

From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 22, 2016 at 1:01 PM
Subject: Re: Mid-Atlantic residents support ocean planning and protection
To: "Chase, Alison" <achase@nrdc.org>

Thank you for submitting comments on the Draft Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan; we will post them on our website. The MidA RPB will consider all public comments in revising the Draft Plan, and will submit a final Plan to the National Ocean Council for its concurrence this fall. Please check our website <http://www.boem.gov/Ocean-Action-Plan/> for additional information.

On Mon, Aug 22, 2016 at 12:15 PM, Chase, Alison <achase@nrdc.org> wrote:
The Natural Resources Defense Council recently released a poll showing that Mid-Atlantic residents overwhelmingly support improved ocean planning and coordination, and want to see environmental conservation emerge as a top priority in a final regional ocean plan. A memo describing the poll's findings is attached. A blog on this poll can be found at: <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/alison-chase/new-poll-shows-support-ocean-planning-and-protection>.

We hope that these results encourage the Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body to strengthen conservation elements in your draft *Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan*.

Sincerely, Alison Chase



Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates - FM3

Public Opinion Research & Strategy

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TO: Interested Parties

FROM: David Metz and Miranda Everitt
Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates

Lori Weigel
Public Opinion Strategies

RE: Results of Regional Survey on Mid-Atlantic Ocean Planning

DATE: July 27, 2016

The bipartisan research team of Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates and Public Opinion Strategies recently completed 1,101 telephone interviews with residents of the Mid-Atlantic states to assess their views on major issues impacting the ocean.¹ Overall, the survey found that **Mid-Atlantic residents overwhelmingly support improved planning and coordination for the future of the Atlantic Ocean, and want to see environmental conservation emerge as a top priority in a final coordinated regional ocean plan.** Protecting the health of marine environment by identifying and conserving areas offshore that are important for fish and sea life – which will help support the communities that rely on these resources – in the final plan is a key priority of respondents.

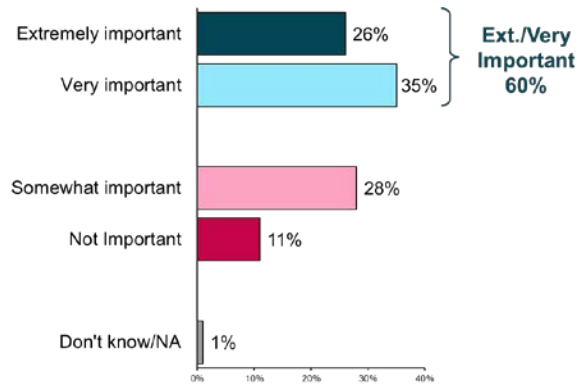
Respondents see the ocean as important to their quality of life, and strongly value it for the home it provides fish and wildlife. While three-quarters describe it as important for future generations, few feel it is currently well-managed. In addition, there is an increasing perception that the overall health of the ocean has declined in the last ten years. Close to 80 percent support the implementation of regional ocean planning – seeing it as an effective way to encourage

¹ **Methodology:** From July 12 to 17, 2016, FM3 completed 1,101 telephone interviews (on landlines and cell phones) with registered voters in the Mid-Atlantic states of Delaware (200), Maryland (201), New Jersey (200), New York (200), Pennsylvania (100) and Virginia (200). All data have been weighted to reflect the true geographic distribution of voters across the region. The regional margin of sampling error is +/-3.9% at the 95% confidence level; margins of error for population subgroups within each sample will be higher. Due to rounding, not all totals will sum to 100%. Comparisons throughout are to a November 2013 survey of 1,100 voters conducted using the same methodology.

coordination, ocean health, and sustainable ocean development; this is consistent with findings from 2013. Among the key specific findings of the survey were the following:

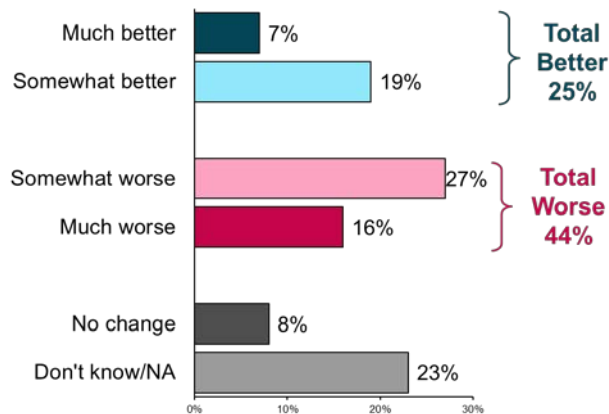
- **Sixty percent of respondents see their state’s ocean as extremely or very important to their quality of life.** As shown in **Figure 1**, three in five (60%) across the region rate the ocean as “extremely” or “very important” to their quality of life. This is a significant increase over the same perception measured in 2013, when just over half (52%) said the ocean was “extremely” or “very important” to their quality of life.

