

Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Planning

Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body Meeting

September 23-24, 2015

Agenda

Meeting Objectives

- Review draft data synthesis and information products, discuss public input gained during September 22 MARCO public workshop, and discuss next steps
- Determine how Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body (MidA RPB) goals and objectives will be addressed through specific interjurisdictional coordination (IJC) actions, consider public input, and identify next steps
- Agree on components of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan (OAP) as described in a draft OAP outline
- Receive public input on topics under consideration by the MidA RPB

Location: Norfolk Waterside Marriott
235 E Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510
Meeting room: Hampton Roads I-IV

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

8:00 am **Registration**

9:00 am **Tribal blessing and welcome**

- *Kelsey Leonard, Tribal RPB Co-Lead, Shinnecock Indian Nation*
- *Laura McKay, Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program*

9:10 am **Introductions and agenda review**

- *Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute*

9:20 am **Remarks from National Ocean Council Director**

- *Beth Kerttula, National Ocean Council*

9:30 am **Review of progress since last RPB meeting and timeline through 2016**

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

- *Kelsey Leonard, Tribal RPB Co-Lead, Shinnecock Indian Nation*
- *Gwynne Schultz, State RPB Co-Lead, Maryland Department of Natural Resources*

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

9:45 am Update on draft data synthesis and assessment products

- *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)*
- *Peter Taylor, Waterview Consulting, Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Assessment Project (ROA)*

MARCO-supported data synthesis and assessment project teams provide presentations about their work.

10:30 am Break

10:45 am Report-out of public input on data synthesis and assessment products from Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO) Workshop on September 22

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

The RPB hears a summary of public input about data synthesis and assessment efforts from the September 22 MARCO public workshop from the MARCO Chair.

11:00 am RPB discussion of data synthesis and assessment products

RPB discussion with data synthesis and assessment projects, consideration of public input received during the September 22 MARCO workshop, and identification of next steps.

11:45 am Tribal engagement efforts and input to date

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

An update about ongoing MARCO-supported tribal listening sessions from the RPB's Tribal Co-lead, followed by RPB discussion.

12:15 pm Lunch

Lunch options are available outside of the meeting venue for public participants.

1:15 pm Overview of *Draft Ocean Action Plan Outline*

- *Ingrid Irigoyen, Meridian Institute*
- *Deerin Babb-Brott, SeaPlan*

A brief presentation of the *Draft OAP Outline*.

1:30 pm RPB review and discussion of draft IJC actions

RPB members whose entities are championing specific draft IJC actions provide brief presentations, followed by RPB discussion.

(2:15 pm is the deadline to sign up for the 2:45 pm public comment session)

2:45 pm Public comment

Interested members of the public will be provided an opportunity to offer public comment on any topics they wish. 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.

3:45 pm Break**4:00 pm RPB reflection on public comment and discussion of draft IJC actions and *Draft OAP Outline***

RPB members reflect on public comment and discuss draft IJC actions. During this session the RPB will also clarify whether any refinements need to be made to the *Draft OAP Outline* prior to day two of the meeting.

4:45 pm Stakeholder engagement through OAP submission in 2016

- *Gwynne Schultz, State RPB Co-Lead, Maryland Department of Natural Resources*

A brief presentation followed by RPB discussion of ongoing and potential future stakeholder engagement efforts through 2016.

5:15 pm Updates from the Northeast Regional Planning Body

- *Nick Napoli, Northeast Regional Ocean Council*

Updates from Northeast RPB staff and MidA RPB discussion of opportunities for cross-regional coordination.

5:30 pm Day one summary and wrap-up

- *Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute*

5:45 pm Adjourn day one**Thursday, September 24, 2015****8:30 am Registration****9:00 am Welcome back, summary day one, agenda review day two**

- *Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute*

9:10 am Resume discussion of draft IJC actions and review refinements to *Draft OAP Outline*

Continued discussion of the substance of and process for further developing draft IJC actions and review any refinements made overnight to the *Draft OAP Outline*.

10:30 am Break**10:45 am Identify and discuss outstanding OAP components**

RPB members identify and discuss components of the OAP and/or planning process that still need further attention, and determine next steps.

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

11:30 am Public comment

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12:15 pm Lunch

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1:15 pm RPB reflection on public comment and looking ahead to the planning process after 2016

RPB members reflect on public comment and discuss any aspects of the planning process after 2016 that the RPB should be preparing for at this time.

2:15 pm Clarify next steps and wrap up

- *Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute*

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

2:30 pm Adjourn