

North Atlantic

The North Atlantic Region has been active in the international convocation between Canada and the U.S. to select a site for a proposed Acadian and Boreal Coastal Biosphere Reserve. At the initial meeting in NARO in December, 1986, attention was drawn to a series of sites along the Gulf of Maine from Fundy NP in Canada south to Cape Cod NS. Recently, at the second convocation, hosted by Roosevelt-Campobello International Park in June, it became apparent that what really was taking shape was a Gulf of Maine *marine* Biosphere Reserve interacting with the terrestrial Acadian and Boreal biogeographic area. The focus was on a triangular area from Cape Sable, Nova Scotia to Roosevelt-Campobello and Passamaquoddy Bay then south to Acadia NP and back to Cape Sable, encompassing the center of tidal exchange and principal nutrient front, estuarine inputs, and rocky archipelago systems of international renown. The Sanguenay River entrance into the St. Lawrence is a Canadian proposal; the area is currently under review as a possible Canadian National Marine Park.

Dr. Arthur Hanson of Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia and Dr. James Broadus of Woods Hole Oceanographic Research Institute co-led the June meetings. Five participants were from NPS (Hauptman, ACAD; Olsen and Portnoy, CACO; Gregg, WASO; Allen, Naro) and four represented Environment Canada-Parks. Despite the overwhelming quantities of lobster consumed, we dealt with such problems as strategic planning, community relations, and long-term monitoring protocols, as well as the more typical aspects of resource protection and management, such as the stresses of visitor use and inholders.