FIGURE 1: Perceived Importance of the Ocean to State’s Quality of Life



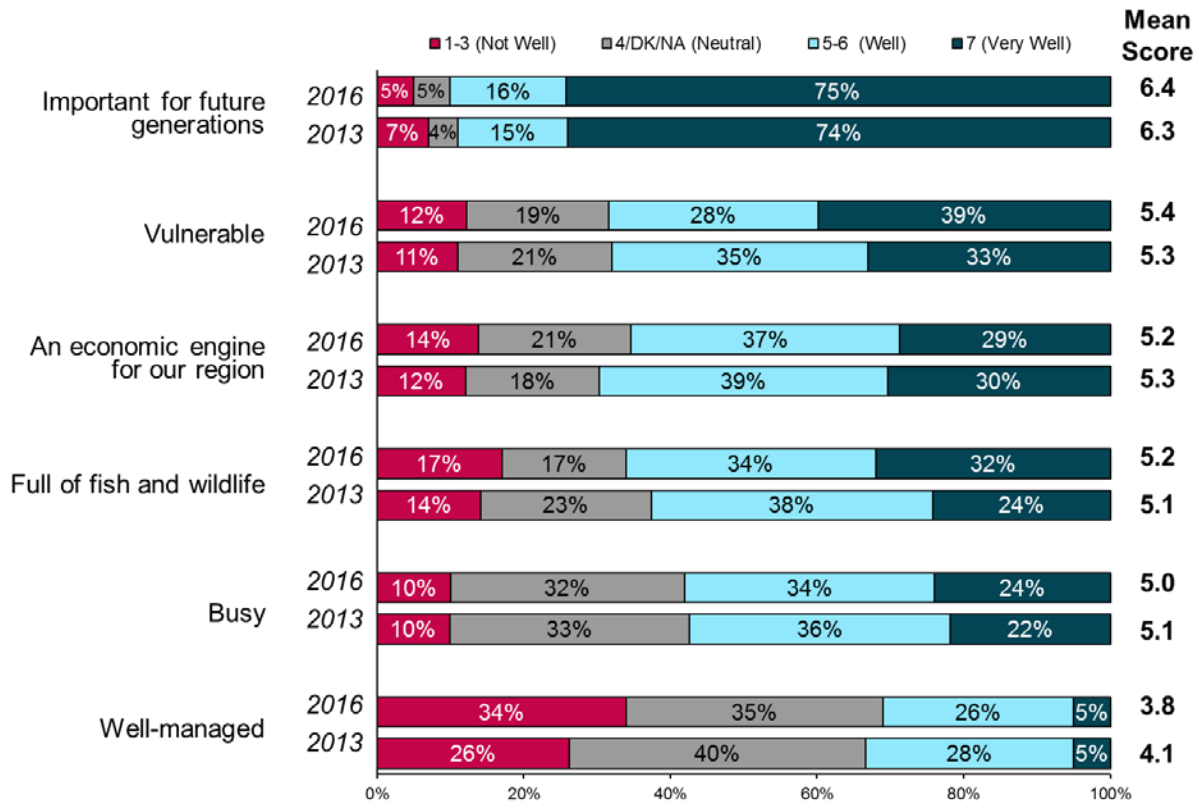
- **They are much more likely to think things have been getting worse than they are to think things have been improving.** Respondents were asked whether overall ocean health in their states had gotten better or worse in the past ten years and, as shown in **Figure 2** below, a plurality says it has gotten worse. Notably, respondents were nearly split in their assessment of the trend in ocean health in 2013, with 35 percent judging it better and 37 saying it has gotten worse. Now, however, those who feel the ocean’s health has gotten worse outnumber the share who feel it has gotten better nearly two to one.

FIGURE 2: Mid-Atlantic Residents’ Perceptions of Changes in Ocean Conditions



- **Mid-Atlantic residents overwhelmingly see the ocean as important for future generations – but also as vulnerable, and not well-managed.** As in 2013, respondents were offered a series of words and phrases and asked to indicate how well each describes the ocean in their state (with the top responses detailed in **Figure 3**). The responses show that they see a diverse range of values – it is seen as crucial to their state’s economy, wildlife and future generations. Many also see the ocean as “busy,” and more than one-third (34%) do *not* believe the ocean is “well-managed” – both indicating the increasing urgency of coordinated planning.

FIGURE 3: Characteristics Associated with the Ocean
 (On a Scale Seven-Point Scale Where “7” Equals “Describes the Ocean Very Well”
 and “1” Equals “Does Not Describe the Ocean Well at All”)



- **They see fish and wildlife habitat as a top benefit the ocean provides to their state.** Presented with a list of the diverse benefits the ocean provides, Mid-Atlantic residents ranked *providing a place for fish and wildlife to live* the top benefit – by a wide margin. The proportion rating habitat “extremely” or “very important” was 18 points higher than for any other ocean benefit tested. It is followed by recreational uses, then by *providing a place for children to learn about nature* and *providing fresh seafood*, both of which respondents regard as slightly more important since 2013. The benefits viewed as “extremely” or “very important” by more than seven in ten respondents are displayed in **Figure 4** on the next page.

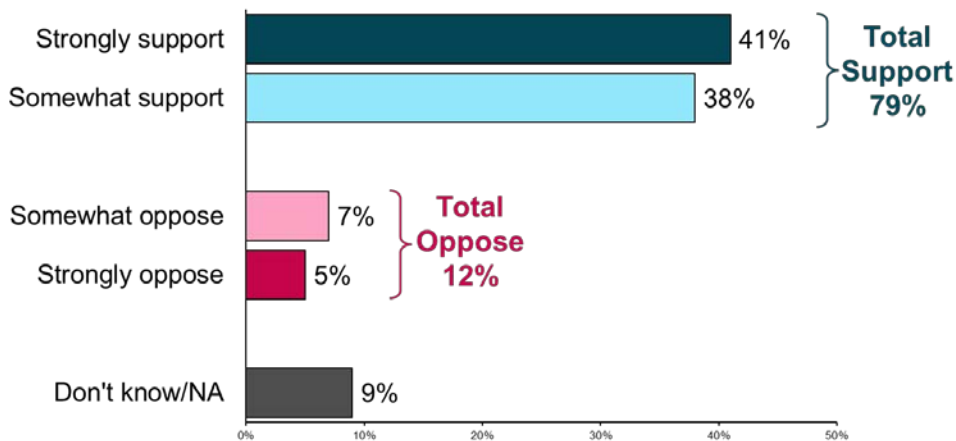
FIGURE 4: Importance of Ocean Benefits to Mid-Atlantic Residents

Benefit	Extremely/Very Important	
	2013	2016
Providing a place for fish and wildlife to live	91%	93%
Providing a place for recreation like surfing, fishing, swimming, walking on the beach, biking or viewing birds and other wildlife	76%	75%
Providing a place for children to learn about nature	69%	72%
Providing fresh seafood	68%	72%

- Nearly four in five support development of a Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan.** Respondents were read a brief description of a regional ocean action plan, as detailed below. After hearing this description, more than two in five (41%) indicated that they “strongly” support the approach, with 79 percent overall offering support (as shown in **Figure 5**).

