

Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Planning

Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body Meeting

March 22-24, 2016

Meeting Objectives

- Consider and reach general RPB agreement on initial content for the draft Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan (OAP). After the meeting, updated draft content will be reviewed internally by RPB member entities.
- Discuss and clarify next steps, including release of draft OAP in summer 2016.
- Receive public input on topics under consideration by the MidA RPB during a workshop-style public engagement session and formal public comment periods.

Location: Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards
110 South Eutaw Street, Baltimore, MD 21201
Stadium Ballroom

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

8:30 am Registration

9:30 am Tribal blessing and welcome

- *Kelsey Leonard, Tribal RPB Co-Lead, Shinnecock Indian Nation*

9:40 am Introductions and agenda review

- *Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute*

9:50 am Remarks from the National Ocean Council Director

- *Beth Kerttula, Director, National Ocean Council*

10:00 am Review of progress since last RPB meeting and timeline through 2016

- *Kelsey Leonard, Tribal RPB Co-Lead, Shinnecock Indian Nation*
- *Gwynne Schultz, State RPB Co-Lead, Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources*
- *Robert LaBelle, Federal RPB Co-Lead, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior*

MidA RPB Co-Leads present brief updates of progress since the last RPB meeting in September 2015 and review a timeline through 2016.

- 10:15 am** **Presentation about working draft content of Ocean Action Plan (OAP)**
The OAP drafting team and RPB members summarize content of the current working draft of the OAP, followed by RPB discussion.
- 11:15 am** **Break**
- 11:30 am** **RPB identifies key discussion points**
- 12:15 pm** **Overview of interactive workshop-style afternoon sessions**
- *Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute*
- 12:30 pm** **Lunch**
Lunch options are available outside of the meeting venue for public participants.

Public Workshop

The afternoon is devoted to an interactive workshop-style public engagement opportunity. The RPB will engage informally in small group discussion with the public around working draft content of the OAP. Input gained will inform RPB discussion during subsequent days of the meeting.

1:45pm **Breakout #1**

Members of the public provide input and pose questions to the RPB. Each breakout group will focus on specific topic areas to be covered by the OAP actions. RPB members will be listening and participating in discussion in each breakout.

*Note: The public is encouraged to provide input and ask questions about **any** subject, but facilitators may ask participants to provide input on specific topics.*

2:45 pm **Transition to next breakout**

3:00 pm **Breakout #2**

This second breakout session will focus on the same topics, and members of the public may choose to visit a different group or stay with the same group if they would like to continue to engage on the same topic.

4:00 pm **Transition back to plenary room**

- 4:15 pm RPB members reflect on public input**
RPB members will reflect on informal discussion with the public and input gathered during breakouts, sharing with one another what they heard.
- 5:00 pm Summary and wrap up day 1**
- 5:15 pm Informal gathering**
Members of the public are encouraged to join RPB members in the Stadium Foyer for an informal gathering to network and share ideas (cash bar).

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

- 9:00 am Registration**
- 9:30 am Welcome back, summary day one, agenda review day two**
- *Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute*
- 9:45 am RPB discussion of interjurisdictional coordination (IJC) actions**
The RPB discusses IJC actions.
- 11:00 am Break**
- 11:15 am RPB discussion of plan implementation**
The RPB discusses plan implementation.
- 12:30 pm Lunch**
Lunch options are available outside of the meeting venue for public participants.
- 1:30 pm Update on MARCO-supported efforts**
MARCO provides updates on Mid-Atlantic regional ocean planning-related activities they anticipate supporting in 2016, followed by RPB discussion.
- 2:15 pm RPB discussion of OAP draft content related to science, data, and tools to support decision making**
The RPB discusses science, data, and tools.

- 3:15 pm** **Break** (*3:00 pm is the deadline to sign up for the 3:30 pm public comment session*)
- 3:30 pm** **Public comment**
Interested members of the public are provided an opportunity to offer formal public comment on any topics they wish. All comments will be captured for the record. Depending on how many individuals would like to comment, the time limit will be between 2-3 minutes. A sign-up list and instructions will be available at the meeting registration table.
- 4:30 pm** **RPB reflection on public comment**
- 5:00 pm** **Summary and wrap up day 2**
- 5:15 pm** **Adjourn day 2**

Thursday, March 24, 2016

- 8:30 am** **Registration**
- 9:00 am** **Welcome back, summary day two, agenda review day three**
 - *Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute*
- 9:15 am** **RPB generally agrees on initial draft content related to interjurisdictional coordination actions**
The RPB has further discussion and gains a general sense of comfort with draft plan content related to interjurisdictional coordination. This discussion is informed by the informal public engagement on day 1, RPB discussion on day 2, and the formal public comment period on day 2.
- 10:00 am** **Break**
- 10:15 am** **RPB generally agrees on initial draft content related to plan implementation**
The RPB has further discussion and gains a general sense of comfort with draft plan content related to plan implementation. This discussion is informed by the informal public engagement on day 1, RPB discussion on day 2, and the formal public comment period on day 2.

11:00 am RPB generally agrees on initial draft content related to science, data, and tools to support decision making

The RPB has further discussion and gains a general sense of comfort with draft plan content related to science, data, and tools to support decision making. This discussion is informed by the informal public engagement on day 1, RPB discussion on day 2, and the formal public comment period on day 2.

(11:30 am is the deadline to sign up for the 12:00 pm public comment session)

11:45 pm Public comment

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12:30 pm Lunch

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1:30 pm RPB discussion of steps forward

The RPB discusses next steps.

2:30 pm Clarify next steps and wrap up

- *Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute*

The RPB clarifies key outcomes from the meeting and next steps.

3:00pm Adjourn