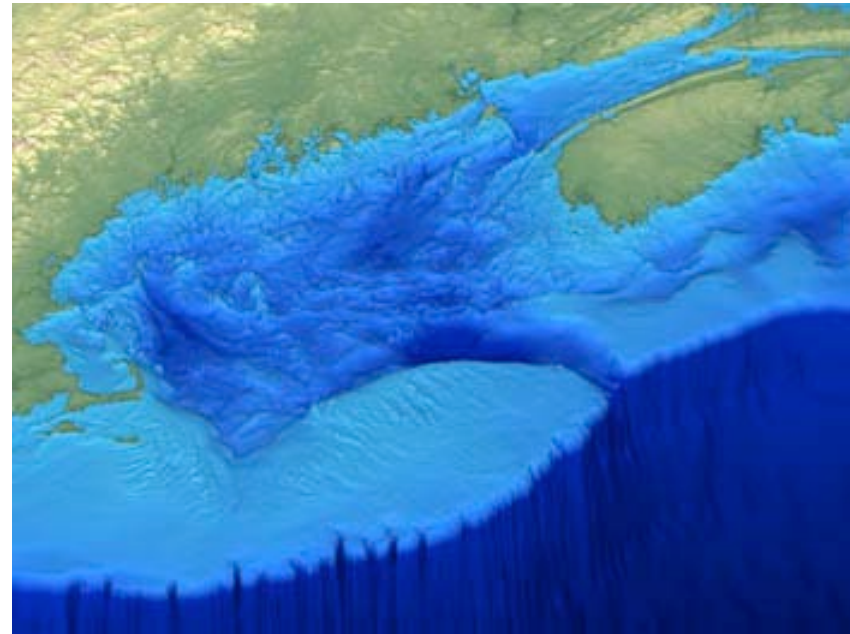
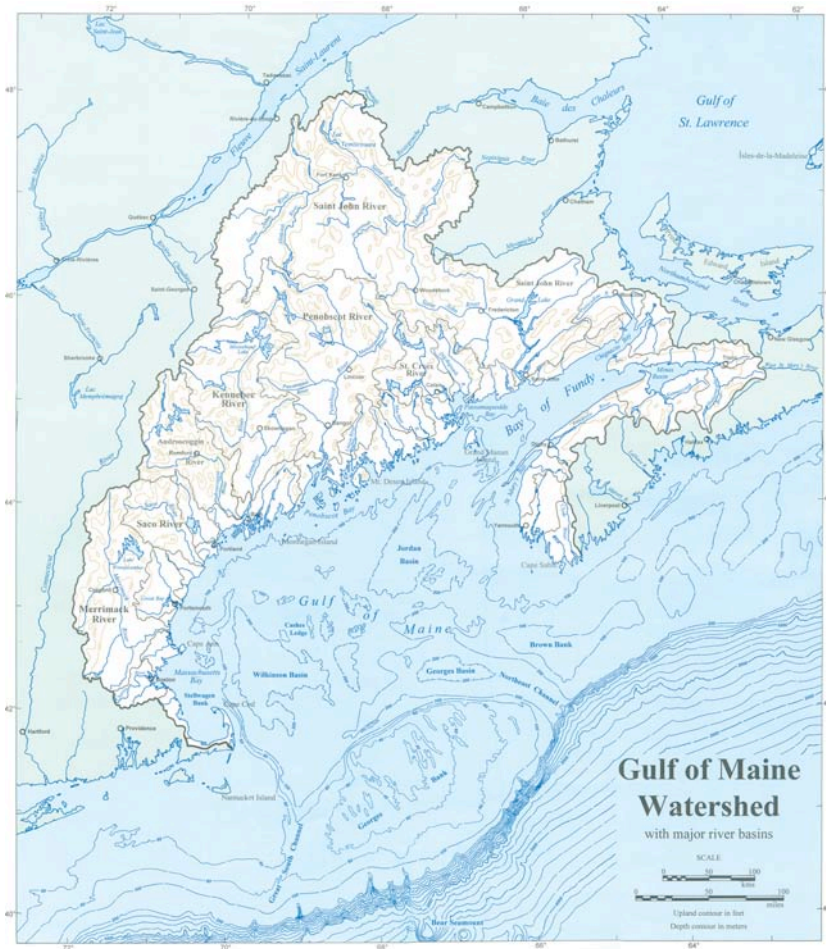


# The Gulf Of Maine Region

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- New Hampshire
- Maine
- New Brunswick
- Nova Scotia