Our ocean is home to a wide array of marine life and contributes billions to the economy. But our ocean is increasingly busy with wind development, demand for offshore sand mining to rebuild beaches, and massive new cargo ships as a result of the Panama Canal expansion. Dozens of state and federal government agencies have overlapping and sometimes conflicting responsibilities for ocean management and little coordination. That is now changing. Coastal states including Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey, together with federal agencies, fisheries managers, and Native American tribes have developed an action plan to guide ocean decisions. Do you support or oppose development of this action plan for the Mid-Atlantic Ocean?

FIGURE 5: Support for Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Planning



Support for the approach is strong across nearly every major subgroup in the region, including:

- ✓ 84 percent of Democrats, 77 percent of Republicans, and 76 percent of Independents;
- ✓ 78 percent of white residents and 87 percent of residents of color;
- ✓ 72 percent or more at all income levels;
- ✓ 76 percent of men and 82 percent of women;
- ✓ 80 percent of those under 50 and 79 percent of those 50 and older; and
- ✓ Over 75 percent of respondents in each of the six states.

After a brief exchange of statements from supporters and opponents of the action plan, respondents continued to support it more than 6 to 1, with 79 percent in support and just 12 percent opposed.

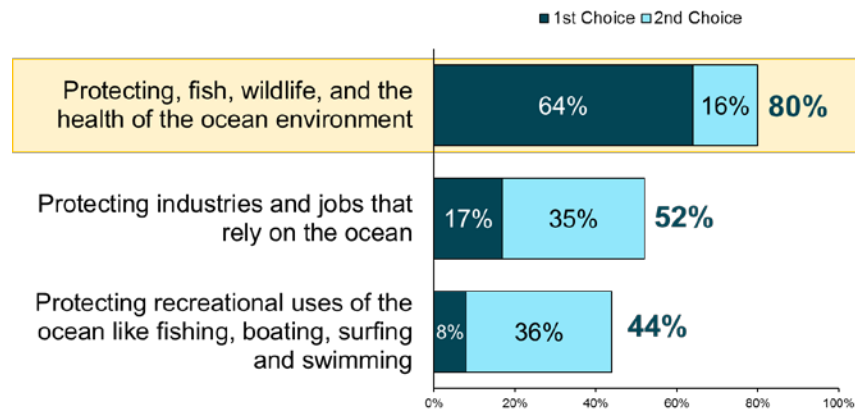
- **Several aspects of Mid-Atlantic regional ocean planning are broadly popular.** Respondents were read a list of different specific aspects of the ocean planning process, and asked whether they supported or opposed each aspect. As shown in **Figure 6** below, at least 85 percent support each aspect tested.

FIGURE 6: Support for Various Aspects of Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Planning

Aspect	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Total Support	Total Oppose
Identifying areas offshore that are important for the health of marine life	71%	25%	96%	3%
Committing agencies to conserve ocean areas important for fish and sea life	66%	27%	93%	5%
Setting objectives for ocean health and indicators to regularly measure progress in meeting those objectives	59%	32%	90%	6%

- **Mid-Atlantic residents rate protecting the health of the ocean environment as a clear top priority for regional ocean planning.** Survey respondents were asked to select a first and second priority for regional ocean planning from among three choices: environmental protection, protection of industries and jobs, and recreational uses. As shown in **Figure 7** on the next page, close to two-thirds (64%) choose protection of the environment as a first priority, and four in five (80%) choose it as either a first or second priority.

FIGURE 7: Choice of Top Priority for Mid-Atlantic Ocean Planning



Taken together, these survey results show that Mid-Atlantic residents place a high value on the ocean’s contribution to their quality of life and economy; recognize that it is vulnerable in the face of increasing demands placed upon it by multiple users; and strongly support a regional ocean planning process that will help to secure its long-term health.

From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 24, 2016 at 7:24 AM
Subject: Re: Correction: Comment Letters From Surfrider Chapters
To: Matt Gove <mgove@surfrider.org>

Thank you for submitting comments on the Draft Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan; we will post them on our website. The MidA RPB will consider all public comments in revising the Draft Plan, and will submit a final Plan to the National Ocean Council for its concurrence this fall. Please check our website <http://www.boem.gov/Ocean-Action-Plan/> for additional information.

On Tue, Aug 23, 2016 at 4:24 PM, Matt Gove <mgove@surfrider.org> wrote:
Please use these corrected letters, sorry for the confusion.

Matt

On Tue, Aug 23, 2016 at 12:01 PM, Matt Gove <mgove@surfrider.org> wrote:
Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body Members,

Attached are letters from Surfrider's nine volunteer chapters in the Mid-Atlantic region concerning the Draft Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan. We have also sent these letters to the federal elected officials in each chapter's region.

We will send additional comments before September 6. Thanks!

Matt

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Virginia Beach Chapter

August 22, 2016

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Re: Comments on the Draft Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan

Dear Ms. Leonard, Ms. McKay, and Mr. LaBelle:

On behalf of our hundreds of Virginia members, we would like to thank you for the hard work the Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body (RPB) has put into the Draft Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan (Draft Plan).

Surfrider is a national nonprofit environmental organization that engages a vast volunteer network of ocean users to protect the ocean, waves and beaches through conservation, activism, research, and education. Our volunteer chapter in Virginia is comprised of coastal enthusiasts and recreational users driven to make a positive difference in our communities, beaches, and ocean.

We are sharing this letter with our congressional members to show our support for the Draft Plan, the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal¹ and for the continuation of the RPB. The implementation of the Draft Plan and the use of the data on the Data Portal by state and federal agencies will improve management of our immensely popular, beautiful, and valuable coastal and ocean areas.

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In Virginia, the Surfrider Foundation found that every coastal visitor spent an average of \$66 per coastal visit.² There are millions of visitors to Virginia's coastline each year. According to NOAA's *Quick Report Tool for Socioeconomic Data*, the Virginia coastal tourism and recreation industry supports, per year, more than 60 thousand jobs and is worth \$1.9 billion in GDP.³

We support the Draft Plan's general principles of increased communication, collaboration, and data sharing between state and federal agencies that have authorities in the ocean. We also support specific actions laid out in the Draft Plan including:

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Virginia is famous for its beautiful beaches and recreational activities. Like many states in the Mid-Atlantic, sand management on our beaches is a constant concern, as is the possible construction of offshore wind turbines, offshore wastewater treatment outfall pipes, and exploration of oil and gas resources. We believe that the important work of the RPB will improve decisions and actions taken by state and federal agencies concerning these important issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Plan, and we look forward to future discussions about the RPB.

