



**Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO)  
Forum on Ocean Assessment and Data Syntheses Products**

This event will provide an opportunity to present deliverables and to answer clarifying questions on MARCO-supported work conducted in 2015 to inform the Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body (RPB). This event is not a RPB meeting. All members of the public are invited to attend.

**Date:** Friday January 29, 2016

**Location:** Hyatt Place- Dewey Beach  
Meeting room: Baycenter  
1301 Coastal Highway  
Dewey Beach, Delaware, USA, 19971

**Registration:** Please register no later than January 15, 2016.  
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**Forum Objectives:**

- To learn about the Regional Ocean Assessment (ROA);
- To understand Version One products from the ecological data synthesis (MDAT);
- To understand data products from the human use data synthesis (HUDS);
- To understand the limitations and caveats of the ROA, MDAT and HUDS efforts;
- To understand stakeholder outreach efforts to-date;
- To demonstrate how data limitations have been noted based on stakeholder input; and
- To solicit ideas for improvements to data collection techniques in the future.

**Draft Agenda:**

9:30 am Registration opens

9:45 am Welcome Remarks  
Sarah Cooksey, MARCO Management Board Member, Member of the Mid-Atlantic RPB for Delaware, Delaware Coastal Programs

10:00 am Regional Ocean Assessment  
Presentation- Emily Shumchenia, E&C Enviroscope and Peter Taylor, Waterview Consulting

10:45 am Q&A with MARCO Management Board

11:00 am Marine Life Data and Analysis Team (MDAT)- Version One  
Presentation- Pat Halpin, Duke University

11:45 am Q&A with MARCO Management Board

12:00 pm Lunch (*will be provided for registered participants*)  
Invited Lunch Speaker: DNREC Secretary David Small

1:00 pm Human Use Spatial Data Synthesis Project (HUDS)  
Presentation- Melanie Schroeder Gearon, RPS ASA

2:15 pm Q&A with MARCO Management Board

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm Closing Q&A with the MARCO Management Board

3:15 pm Closing Remarks  
Sarah Cooksey, MARCO Management Board Member, Member of the  
Mid-Atlantic RPB for Delaware, Delaware Coastal Programs

3:30 pm Adjourn