

**Environmental indicators in New England:
Sharing Best Practices to Strengthen Watershed Counts and Explore Regional Collaboration**
September 25, 2012
Hazards Rooms A&B, URI Coastal Institute, GSO, Narragansett, RI

Goals:

- To explore shared regional indicators and communication strategies
- To further strengthen Narragansett Bay Watershed Counts by learning from and sharing strategies with established indicator programs in adjacent waterbodies

AGENDA

10:00 AM Coffee and light refreshments

10:15 AM Welcome and Introductions (Judith Swift)

10:30 AM Goals for the Day, Summary of Watershed Counts (Meg Kerr and Q Kellogg)

11:00 AM Indicator program overview and history

- LISS (Jason Krumholz)
- Buzzards Bay Coalition (Mark Rasmussen)

12:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET

12:30 PM Discussion of specific indicators

LIVING RESOURCES (Buzzards Bay Coalition – Eelgrass, Scallops, River Herring)
How were metrics selected? Who collects the underlying data? How frequently? How is the score determined? What are the scores telling us?

Discussion: Adapting for Narragansett Bay Watershed Counts

COFFEE BREAK

1:30 PM CLIMATE CHANGE (LISS Sentinel Monitoring)
How was the network designed? What are the data sources? How is the information used and communicated to decision makers and the public?

Discussion: Adapting for Narragansett Bay

2:15 PM Development of Estuarine Biological Indicators (Peg Pelletier, EPA ORD)

2:30 PM Facilitated discussion of outreach and communication strategies

3:30PM Regional collaboration – What is already happening? Are there opportunities for more collaboration?

4:00 PM Adjourn