Sincerely,

Rob Gomez
Chair, The Virginia Beach Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation

CC: Senator Mark Warner
Senator Tim Kaine
Representative Rob Wittman
Representative Scott Rigell
Representative Bobby Scott
Representative Randy Forbes
Representative Don Beyer
Representative Gerry Connolly

² Surfrider Foundation. Mid-Atlantic Coastal and Ocean Recreation Study. *Available at:* http://surfridercdn.surfrider.org/images/uploads/publications/VA_Report.pdf

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Re: Comments on the Draft Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan

Dear Ms. Leonard, Ms. McKay, and Mr. LaBelle:

On behalf of our thousands of New York members, we would like to thank you for the hard work the Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body (RPB) has put into the Draft Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan (Draft Plan).

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In New York, the Surfrider Foundation found that every coastal visitor spent an average of \$56 per coastal visit.² There are millions of visitors to New York's coastline each year.

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According to NOAA's *Quick Report Tool for Socioeconomic Data*, the New York coastal tourism and recreation industry supports, per year, more than 310 thousand jobs and is worth \$18.4 billion in GDP.³

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New York is famous for its beautiful beaches and recreational activities. Like many states in the Mid-Atlantic, sand management on our beaches is a constant concern, as is the possible construction of offshore wind turbines, offshore wastewater treatment outfall pipes, and exploration of oil and gas resources. We believe that the important work of the RPB will improve decisions and actions taken by state and federal agencies concerning these important issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Plan, and we look forward to future discussions about the RPB.

Sincerely,

Nikita Scott
Chair, The New York City Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation

Michael Regan
Chair, The Central Long Island Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation

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Chair, The Eastern Long Island Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation

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Representative Lee Zeldin
Representative Pete King
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³ National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. ENOW Explorer. *Available at:* <https://www.coast.noaa.gov/enowexplorer>

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In New Jersey, the Surfrider Foundation found that every coastal visitor spent an average of \$74 per coastal visit.² There are millions of visitors to New Jersey's coastline each year. According to NOAA's *Quick Report Tool for Socioeconomic Data*, the New Jersey coastal

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tourism and recreation industry supports, per year, more than 88 thousand jobs and is worth \$3.2 billion in GDP.³

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Sincerely,

Bill Williams
Vice Chair, The Jersey Shore Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation

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Representative Frank Pallone
Representative Albio Sires
Representative Bonnie Watson Coleman
Representative Donald Payne

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In Maryland, the Surfrider Foundation found that every coastal visitor spent an average of \$102 per coastal visit.² There are millions of visitors to Maryland's coastline each year. According to NOAA's *Quick Report Tool for Socioeconomic Data*, the Maryland coastal tourism and recreation industry supports, per year, more than 66 thousand jobs and is worth \$2.9 billion in GDP.³

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Dear Ms. Leonard, Ms. McKay, and Mr. LaBelle:

On behalf of our hundreds of Delaware members, we would like to thank you for the hard work the Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body (RPB) has put into the Draft Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan (Draft Plan).

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In Delaware, the Surfrider Foundation found that every coastal visitor spent an average of \$47 per coastal visit.² There are millions of visitors to Delaware's coastline each year. According to NOAA's *Quick Report Tool for Socioeconomic Data*, the Delaware coastal tourism and recreation industry supports, per year, more than 19 thousand jobs and is worth \$619 million in GDP.³

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Delaware is famous for its beautiful beaches and recreational activities. Like many states in the Mid-Atlantic, sand management on our beaches is a constant concern, as is the possible construction of offshore wind turbines, offshore wastewater treatment outfall pipes, and exploration of oil and gas resources. We believe that the important work of the RPB will improve decisions and actions taken by state and federal agencies concerning these important issues.

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Dear Ms. Leonard, Ms. McKay, and Mr. LaBelle:

On behalf of our hundreds of Washington DC members, we would like to thank you for the hard work the Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body (RPB) has put into the Draft Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan (Draft Plan).

Surfrider is a national nonprofit environmental organization that engages a vast volunteer network of ocean users to protect the ocean, waves and beaches through conservation, activism, research, and education. Our volunteer chapter in Washington DC is comprised of coastal enthusiasts and recreational users driven to make a positive difference, not only in the greater DC area, but also in the Mid-Atlantic coastal areas that we frequently visit.

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In the Mid-Atlantic, the Surfrider Foundation found that every coastal visitor spent an average of \$71 per coastal visit.² There are millions of visitors to the Mid-Atlantic coastline each year. According to NOAA's *Quick Report Tool for Socioeconomic Data*, the Mid-

¹ Available at <http://portal.midatlanticocean.org/planner>

² Surfrider Foundation. Mid-Atlantic Coastal and Ocean Recreation Study. Available at: http://surfridercdn.surfrider.org/images/uploads/publications/Region_Report.pdf

Atlantic coastal tourism and recreation industry supports, per year, more than 540 thousand jobs and is worth \$27 billion in GDP.³

We support the Draft Plan's general principles of increased communication, collaboration, and data sharing between state and federal agencies that have authorities in the ocean. We also support specific actions laid out in the Draft Plan including:

1. Identification and protection of Environmentally Rich Areas (ERAs).
2. Identification and protection of priority recreational areas.
3. Early consultation with stakeholders on proposed offshore projects like wind farms and oil and gas infrastructure.
4. Improved communication and stakeholder outreach concerning beach engineering and nourishment projects.

The Mid-Atlantic is famous for its beautiful beaches and recreational activities. For many states in the Mid-Atlantic, sand management is a constant concern, as is the possible construction of offshore wind turbines, offshore wastewater treatment outfall pipes, and exploration of oil and gas resources. We believe that the important work of the RPB will improve decisions and actions taken by state and federal agencies concerning these important issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Plan, and we look forward to future discussions about the RPB.

