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 **PROVIDENCE FILM PREMIERE OF *“OCEAN FRONTIERS II”*
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PROVIDENCE, RI. – The world premiere of *Ocean Frontiers II: A New England Story for Sustaining the Sea* will take place Monday, October 28, 2013, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Providence Public Library Auditorium, 150 Empire Street, Providence, RI. *Ocean Frontiers II* brings audiences face-to-face with those now embarking on the nation’s first multi-state ocean plan. The film prominently features Rhode Island and is an inspiring story of citizens coming together to promote healthier economies and healthier seas across New England.

*Ocean Frontiers II* is the second of an award-winning film series produced by Green Fire Productions. After the screening, there will be a discussion with people featured in the film, moderated by Sunshine Menezes, executive director of the Metcalf Institute at the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography. The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are requested; please visit <http://bit.ly/OceanFrontiers2RI> to RSVP.

Green Fire Productions Executive Director and producer of *Ocean Frontiers II*, Karen Meyer stated, “The people of Rhode Island impressed us with the passionate effort that went into the Rhode Island Ocean SAMP. We see this as an ideal example to share with New England and the rest of the country as ocean planning across the region gets underway. Rhode Island clearly shows that win-win solutions are possible when industry, scientists, fishermen, conservationists, Native American tribes and governments work together.”

*Ocean Frontiers II* highlights the historic and emerging ocean uses of New England waters and introduces viewers to people working on the Northeast regional ocean planning initiative. In a region steeped in old maritime tradition, we see a modern wave of big ships, energy industries, and a changing climate, now testing the limits of an already crowded sea. But in a pioneering trial of far-sighted planning—pushed by blueprints for offshore wind energy—old residents and new are coming together to keep their ocean and livelihoods alive.

A spotlight on Rhode Island reveals how collaborative planning reduces conflicts over ocean resources and puts us on new path of ocean stewardship. Rhode Island citizens—coastal planners, fishermen, Native American tribal leaders, environmental advocates, scientists, and wind energy executives—are featured in the film, showcasing the Ocean State’s work to not only identify options for developing offshore wind power, but to prepare for the full gamut of impending demands upon the state’s ocean waters.

The world premiere of *Ocean Frontiers II* is hosted by Green Fire Productions, Rhode Island Sea Grant College Program, Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, SeaPlan, Conservation Law Foundation, The Coastal Resources Center at the URI Graduate School of Oceanography, Rhode Island Party and Charter Boat Association, Deepwater Wind, Save the Bay, Environment Rhode Island, Clean Water Action, Rhode Island Audubon and Surfrider Foundation.

**To screen the *Ocean Frontiers II* film trailer visit** [**www.ocean-frontiers.org/trailer**](http://www.ocean-frontiers.org/trailer)**. For information visit the event website at** [**www.ocean-frontiers.org/providence**](http://www.ocean-frontiers.org/providence)**, press images at** [**www.ocean-frontiers.org/press**](http://www.ocean-frontiers.org/press)**. Visit** [**www.facebook.com/OceanFrontiers**](http://www.facebook.com/OceanFrontiers) **or twitter@Ocean\_Frontiers.**

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