

TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



UPCOMING PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

• Attend Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body Meetings

State recognized tribes are invited to attend meetings and Federally recognized tribes are to be offered a formal seat on the RPB

- Next Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body Meeting

http://midatlanticocean.org/event/mida-rpb-in-person-public-meeting/?instance_id=123

• Attend and participate in future pGIS Workshops

• Subscribe to MARCO's eNewsletter to receive updates on progress

TRIBAL OCEAN PLANNING RESOURCES AND LINKS

National Ocean Council - Marine Planning Handbook

https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/final_marine_planning_handbook.pdf

Description: Provides information and guidance to regions that choose to establish regional planning bodies and develop marine plans. State, Tribal, and Fishery Management Council participation on regional planning bodies is voluntary.

- Excerpt from Tribes of Indigenous groups Section (pg. 8):

Tribes and Indigenous Groups

"As regional planning bodies begin their work, engagement with any federally recognized tribes, State recognized tribes, or indigenous populations that may be affected by the efforts of the regional planning body should occur early and often as appropriate. The participation of federally recognized tribes as members of the regional planning body does not supplant the obligation of the Federal Government (in this case, the Federal agency members of the regional planning body) to conduct government-to government consultation with potentially affected federally recognized tribes. Regional planning bodies will develop a mechanism to engage State-recognized tribes or indigenous communities with jurisdictional responsibilities or interests relevant to marine planning, such as the indigenous populations of Hawaii and the U.S. Commonwealths and Territories. Engagement of affected tribes or indigenous populations, including consultation with federally recognized tribes, can provide the regional planning body with critical information and expertise necessary for marine planning. Tribal leaders and historic preservation officers can serve as guides to existing cultural-use information as well as traditional knowledge. Traditional knowledge can include information about tribal sacred sites as well as historic and current ecological conditions and environmental use information."

Regional Activities and Links

<http://www.cmsp.noaa.gov/activities/index.html>

Description: NOAA page with links to all regions ocean planning activities including - Regional Planning Bodies, Regional Ocean Partnerships (e.g. MARCO, West Coast Governors Alliance on Ocean Health)

Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body

Materials and Documents

<http://www.boem.gov/Environmental-Stewardship/Mid-Atlantic-Regional-Planning-Body/MidA-RPB-Materials.aspx>

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Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body Charter

<http://www.boem.gov/MidA-RPB-Charter/>

Description: *This charter describes the purpose, participants, and a preliminary delineation of roles and responsibilities for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body (RPB) Members as they engage in regional marine planning. It will formalize member commitments to the principles of regional marine planning and to working constructively and cooperatively toward their identified regional goals and objectives.*

The charter is also a helpful reference for the public and partners seeking information about the roles and functions of this planning group.

- Excerpt from Charter Pertaining to Tribal Engagement and Representation Tribal Members (pg. 4)

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"The National Ocean Policy explicitly recognizes the importance of enhanced coordination with federally-recognized tribal governments, specifically as it pertains to preservation of the Nation's heritage, including historical and cultural values. As participants in the regional planning process, tribes will be called upon to share their traditional knowledge and natural resource management expertise. Through this collaboration, tribes can help all participants better understand treaty rights, traditional knowledge of marine ecosystems, and tribal scientific capacity.

The RPB structure acknowledges the sovereign status of Mid-Atlantic federally-recognized American Indian Tribal Governments and recognizes the principle of government-to government consultation. Each federally-recognized tribe is invited to have its own seat on the RPB and represent their respective tribal interests and goals in the regional marine planning process. Tribal representatives must be an elected or duly appointed tribal official, or the tribal official's designated employee with the authority to draw on other tribal expertise and act on the tribe's behalf on RPB matters. The participation of federally recognized tribes as members of the regional planning body does not supplant the obligation of the Federal Government (or in this case, the Federal Agency members of the regional planning body) to conduct government-to-government consultation with potentially affected federally recognized tribes."

West Coast Tribal Marine Planning Frameworks

http://www.tolowa-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Summary-Handout_Tribal-Data-Framework-and-Standards_v5_Final.pdf

Description: *This booklet seeks to provide a summary guide, with a discussion of considerations raised, for tribal marine planning on the West Coast. It summarizes a common tribal marine planning framework, as well as specific methods and tools that have resulted from an initial regional engagement of coastal sovereign tribes of Washington, Oregon and California. This project has been facilitated by the Smith River Rancheria of Tolowa Deeni' and is funded in part through a federal grant from the Regional Ocean Partnership Funding Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.*