

## COSEE NEW ENGLAND

- **Principal Investigator:** Billy Spitzer, New England Aquarium
- **Location:** COSEE NE is based at the New England Aquarium in Boston, Massachusetts
- **Website:** [www.cosee-ne.net](http://www.cosee-ne.net) & [www.neosec.org](http://www.neosec.org)
- **Collaborators/Partners:** COSEE NE convenes the New England Ocean Science Education Collaborative (NEOSEC), which is led by a Governing Council of representatives from each of its 30+ member organizations.
- **Co-Principal Investigators and Key Project Partners:** Pam DiBona, NEOSEC Coordinator; Suzy Ryan, NEOSEC Chair; Perrin Cothran Chick, NEOSEC Chair Elect; Gail Scowcroft, NEOSEC Past Chair



**Mission:** To leverage New England's extraordinary assets to engage the public in understanding the vital connections between people and the ocean

**What We Do:** COSEE NE and the New England Aquarium support NEOSEC by:

- Hosting periodic face-to-face meetings, to develop joint goals for expanding ocean literacy
- Convening a Governing Council, to plan, track progress, and facilitate communication
- Staffing subcommittees, to develop recommendations and implement programs
- Serving as project manager and fiscal agent for joint fundraising efforts

**Who We Are:** As convener of NEOSEC, COSEE NE represents a collaboration among more than 30 institutions across the region, including museums and aquaria, universities, and research institutions. See [www.neosec.org](http://www.neosec.org) for a list of member institutions. NEOSEC is led by a Governing Council of representatives from each member organization.

**Audience:** Scientists and informal and formal educators in New England

**Date Established:** Fall 2002

**Why We Were Established:** Recognizing the abundance of excellent ocean science education programming in New England and the wealth of resources available across the region, COSEE NE established NEOSEC in 2005 to foster synergy and collaboration.



**History:** In 2004, COSEE NE invited a small group of leaders in New England ocean science education to explore whether or not we could enhance our impact by working together. Using the newly released Ocean Commission Report as a catalyst, we developed a shared mission, vision, values, goals, and an action plan to move forward.



### What We Offer...

NEOSEC members throughout the region collaborate to:

- Promote incorporation of ocean science into their states' education standards
- Adapt organizational efforts to include Ocean Literacy principles and concepts directly, as content for new programs and as context for existing ones
- Identify and pursue opportunities for joint products and programs

### Example Offerings...

NEOSEC activities strengthen New England's ocean science education community. For example, we:

- Host a website ([www.neosec.org](http://www.neosec.org)) to broadly disseminate findings and products
- Convene a biennial Summit to introduce Ocean Literacy tools to New England teachers, scientists, educators, policy-makers, and science and education writers

- Designed a public campaign for Summer 2009, Ocean7 Voyage of Discovery, to promote OL among visitors to our institutions' visitors centers.
- Conducted a social network analysis of ocean science education in the region
- Publish a biweekly e-newsletter, NEswave, with a subscriber list of more than 1,000 educators, scientists, and facilitators around the region and the country