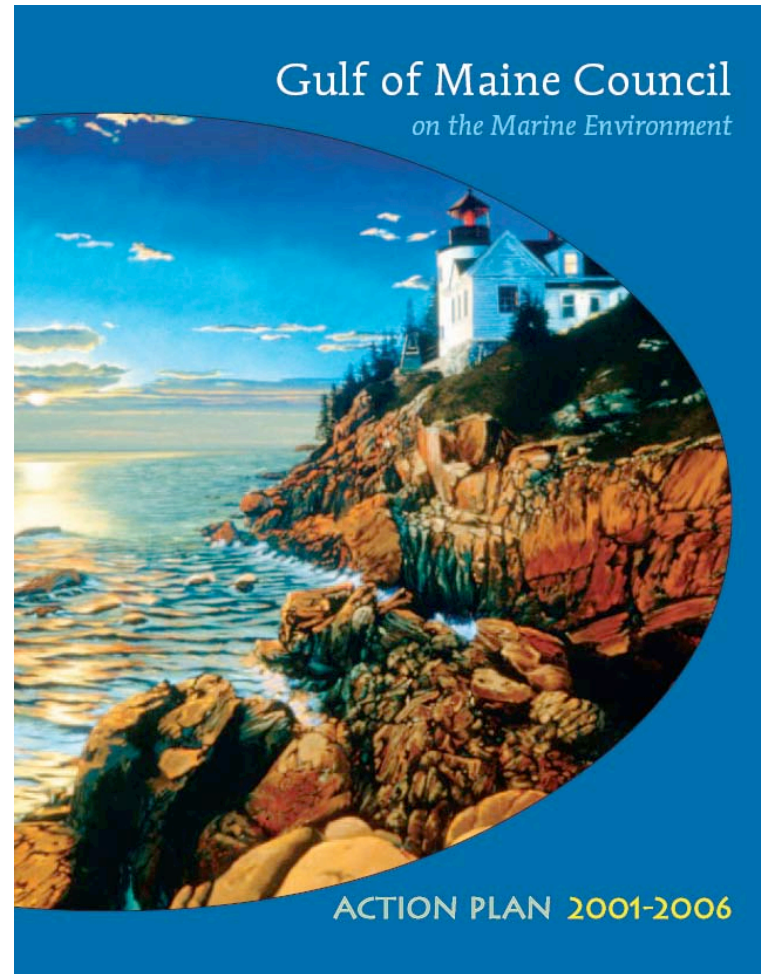


# Watersheds to the EEZ



# Issues of concern

- Protect & restore coastal and marine habitats
- Protect Human Health and Ecosystem Integrity
- Support Sustainable Maritime Activities



# Helping people connect



- Quarterly newspaper
- PeopleFinder & NGO Directory
- Workshops & forums

# Governors, Premiers & Federal Governments



## Agreement on Conservation of the Marine Environment of the Gulf of Maine between the Bordering States and Provinces

We reaffirm the commitment of our governments to the wise management of the Gulf of Maine and its watershed as initially articulated in the historic Governors' and Premiers' 1989 Agreement on Conservation of the Marine Environment of the Gulf of Maine between the Bordering States and Provinces.

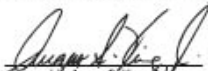
WHEREAS, we recognize a continuing shared duty to protect and conserve the renewable and nonrenewable resources of the Gulf for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of all citizens, including future generations;

WHEREAS, the long-term conservation and thoughtful development of the Gulf's resources and habitats require transboundary collaboration;

WHEREAS, the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment 2001-2006 Action Plan establishes priorities identified through an 18-month period of consultation and interaction;

WHEREAS, the proposed actions to address these priorities are measurable, clear and beneficial to the region's residents and the ecosystem, we hereby pledge that:

NOW THEREFORE, our state and provincial agencies with coastal and marine responsibilities will address the 2001-2006 Action Plan priorities through their annual work plans and budgets. They will work cooperatively with the region's First Nations and tribal authorities, federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, businesses and individuals to implement this Action Plan. Further, they will periodically report to the Gulf of Maine Council so that the region's residents can be kept informed of progress.

  
Honorable Angus S. King, Jr.  
Governor of Maine

  
Honorable Bernard Lord  
Premier of New Brunswick

  
Honorable Jane M. Swift  
Governor of Massachusetts

  
Honorable John F. Hamm  
Premier of Nova Scotia

  
Honorable Jeanne Shaheen  
Governor of New Hampshire

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**  
*by the Federal Partners to the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment*



**THE FEDERAL PARTNERS**

*of the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment, having worked collaboratively with the Council during its first decade of operation toward the long-term sustainability of this shared ecosystem*

- Recognizing the shared responsibility to maintain and enhance environmental quality in the Gulf of Maine and to allow for sustainable resource use by existing and future generations;
- Working to respond to the encouragement by the Governors and Premiers in their 2001 Gulf of Maine Declaration for the Federal Partners to reaffirm their commitment to the Gulf of Maine Council and to work with the States and Provinces in their efforts to protect the ecosystem of the Gulf of Maine;

**INTEND AS FOLLOWS:**

- To continue to support the goals, measurable objectives and priority actions articulated in the Gulf of Maine Council Action Plan provided that they are consistent with domestic law and policies, and can be executed within available appropriations;
- To continue to participate on the Council and, where possible and appropriate, to provide staff members to participate on the Council's Working Group and Committees;
- To continue collaborative work with the Gulf of Maine Council to set and deliver on annual and long-term priorities for action;
- To report annually to the Council, in a format consistent with State and Provincial reports, on activities and actions that the Federal Partners have pursued to achieve the Council's priority objectives;
- To actively explore and advise the Council of opportunities for Federal support;
- To develop scientific initiatives and projects undertaken by the respective agencies in cooperation with the Council, consistent with domestic authorities by the respective agencies;

This Resolution of Support neither commits the Federal Agencies to specific investments, modifies the existing Provincial-State Agreements, nor replaces an intent to enter the existing working relationship.

  
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# #1 Focus on regional needs

## Principles

- Issues that require regional collaboration
- Inclusive in priority setting
- Build lasting and productive relationships
- Choose priorities, adopt measurable objectives, create baselines & track progress

## Lessons

- Shared vs. common
- Need time to set priorities
- Collegial & genuine
- Hallmark is Action Plan
  - Measurable
  - Resources for baselines and to track progress
  - Held accountable

# #2 Maintain continuity in staffing, commitment and leadership

## Principles

- Agenda that causes people at the right level to participate
- Create and nurture champions
- Staying the course pays
- Indicators of commitment

## Lessons-learned

- Participation & turnover
- Inertia and culture
- Working in a regional setting
- “Other duties as assigned”

# #3 Build capacity and empower others to act

## Principles

- Networking & sharing
- Sustain partnerships
- Celebrate success
- Make your agenda theirs
- Patience is a virtue

## Lessons-learned

- 15-years to create a foundation w/cracks
- Partnering is key to leveraging resources and results