

Agenda

Blue Venture Investment Summit - Maine

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 • Ocean Gateway, Portland, Maine

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Registration

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM Welcome and Introductions

Glenn Prickett, President and CEO, Gulf of Maine Research Institute

10:45 AM – 11:15 AM Keynote: 'State of the Blue Economy' reflections

Toby Stapleton, Director, Blue Venture Forum

Chris Wu, Vice President, Builders Initiative

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM Panel 1: Challenges and Innovations in Ocean Data

Moderator: Mark Spalding, President, Ocean Foundation

David O'Brien, Deputy Director of Office of Aquaculture, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Cooper Van Vranken, Founder and CEO, Ocean Data Network

Mark Patterson, Professor and Director of the Field Robotics Laboratory, Northeastern University

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM Flashtalks: Global Innovators and Entrepreneurs

7 startup founders showcase their innovations. Discover cutting-edge solutions and market opportunities driving the blue economy forward.

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM Panel 2: Growing Markets for Ocean Data

Moderator: Ted Janulis, Founder and Principal at Investable Oceans

Tom Shyka, Product and Engagement Manager, Northeastern Regional Association of Coastal Ocean Observing Systems

Dan Bookham, Senior Vice President for Business Development, Allen Insurance

Phil Coupe, Co-Founder, Revision Energy

Jim Fairweather, Head of Data and AI, Google Cloud

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM Break

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM Fundraising Success Insights

Moderator: Nate Walton, Principal, Sachem Strategies

Ben Sorken, Founder and CEO, Flux Marine

Nelson Mills, Founder and CEO, VATN Systems

3:30 PM – 4:15 PM Flashtalks: Global Innovators and Entrepreneurs

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4:15 PM – 5:00 PM Panel 3: Future for Blue Tech

Moderator: Brady Borhmann, Managing General Principal, Bold Ocean Ventures

Reece Pacheco, Partner, Propeller VC

Brendon Reay, Vice President and Chief Ventures Officer, Maine Community Foundation

Sarah Edwards, Senior Investment Director, Cambridge Associates

4:45 PM – 5:00 PM Closing Remarks

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM Reception