Sincerely,

Anupa Akosan
Chair, The Washington DC Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation

CC: Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton
Representative Van Hollen
Representative Sarbanes
Representative Edwards
Representative Hoyer
Representative Don Beyer
Representative Gerry Connolly
Representative Comstock

³ National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. ENOW Explorer. *Available at:* <https://www.coast.noaa.gov/enowexplorer>

From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 2:33 PM
Subject: Re: Public Comment OAP
To: Shannon Alexander <salexander@a-npdc.org>

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On Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 2:00 PM, Shannon Alexander <salexander@a-npdc.org> wrote:
Good afternoon,

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan (OAP) is a wonderful guide to aiding the responsible use of our ocean areas. Unfortunately, our oceans have often been neglected due to their multijurisdictional nature and disproved theories of their resiliency and vastness. The process of developing the OAP brought together relevant parties to ensure that our regional, Atlantic resources are managed with consideration to various stakeholders, and that a long-term vision for collaborative management and collaboration is to be followed. The data portal is also a fantastic resource.

Best,

Shannon L. Alexander
Coastal Resources Program Manager
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23372 Front Street
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757-787-2936 x115

"Live simply so that others may simply live." ~St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:36 AM
Subject: Re: Chamber of Shipping of America Comment Letter on Mid A ocean plan
To: Sean Kline <skline@knowships.org>

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On Sat, Aug 27, 2016 at 5:30 AM, Sean Kline <skline@knowships.org> wrote:
Good Afternoon,
Please see the attached comment letter on the Mid A Regional Ocean Plan from the Chamber of Shipping of America.
If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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RE: Comments on Draft Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan

Dear Regional Planning Body Co-leads:

The Chamber of Shipping of America (CSA) is a membership based organization that acts as a subject matter expert on marine issues and those domestic and international legislative, regulatory, and administrative issues that fall under our expertise. We represent a membership of United States based companies that own, operate, charter, or maintain a commercial interest in ocean-faring tank, container or dry bulk vessels operating in both domestic and international economies. With more than thirty organizations depending on our representation, we speak for a diversity of interests including freight, oil and gas transportation, marine spill response, marine vessel inspection, and technology development over a wide array of ocean faring industries.

Our goal is to work with legislators to find a sustainable combination of environmentally responsible policies and viable maritime operating practices for our members and the ocean transportation industry as a whole. This will ensure that the strong marine transportation economy will remain one of the Mid-Atlantic's assets while also contributing to the improvement to the health of our shared ocean resource.

We applaud the work of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body (RPB) on the development of the draft Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan. We have been highly engaged in the planning process including representing the shipping industry through the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Oceans'



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Stakeholder Liaison Committee. The Chamber is happy with the RPB's engagement of the maritime community and, overall, we urge the RPB to continue to:

1. Advance the maritime data within the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal;
2. Clarify the ecological rich areas framework;
3. Commit to the objectives to improve agency coordination;
4. Continue robust outreach to the maritime community;
5. Consider a mechanism for maritime input on plan performance; and,
6. Ensure harmonization with the Northeast on shipping data.

Providing narrative descriptions of the future trends and needs of the maritime industry are helpful for agencies making decisions on how potential development projects could affect our industry. Specifically, the shipping industry operates at a global scale. The cumulative impacts over time to navigate around, for example, offshore wind turbines, can add up to hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost revenue over the course of a year simply in fuel costs. This in turn, has an effect on the economy and the price of goods. Understanding the complexities of our industry will help ocean managers make better, more informed decisions. The Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Plan approaches narrative descriptions of the industry through the Regional Ocean Assessment, compared to the Northeast Ocean Plan that includes descriptions within the ocean plan document itself. The format for discussing trends is less important, in our opinion, than the commitment to update relevant information. However, it is currently unclear how the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Assessment will be updated. We urge the RPB to revisit the future trends and needs of our industry when updates to the ocean plan occur and include them in the plan or assessment, where appropriate. Specifically, holding sector specific engagement opportunities is a good start to elucidate needs and trends of the industry. **We urge the RPB to make commitments to update and review information with the shipping industry.** The Chamber is eager to engage our members as necessary.

The Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal is a crucial component of the ocean plan and must be updated with appropriate maritime data over time. Maps on navigation and commercial traffic are valuable for those making decisions and working to address these regional, cumulative impacts discussed above. However, this data must continue to be updated as new information is obtained. RPB agencies must commit to providing additional data through new analyses (*as outlined in Maritime Commerce Action One*). We also agree with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and U.S. Department of Transportation (*Action One, Step C*) on the need to develop a data management process that provides timely and relevant vessel traffic data. We also support the review of data for monthly and seasonal traffic variability.

While Automatic Identification System (AIS) data is not called out specifically in the plan, it is referenced in the data portal with relevant maritime data. We have heard conflicting viewpoints on the future of AIS data; however, from a shipping perspective, it is imperative that AIS data be maintained. While we understand that data collection and management is costly, **AIS data must be a priority.** Overall, advancements and updates to the data portal are key to the ocean planning process. **We strongly urge the RPB to identify and commit to the long-term maintenance of the data portal with ample funding to ensure future success of the regional ocean plan.**

The Chamber sees the value and need to be inclusive of all data and information on our ocean including both ocean user and marine life data. The shipping industry strives to be good environmental stewards



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and we see the value in agencies and ocean users having access to marine life datasets. We urge the RPB, however, to clearly define a transparent process for ecologically rich areas. We understand the value in this framework approach but would like a clearly defined, transparent process to continue that gives all stakeholders a comfort level with which we can move forward together in support of the framework and identification of ecologically rich areas. There are numerous data sets and approaches in other contexts that seek to define areas important ecologically; we urge the RPB to clearly articulate how these will add to or differ from ongoing work and, more importantly, **commit to an open, transparent, and scientifically-driven process.**

We were happy to see agency commitments to improve coordination, especially with respect to USCG, Maritime Administration (MARAD), and Army Corps of Engineers. We fully believe that better coordination among the agencies managing our waterways results in better decisions for the shipping industry; USCG, MARAD and USACE are important voices for the shipping industry in federal decision-making. Overall, our hope is that USCG will continue to be a leader in regional ocean planning. We support the commitments from RPB agencies, like the USCG, to identify and address emerging commerce and navigation needs. A commitment from USCG to facilitate pre-application discussions with potentially affected stakeholders is also of the utmost importance. **We urge the RPB agencies to fully commit to these actions and for USCG to continue to take a leadership role.**

