

## **State of Maine Blue Economy Task Force 2.0**

### **Meeting Schedule**

*All meetings will be virtual and are open for the public to observe.*

The Blue Economy Task Force 2.0 aims to support Maine's emergence as a center for blue economy innovation, and opportunity in the 21st century as charged by the [Legislature](#).

#### **Wednesday, September 10**

**10:00AM – 12:00PM**

Key Question: What is the unique purpose of the Maine Blue Economy Center?

#### **Wednesday, October 1**

**10:00AM – 12:00PM**

Key Question: How should a potential Center operate?

#### **Friday, November 7**

**9:00AM – 11:00AM**

[Zoom Link](#)

Key Question: What are the critical Workforce issues to advance Maine's Blue Economy?

#### **Tuesday, November 18**

**9:00AM – 11:00AM**

[Zoom Link](#)

Final Meeting: Review Draft Report, take final input from Task Force

### **Definition of Maine's Blue Economy:**

As used in Maine's statute, the "blue economy" means business sectors that rely on the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic health, improved livelihoods, jobs or ecosystem health, and "sustainable" means practices that support the economic growth of a community while maintaining or improving the health of marine ecosystems and without negatively impacting social, environmental and cultural aspects of the community.

The Blue Economy Task Force 1.0 further defined Maine's blue economy as "optimizes innovation to expand economic opportunities in our coastal communities and solve pressing societal needs. It is grounded in Maine's unique marine heritage, research expertise, and location."