

**Mid-Atlantic Healthy Ocean Ecosystem Indicators
Public Workshop
July 19 and 20th, 2017
Hyatt Regency
300 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202**

Workshop Objectives

- To obtain public input and engage participants in the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan (OAP) to inform next steps for developing a healthy ocean ecosystem monitoring and assessment program to support OAP implementation
- To consider the scope of a healthy ocean ecosystem monitoring and assessment program, inform the prioritization of potential indicators, and identify options for indicator reporting and communication

Agenda

Day 1: July 19, 10:30 to 5:00

10:30 – 10:40	Welcome, Introductions, Agenda for the Workshop – <i>Pat Field, Consulting Team</i>
10:40 – 11:00	<p>Purpose and Goals of Healthy Ocean Ecosystem Indicators within the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan (OAP) – <i>Karen Chytalo, Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body, New York Department of Environmental Conservation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brief reminder of the OAP, where and how indicators fit within the OAP, and relation to the MARCO Ocean Data Portal• Role of workshop, the project, and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body (RPB) in finalizing indicators• General questions
11:00 – 11:30	<p>Review Indicators White Paper and Workshop Agenda Topics – <i>Consulting Team</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of project to date• Examples of other relevant indicator programs• Workshop agenda topics<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Scope of the monitoring and assessment program○ Prioritization of ecosystem components and potential indicators○ Options for reporting and display

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions and discussion
11:30 – 12:15	<p>Scope of the Monitoring and Assessment Program - <i>Consulting Team</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about the potential scope of a monitoring and assessment program to support the OAP given the principles identified therein and likely funding scenarios
12:15 – 1:30	Lunch on your Own
1:30 – 1:45	<p>Plan for the Afternoon – <i>Pat Field</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break into three groups identified on name tags (mix of geography, affiliation, expertise) • Each group will rotate through each of three major categories of indicators • Each group has a technical lead and a note taker – <i>Consulting Team and MARCO</i>
1:45 – 2:45	<p>First Round Small Groups</p> <p>Three Groups (with recorders):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oceanographic and atmospheric drivers ○ Habitat and lower and upper trophic levels ○ Anthropogenic pressures and ocean uses • In each round, participants will: 1) review the potential indicators identified in the white paper; 2) consider the issues and questions the OAP would seek to address with the development of indicators and questions specific to each category of indicators; 3) articulate indicator priorities to support monitoring and assessment • Each round will be treated independently and flip charts of previous rounds' discussions will be posted on meeting walls for reference as needed
2:45 – 3:45	Second Round
3:45 – 4:00	Break
4:00 – 5:00	Third Round
5:00 – 5:15	<p>Brief Reflections from Day One</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are insights, puzzles, or questions that arose from the three round break out groups? • Quick review of Day 2
5:15	Adjourn

Day 2: July 20, 9:00 to 3:00

9:00 – 10:30	Summary and Discussion of Indicator Prioritization – <i>Consulting Team</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consulting team presents a summary of the key questions and indicator priorities expressed for each of the groups• Continued discussion of each group
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 11:30	Indicator Reporting and Display – <i>Consulting Team</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of different display and reporting examples• Identification of options and discussion topics<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Indicator organization: Issue-specific or by ecosystem component○ Format, content and total number of indicators○ Potential locations for a dashboard• Questions and discussion
11:30 – 12:15	Small table discussion and report out
12:15 – 1:30	Lunch on your own
1:30 – 2:30	Review workshop outcomes and revisit the overall scope of the monitoring and assessment program
2:30 – 3:00	Summary, Next Steps, and Thank You – <i>Consulting Team and RPB Members</i>