The commitment to continue engagement with potentially affected ocean users before a proposed project occurs offshore is of the utmost importance to the Chamber and our members. As we discussed above, cumulative impacts of proposed projects can be incredibly devastating to the shipping industry. **RPB agencies must clearly define and hold firm on their commitments for enhanced stakeholder engagement.** From our perspective, the strength of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan is the commitment to coordinate better among federal, state, tribal, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, and ocean users. We know that RPB agencies will need to be flexible in the nature of their individual outreach to stakeholders; however, we urge the RPB to take these commitments seriously and **outline a plan of action for how agencies will identify stakeholders more effectively within the decision-making process.**

The ocean plan performance monitoring and evaluation should include a mechanism that allows stakeholders to provide input on plan performance and petition the RPB to address a specific management issue. This approach could take on many forms, but allowing stakeholders to request the RPB to discuss improvements to the plan has the benefit of improving future iterations of the plan while also enhancing stakeholder engagement. This type of stakeholder input during plan implementation could greatly enhance the performance and monitoring evaluation of the ocean plan.

Lastly, the shipping industry operates at a global scale. We urge the Mid-Atlantic RPB to work with the Northeast RPB to ensure harmonization of policies, data, and practices as it pertains to the shipping industry. We agree that a regional approach is the appropriate lens through which to plan, but simply ask for some consistency when shipping is being considered. A better understanding from decision makers on the scale at which our members operate will lead to more informed decisions that support our shipping economy.



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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan. We congratulate the RPB on the progress made to date and hope our comments will be taken to make improvements to the benefit of our members.

Sincerely,

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Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:35 AM
Subject: Re: Fw:PUBLIC COMMENT ON FEDERAL REGISTER
To: Jean Public <jeanpublic1@yahoo.com>

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On Fri, Aug 26, 2016 at 4:05 PM, Jean Public <jeanpublic1@yahoo.com> wrote:

--- On Fri, 8/26/16, Jean Public <jeanpublic1@yahoo.com> wrote:

> From: Jean Public <jeanpublic1@yahoo.com>
> Subject: Fw:PUBLIC COMMENT ON FEDERAL REGISTER
> To: MIDATLANTIC.RFB@BOEM.GOV, INFO@PEWTRUSTS.ORG
> Cc: SCOOP@HUFFINGTONPOST.COM, LETTERS@NYTIMES.COM
> Date: Friday, August 26, 2016, 3:35 PM
> U AN VERY SKEPTICAL ABOUT GOVT AT ANY
> LEVEL LISTENING TOH T HEPUBLIC. THE RICH CORPORATIONS HAVE
> SO MANY LOBBYISTS AND RICH WHITE CORPORATE MEN GETING WHAT
> THEY WANT THAT CLARLY THE PEOPLE WITH NO MONEY TO PUSH HAT
> THEY WANT ARE GETTING OVERLOOKED EVERY SINGLE TIME. IT
> DOESNT SEEM TO MATTER, UNLESS YOY UGO TO COURT AND FIGHT,
> THAT YOU EVER HAVE A CHANCE WITH THE GOVT AGENCIES THAT
> OPERATE AS RUBBER STAMPS FOR RICH CORPORATIONS. WE
> DONT HAV EDEMOCRACY FOR THE OCMMON PERSON ANYMORE. IT S
> AFABLE AND FAKE.THIS PROCESS IS A COMPLETE FAKE. THE PLAN IS
> ALREADY AS MUCH AS APPROVED.
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> FPSIES, ALL BIRD POPULATIONS, ALL WILDIF ENEEDS TO BE FULLY
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> EIN PROFUSION, SO MUCH PROFUSION THAT WILDLIFE HAS NO CHANCE
> AT SURVIVAL ANY MORE. IF ANY PART OF THEIR BODY CAN BE USED,
> THEY DIE. THIS PLAN FOR A HEALTH OCEAN NEEDS HEALTHY
> LIFE IN INT. DREDGING FOR EXAMPLE KILLS THE SEA BOTTOM FOR
> 30 TO 50 YEARS SO WHY IS IT ALLOWED. WHY DONT YOU SHUT IT
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> BY THE MILLIONS AND YET YOU HAVE DONE NOTHING TO STOP THEIR
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> THIS PLAN WIL PROBABLY GO ALONG WITH THE SAME ETHOS.
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> ALLOWING THE PROFITEERS TO MAKE MONEY FROM THE SINKING OF
> OLD SHIPS ON REEFS. YOU CA BE SURE SOMEBODYH IN NJ GOVT IS
> MAKING MONEY FROM THE SINKING OF SHIPS AS JUNK ON THE BOTTM
> OF THE OCEAN. NJ IS SO CORRUPT AND IT JUST GOES ON YEAR
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> DO NOTHING TO STOP THE CORRUPTION GOING ON IN THE NJ
> AREA.
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> CONTINUE DOING WHAT THEY DID 100 YEARS AGO WHEN SO MUCH OF
> THAT HAS NO VALID8ITY AND COSTS TAXPAYERS MONEY. I SEE NO
> ADAPTATION TO MODERNITY. BECAUSE WE COUNTED BIRDS ONE WAY
> 100 YEARS AGO, WE STILL DO THE SAM THING WHEN BIRD
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> IT GOES ON IN ALL STATES. AND THE FEDS DOP NOTHIGN AND TAKE
> NO STEPS TO CLEAN UP SO THEY MUST BE IN I T TOO., NJ IS
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> NICE LOOKING PLANS AND THE ACTIONS TO REALLY CLEAN UP WHAT
> IS GOING ON IS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND. YOU DONT INTEND TO DO
> ANYTHIGN OTHER THAN WHAT TEH BIG BOYS TELL YOU DO TO. THIS
> COMMENT IS FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD. PLEASE RECEIPT. JEAN
> PUBLIEE JENPUBLIC1@YAHOO.COM

>> Stand

>> With Us for Healthy Oceans

>> Recently you

>> signed a petition urging Congress to protect the

>> Mid-Atlantic ocean. Along with almost 4,000 citizens,

> you

>> raised your voice in support of a smart ocean action

> plan

>> for our region that will protect the ocean, its

> inhabitants,

>> and the people who live along the coast.

