

**Massachusetts Ocean Partnership Fund
Five Year Strategic Plan**

Statement of Endorsement

The Massachusetts Ocean Partnership Fund (MOPF) is a broadly representative public-private partnership created to support and advance ecosystem-based integrated multi-use management of the Commonwealth's coastal ocean resources. By collaborating with others, MOPF will work toward the goals of improving the health, management and understanding of marine and coastal resources to ensure thriving ocean ecosystems and their continued capacity to serve vital ecological, economic, recreational and other needs. MOPF's primary near-term goal is to support the development and implementation of an integrated multi-use ocean management plan for MA waters as soon as possible. Responsible state, local and federal agencies will develop, implement and enforce the integrated multi-use ocean management plan; MOPF will provide support and coordination for this complex undertaking. The Five Year Strategic Plan outlines how MOPF will proceed to achieve its goals in the coming five years.

The Massachusetts Ocean Partnership Fund (MOPF) engaged a group of stakeholders in the process of developing a strategic plan to guide the activities the partnership will undertake for the next five years. This broadly representative Strategic Planning Group (SPG) convened formally three times in 2006 and 2007 to discuss how its members could collaboratively support MOPF's role in advancing integrated multi-use ocean management for Massachusetts' coastal ocean waters. The result of these consultations among stakeholders is the Five Year Strategic Plan for MOPF.

This Statement of Endorsement expresses the support of participating SPG organizations and individuals for the implementation of the Strategic Plan. By signing this statement, my organization indicates that:

- It views the prospect of integrated multi-use ocean management and MOPF's Strategic Plan to support it as positive steps for Massachusetts;
- It will publicly support the goals and actions in the Strategic Plan;
- It will participate cooperatively in efforts to implement the Five Year Strategic Plan as MOPF and its partners work to make integrated multi-use ocean management a reality in Massachusetts.

Endorsement of MOPF's Strategic Plan does not constrict or affect any future policy positions or decisions of my organization or agency, beyond that of supporting the Strategic Plan as a whole.

Name/Title

Organization/Agency Affiliation

Date

Request for Partnership

Each signatory of this statement of endorsement has the option to become a Partner of MOPF. Partners will be acknowledged in MOPF public information materials and will be invited to actively partner on specific Strategic Plan implementation projects. Partnership is open to anyone who endorses the strategic plan and who seeks Partnership status from the MOPF Governing Board. It does not imply any financial support from MOPF to the Partners.

Request Partnership status by completing the form below and signing:

Name/Title

Organization/Agency Affiliation

Date

Name of primary contact for your organization:

Title:

Organization:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

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