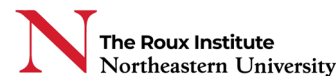


Blue Economy Investment Summit Agenda

Friday, October 24, 2025



9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Registration & Exhibit Hall
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Welcome and Introductions Rhiannon Hampson – GMRI, Director of Economic Development Warren Adams – The Roux Institute, Director of the ClimateTech Incubator
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM	Maine Blue Economy Task Force Rhiannon Hampson – GMRI, Director of Economic Development (Moderator) Sen. Jill Duson – Maine State Legislature, Senate Assistant Majority Leader Rep. Tiffany Strout – Maine State Legislature, State Representative, House District 11 Mike Conathan – Upwell Collaborative, Managing Director
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	State of the Blue Economy Investment Landscape Alex Birdsall – GMRI, Ventures Senior Program Manager
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Emerging Innovation in Blue and Climate Technologies Dave Reidmiller – GMRI, Chief Impact Officer (Moderator) Julia Trotman – Valo Ventures, Partner Stuart Davies – ORPC, CEO
11:30 AM – 12:15 PM	Founder Flash Talks Blueprint Surf, Nestar Energy, Coastal Measures, eSki Watercraft, NuWa Solutions, Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute, Newport Mussels
12:15 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch & Exhibit Hall
1:15 PM – 1:30 PM	Maine's Role in the Blue Economy Rep. Chellie Pingree, U.S. House of Representatives, 1st Congressional District of Maine
1:30 PM – 2:15 PM	Market Fit for Impact Megan Hellstedt – NewEco Consulting, Principal (Moderator) Will Hewes – Amazon, Water Sustainability Lead Mike Jackson – Earthshot Ventures, Managing Partner Katie Weiler – Viable Gear, Founder and CEO Abby Barrows – Deer Isle Oyster Co, Founder and Researcher
2:15 PM – 2:45 PM	Founder Flash Talks Lux Bio, New England Marine Monitoring, Omission, Seascale, Shred Electric, Gazelle Wind Power, bluesonde technologies Inc.
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 PM – 3:45 PM	Cross-Border Growth and Global Opportunity Dan Berger – Maine International Trade Center, Director of the Maine North Atlantic Development Office (Moderator) Erin Donahue – The Consulate General of Canada, Boston, Trade Commissioner Tanja Knabenschuh Hoel – Hatch Blue, Managing Director Cem Giray – Salmonics, Founder and CEO
3:45 PM – 4:30 PM	Navigating Public and Private Market Opportunities Laura Singer – SAMBAS Consulting, Principal (Moderator) Jake Ward – University of Maine, Vice President for Innovation and Economic Development Hope Hopkins – MITRE, Principal Technology Innovation Strategist Robb Fipp – Autumn Road Capital, Founder & Managing Partner Rory Dunn – Aperture Space, Principal Software Engineer
4:30 PM – 4:45 PM	Closing Keynote Brian Deese, MIT, Institute Innovation Fellow
4:45 PM – 5:00 PM	Closing Remarks Glenn Prickett, GMRI, CEO
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Reception & Exhibit Hall

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