Making Connections: NEP-Marine Lab Collaborations

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You’re everywhere...
We are, too!
Marine Labs already contribute to NEP governance and structure

Serving in governance and advisory roles:

• Sea Grants
• University-based marine labs
• NOAA Fisheries

Hosting individual NEPs:

• Dauphin Island Sea Lab
• U. New Hampshire
• U. Maine
And collaborate through programming

Education & outreach:
• Broader impact
• Stakeholder engagement
• Bridging research-policy gaps

Research:
• Field studies
• Monitoring & sample analysis
• Pilot programs
• Regional assessments
NEP Coastal Acidification Monitoring Project

Continuous, autonomous sensing plus discrete sampling & analysis

Products:
- National guidelines for CA monitoring
- Report on “Lessons learned” (in prep)
- 3 years’ monitoring data in the near-shore

https://www.epa.gov/eco-research/epa-research-supports-national-estuary-program
Future ANEP-NAML Connections

• Program/science initiatives...
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