

MID-ATLANTIC OCEAN FORUM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019

MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY
400 CEDAR AVENUE
WEST LONG BRANCH, NEW JERSEY 07764

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

2/11/2019

Meeting Objectives

- To learn about planned and ongoing programs and activities of states, federal agencies, tribes and the MAFMC relevant to waters off the Mid-Atlantic coast;
- To review and discuss progress on previously identified opportunities for enhanced intergovernmental coordination;
- To identify ways to enhance intergovernmental collaboration and data sharing to support the Ocean Data Portal and development of priority ocean data and products that will address specific ocean management challenges;
- To learn about additional issues and opportunities for collaboration that would benefit from increased regional coordination;
- To engage stakeholders and partners on regional ocean coordination efforts that will improve the stewardship and management of the Mid-Atlantic ocean ecosystem and economy; and
- To collect input for MACO to consider in identifying opportunities for additional coordination and collaboration efforts to advance regional ocean planning.

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Tribal Blessing and Welcome

9:15 a.m. A Way Forward: Advancing State-Federal Collaboration and Ocean Planning
MACO Representatives -- Overview and objectives of the Forum

9:30 a.m. Implementation of Executive Order 13840
Overview of federal activities related to the implementation of EO 13840, including the federal interagency Ocean Policy Committee and the NOAA/BOEM Scoping Study on Regional Data Needs and Ocean Data Portals.
Presentations will be followed by opportunity for Q&A, Stakeholder input, and discussion.

10:00 a.m. Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal and Regional Data Priorities
A presentation on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal, data priorities, work plan and users perspectives on the Portal, datasets they rely on, priority needs, and why it is important.
Presentation will be followed by opportunity for Q &A, Stakeholder input and discussion.

10:45 a.m. Break

- 11:00 a.m. Offshore Renewable Energy: Regional Perspectives**
*MACO discussion and Federal and State perspectives on offshore wind energy and potential issues for further regional discussion and collaboration.
Presentation will be followed by opportunity for Q &A, Stakeholder input and discussion*
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. Regional Issues Roundtables: Session One**
Breakout sessions will focus on intergovernmental collaboration, ocean planning issues and activities building on previous efforts under the Ocean Action Plan, including information about current work groups and identification of opportunities for additional MACO collaboration efforts.
Topics:
- *Ocean Acidification*
 - *Recreational and Non-consumptive use*
 - *Ocean Indicators*
- 1:45 p.m. Regional Issues Roundtables: Session Two**
Topics:
- *Marine Debris*
 - *Maritime Commerce and Navigation*
 - *Science and Research Priorities*
- Discussion Issues / Questions:*
- *Update and review status and progress.*
 - *What are opportunities for continued collaboration?*
 - *Identify MACO and potential partner roles for collaboration.*
 - *Identify recommended next steps for 2019 and beyond.*
- Roundtables will provide an opportunity for Q & A, Stakeholder input and discussion.*
- 2:30 p.m. Break**
- 2:45 p.m. Additional Issues and Opportunities for Regional Collaboration**
Federal and State representatives will provide brief perspectives on issues and opportunities and benefits of regional collaboration.
Topics
- *Sand and Sediment Management*
 - *Marine Life and Habitat*
 - *Resilience: Coastal Infrastructure*
- Presentations will be followed by opportunity for Q &A, Stakeholder input and discussion,*
- 4:00 p.m. Report Outs, Summary of Ideas for Potential Next Steps, and Public Comment**
Roundtables representatives will report out on sessions and stakeholders and public will be provided an opportunity to provide comments to MACO.

5:00 p.m. Adjourn