



MARCO Mid-Atlantic Ocean Planning Stakeholder Workshop

This workshop will provide an opportunity to engage stakeholders on data, information, and draft interjurisdictional coordination (IJC) actions to support Mid-Atlantic regional ocean planning and inform the Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body meeting on September 23-24.

Date: September 22, 2015
10:30 am – 5:15 pm

Location: Norfolk Waterside Marriott
235 East Main Street
Norfolk, VA 23510
Room: Norfolk V-VI

Workshop Objectives

- Learn about and provide input on Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO) draft data and information products to inform Mid-Atlantic regional ocean planning.
- Learn about and provide input on Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body (MidA RPB) draft interjurisdictional coordination (IJC) actions to include in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan (OAP).
- Engage in thoughtful dialogue among stakeholders, MARCO, and MidA RPB Members.

Agenda

9:30 am Registration opens

10:30 am **Welcome, introductions and agenda review**

- *Laura McKay, MARCO Management Board Chair, Member of the MidA RPB for Virginia, Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program*
- *Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute*

10:40 am **Introduction to ocean planning**

- *Robert LaBelle, Federal RPB Co-Lead, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior*

A brief overview of regional ocean planning, Mid-Atlantic RPB efforts to date, and where the initiative is heading, including timeline for OAP development.

10:50 am Data and information overview

- *Pat Halpin, Duke University, Marine Life Data and Analysis Team (MDAT)*
- *Melanie Schroeder Gearon, RPS ASA, Mid-Atlantic Regional Human Use Spatial Data Synthesis Project (HUDS)*
- *Emily Shumchenia, E&C Enviroscope, Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Assessment Project (ROA)*

Project teams will present an overview of their methods, approach, and draft products illustrative of their approach regarding the creation of data and information products for ecological synthesis, human use synthesis, and the Regional Ocean Assessment (ROA). This will be followed by a brief opportunity for clarifying questions.

11:50 am Lunch (provided)

12:45 pm Breakout groups: Data and information

Participants will break into facilitated small groups to further explore the draft data and information products and associated methodologies, and provide input.

2:20 pm Transition to general session

2:30 pm Report out from RPB workgroup co-chairs

- *Laura McKay, MARCO Management Board Chair, Member of the MidA RPB for Virginia, Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program*
- *Mary Boatman, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management*
- *Sarah Cooksey, MARCO Management Board Member, Member of the MidA RPB for Delaware, Delaware Coastal Programs*
- *Kevin Chu, Member of the MidA RPB for Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*

RPB members will provide a brief report out on the key themes and ideas discussed in the breakout groups they attended.

2:45 pm Overview of draft IJC actions for OAP

- *Greg Capobianco, MARCO Management Board Member, Member of the MidA RPB for New York, New York Department of State*

Mr. Capobianco will provide an overview of the RPB's process to date in developing draft IJC actions for inclusion in the OAP, the current status of the draft

actions, and an explanation of connections between the draft actions and data synthesis and information discussion from earlier in the day. This will be followed by an opportunity for clarifying questions.

3:10 pm Transition to breakout groups

3:20 pm Breakout groups: Draft IJC actions

Participants will break into small groups to explore the draft IJC actions and provide input.

4:30 pm Transition to general session

4:40 pm Report outs from IJC breakout groups

- *Laura McKay, MARCO Management Board Chair, Member of the MidA RPB for Virginia, Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program*
- *Sarah Cooksey, MARCO Management Board Member, Member of the MidA RPB for Delaware, Delaware Coastal Programs*
- *Kevin Chu, Member of the MidA RPB for Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*
- *Robert LaBelle, Federal RPB Co-Lead, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior*
- *Greg Capobianco, MARCO Management Board Member, Member of the MidA RPB for New York, New York Department of State*
- *Doug Simpson, Member of the MidA RPB for Department of Homeland Security, USCG 5th District Waterways Management Branch*
- *Joe Atangan, Member of the MidA RPB for Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Fleet Forces Command*

In plenary, the RPB members championing specific draft IJC actions will provide a brief report out on the key themes and ideas discussed in breakout groups. This will be followed by a brief opportunity for further Q&A.

5:00 pm Summary and closing remarks

- *Laura McKay, MARCO Management Board Chair, Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program*
- *Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute*

5:15 pm – Informal gathering

6:15 pm