

Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Planning 5 year Timeline: DRAFT for RPB Discussion (version 9-16-13)

<p style="text-align: center;">2013 – 2014</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Organize and identify goals/products</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2015 – 2016</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Complete first iteration products and implement actions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2017 – 2018</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Implement, adapt, and iterate</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPB organizes its operations (including charter, staffing, workgroups/subcommittees, technical/advisory bodies). • Stakeholder engagement mechanisms instituted/identified for every step in process, transparency measures in place. • Vision, goals, and objectives; specific actions and principles; and geographic focus areas established with strong stakeholder input (public engagement and further deliberation by RPB in winter/spring 2014, goals finalized by late spring 2014). • Goals drive development of a work plan. Work plan is developed (start developing fall 2013 and finalize first iteration summer 2014 as informed by goals development process). • Begin/continue development of suite of products, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional assessment (of ocean resources and human uses) to integrate data and inform management ○ Capacity assessment ○ (Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work plan implementation continues (and work plan is refined as needed). • First iteration of initial suite of products is completed (e.g., regional assessment and capacity assessment). • Determine additional products (e.g. possible ocean plan) and clearly define their purpose and timeline for development. • Monitoring and evaluation is underway. • Stakeholder engagement continues to be strong, grounded in positive public experiences with process. • Region begins to experience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increased collaboration about ocean management decisions ○ Heightened awareness of marine protection and sustainable development issues ○ Increased leveraging of data acquisition ○ Greater predictability and efficiency of decision making ○ Progress toward substantive regional ocean planning goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Products are refined to account for new information (adaptive and iterative). • Other appropriate products (e.g. possible ocean plan) are finalized and implementation is underway.

CONTINUOUS: Stakeholder Engagement, Data Collection/Sharing/Integration, and Adaptation of Planning Products