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>> We appreciate

>> your support and hope you can stand with us one more

> time

>> for healthy oceans.

>> As part of

>> this effort to craft a plan that will protect the

> ocean, the

>> authors of the draft Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan now

> want to

>> know what we think. We have until September 6 to

> provide comments for the Regional Planning

>> Body to consider when finalizing the Plan. So help us

> tell

>> the Planning Body we want to see a Plan that reflects

> our

>> values.

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>> The Society

>> is urging the Planning Body to ensure the Final Plan

>> contains:

>> * A way for

>> everyone involved to put the plan into action;

>> * A deadline

>> - in the very near future - to identify ocean areas

> that are

>> important for marine life and commitments to protect

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> > places; and
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> > * Solid commitments from Federal agencies to work
> > together
> > through the plan as they make decisions that affect
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> > ocean and coast.
> > Help make
> > sure the plan turns into real action and isn't just
> > words on a paper by submitting comments through our
> online petition. Or craft your own message
> > for the Planning Body and send it to:\n/>> > Mr. Robert P.
> > LaBelle, Federal Co-Lead
> > Bureau of
> > Ocean Energy Management
> > 45600
> > Woodland Road
> > Mailstop:
> > VAM-BOEM DIR
> > Sterling, VA
> > 20166
> > or email: MidAtlanticRPB@boem.gov
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> > Thank you for
> > raising your voice to ensure healthy oceans.

> > www.littoralsociety.org
> > Leaders in coastal
> > conservation since 1961, the American Littoral Society,
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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:38 AM
Subject: Re: Protection of MidAtlantic
To: StephanieChristoff <StephanieChristoff@yahoo.com>

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On Sat, Aug 27, 2016 at 9:06 AM, StephanieChristoff <StephanieChristoff@yahoo.com> wrote:
My name is Stephanie Christoff and I frequent the MidAtlantic Ocean beaches. I have been troubled for several years re: increased pollution on our shores.

Approximately three years ago, I visited a beach in Rye, Ny. Though I paid for parking and an entrance fee, there was floating plastic wrappers and bottles in the Long Island Sound. I found myself cleaning up the ocean, while paid lifeguards watched. There was also a used condom on the beach. When I returned to the beach the following weekend, the used condom was still there. Whether it was the same used condom or not, I do not know.

From that point forward, I began driving down to the Jersey Shore to Bayshore Waterfront Park in Monmouth County, off of Port Monmouth Rd. This beach has free parking, no entrance fee and public restrooms. Last year, I spent an hour cleaning empty beer cans and plastic bottles, plastic wrappers and trash off of the shore. Frankly, my back was so sore to spend the additional hour to completely clean up the beach. There were labels from Brooklyn, NY, on the trash. I suspect garbage is making its way across the bay from NY to the Jersey Shore. You can see south Manhattan and Brooklyn from this beach.

My following trip to that same beach had less trash on the shore. However, I found myself swimming in what felt like an oil slick. Needless to say, I felt sick for 24 hours after my trip to Monmouth County Bayshore Waterfront.

My thoughts were, if I am encountering all of these issues on my random trips to the beach; I shudder to think how our marine life is suffering.

My residential address is in White Plains, Ny. In general, I find the blatant disrespect for the environment of people littering in White Plains to be epidemic. The school grounds behind my condo has a track that I frequent daily. I requested that the school place recycling containers on the grounds. Yet, people continue to throw their empty glass and plastic bottles, wrappers and trash on school grounds ignoring the containers. The bottle caps land in the sewers and float out to sea. I have seen birds try and eat styrafoam. I am saddened. I spend at least 15 minutes to one hour daily volunteering my time to clean up the park. However, this is not enough.

People need to learn that littering and not recycling harms everyone. This can only happen, if the government steps in and starts mandating recycling and penalizing those that continue to litter on our grounds and in our oceans. I am hopeful, that these comments will be taken seriously to address these issues and clean up our shores. Thank you for reading these comments.

Stephanie Christoff
914-471-2799

Not only does our government need to address cleaning and recycling human debris in our oceans, we need to address these issues on our lands.

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S®4, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:36 AM
Subject: Re: Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan - Comments
To: Eric Spray <espray@optimum.net>

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On Fri, Aug 26, 2016 at 8:41 PM, Eric Spray <espray@optimum.net> wrote:
Dear Mr. Robert P. LaBelle, Federal Co-Lead Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan is an ambitious project that is absolutely necessary to enhance and preserve our ocean ecosystems.

A tremendous amount of thought and organization has clearly gone into the existing Action Plan.

My minor comments focus on the implementation of the Final Plan:

- A means for everyone involved to put the plan into action;
- A deadline, in the near future, to identify ocean areas that are important for marine life and commitments to protect those places; and
- Solid commitments from Federal agencies to work together through the plan as they make decisions that affect the ocean and coast.

I really hope this Action Plan finds success in implementation and operation.

Best Regards,
Eric Spray

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Mountain Lakes, NJ 07046

From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:03 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Jill Devine <devineworks1@comcast.net>

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On Fri, Aug 26, 2016 at 6:16 PM, Jill Devine <feedback@lcv.org> wrote:

Aug 26, 2016

Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body
Dear Regional Planning Body,

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- Set a short, definitive deadline - ideally by the end of this year - to identify and post on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal areas offshore that are important for the health of marine life (ecologically rich areas or ERAs).
- Strengthen Federal agency commitments to the Plan's tools for coordinating agency decisions. It is unacceptable that even a few actions outlined in the draft Plan do not have a lead federal agency or tasks the entire RPB with overseeing implementation.

With these additions to the Plan, I know our region will take a big step forward toward a healthier Atlantic Ocean. Make Ocean Vessels/engines extremely more quiet. The deafening noises and vibrations are driving many species and ocean - dwelling inhabitants to beach themselves and die trying to escape the loud echoing because of they can't escape the increasingly irritating sounds. The deafening noises also causes the species not to be able to communicate with their kind for survival purposes like finding prey and avoiding being prey to other species. We are literally killing ocean life-forms due to our greed of need of things being transported continuously across the oceans. The constant selfishness of fulfilling our desires are fueling the deaths of our greatly needed ocean life-forms. The eco-balance of our oceans are being disrupted to feed our selfish needs. If we destroy them, then we are actually destroying ourselves in the long-run. We must respect all other life forms or we'll destroy the eco-balance needed to survive. Tests have proven that an under-water "cong-sound" made off the coast of Nova Scotia canbe heard across the entire Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Virginia. We have to find a way to make our ocean-going vessel sounds from tons ofcriss-crossing ocean ships more quiet or we'll pay a steep price for our greed!

Jill Devine
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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 26, 2016 at 3:44 PM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Marie Maciel <mtctam@outlook.com>

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To: Mary Derengowski <derengowskm@mail.montclair.edu>

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Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Marla Humphreys <marlahumphreys@yahoo.com>

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To: Christina Di Marco <christinadimarco@comcast.net>

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Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 7:44 AM
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To: Elyse Sternberg <esternberg64@comcast.net>

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 7:45 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Linda Rossin-Paessler <lindarossin@mac.com>

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To: L Schippert <openingyoureyes@verizon.net>

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Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Cynthia Rose <cindy41854@hotmail.com>

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Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 7:57 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Gail Genzone <gailrose24@gmail.com>

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To: Yvonne Irvin <irvinjoell@cs.com>

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 7:59 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Debra Plishka <debbie.shortlegs@gmail.com>

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Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:00 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Nancy McLelland <nmcvan56@comcast.net>

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Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:00 AM
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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:02 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: ktjane1969@gmail.com

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From: **KnowWho Services** <noreply@knowwho.services>
Date: Sat, Aug 27, 2016 at 10:12 PM
Subject: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

Dear Robert LaBelle,

Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body Members--

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But it is precisely all of that hard work that is at risk if the final plan is not specific enough or doesn't significantly change how our oceans are managed to keep them healthy and functioning into the future.

Please use all of the data now available to you and delineate where the most productive areas of the ocean are located. Without that information how will we know where to place future projects like offshore wind farms?

The ocean planning process represents a rare opportunity to look into the future and decide what we want our ocean to look like. Please create a final ocean plan for the Mid-Atlantic that gets us to your vision of a healthy, clean, thriving ocean.

Thank you

Sincerely,

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:03 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Matthew Franck <cnjmatt@optonline.net>

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Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:04 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Patricia Rowell <patriciarowell@verizon.net>

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Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:04 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: "Sandy J." <sj1183@yahoo.com>

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Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:05 AM
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To: "Charles D. Kerr" <cdk148@comcast.net>

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:07 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: George Costich <vzgeorgcostich@verizon.net>

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:08 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Todd Wolf <creatrdoc@aol.com>

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Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
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Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:09 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
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Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:10 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Sue Bedrick <poohbear10954@yahoo.com>

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:11 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: "Catherine L. Winsor" <winsormclean@aol.com>

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Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:18 AM
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To: Winnie Chung <irtrustno1@aol.com>

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:29 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Janis Todd <jbtodd26@verizon.net>

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:29 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Cheryl Dzubak <cadzubak@gmail.com>

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:30 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Harlan Abernethy <halabernethy@gmail.com>

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:30 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Pauline Mulqueen <pmulqueen@verizon.net>

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Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:30 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: "G. D." <gdeannuntis57@gmail.com>

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:31 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Carolyn Foote Edelmann <cfootedelmann@aol.com>

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:31 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Margery Schiff <margies929@yahoo.com>

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NY 10605-1609
margies929@yahoo.com

From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 8:52 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Jean Standish <jestandish@hotmail.com>

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Date: Mon, Aug 22, 2016 at 7:29 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: sjedinger@hotmail.com

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From: **KnowWho Services** <noreply@knowwho.services>
Date: Sun, Aug 21, 2016 at 5:57 PM
Subject: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 22, 2016 at 7:30 AM
Subject: Re: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: wtrobins@yahoo.com

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Tue, Aug 23, 2016 at 7:34 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Grace Bowne <gbowne199@gmail.com>

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Date: Tue, Aug 23, 2016 at 7:34 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Lewis Johnson <lou3johnson@gmail.com>

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Date: Tue, Aug 23, 2016 at 3:05 PM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 24, 2016 at 7:25 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: brennanson@gmail.com

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From: **KnowWho Services** <noreply@knowwho.services>
Date: Tue, Aug 23, 2016 at 9:08 PM
Subject: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 7:26 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Joseph Ponisciak <jpon4@comcast.net>

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 10:23 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: andy.herbick@gmail.com

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 26, 2016 at 7:42 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Sarah winter whelan <winter.sarah@gmail.com>

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On Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 5:39 PM, Sarah winter whelan <feedback@lcv.org> wrote:

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 26, 2016 at 7:42 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Beth Winter <bawinter@gmail.com>

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On Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 6:17 PM, Beth Winter <feedback@lcv.org> wrote:

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 26, 2016 at 7:42 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Helen Henderson <hhlaceyrailtrail@msn.com>

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 26, 2016 at 7:43 AM
Subject: Re: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: wakened@gmail.com

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 26, 2016 at 3:10 PM
Subject: Re: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: luckyduck07@comcast.net

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Shannon Gipple
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Blackwood, NJ 08012
luckyduck07@comcast.net
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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 26, 2016 at 3:10 PM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Shannon Gipple <luckyduck07@comcast.net>

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241 Marshall Ave
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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 26, 2016 at 3:19 PM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Merrill Biancosino <biancosino@msn.com>

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 26, 2016 at 3:19 PM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: jeanine galvan <jgalvaneast@aol.com>

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 26, 2016 at 3:19 PM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: gessenia liz <sweetface155@gmail.com>

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 26, 2016 at 3:19 PM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Kay Johnson <kajohnson5@windstream.net>

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To: "G. Cruz" <binky42204@yahoo.com>

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Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Barbara Sykes <sykes.barbara@verizon.net>

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