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## **Public Meeting of the MidA Regional Planning Body**

**Wednesday, January 24, 2018**

EPA Region 3 Headquarters  
1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

**Please register in advance to have your name on the list for building security admittance:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mid-atlantic-regional-planning-body-public-meeting-tickets-39939720780>

### **Meeting Objectives:**

- Present progress on implementation of the *Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan* and next steps for implementation;
- To engage with Mid-Atlantic stakeholders on implementation of the *Plan*;
- Present updates from the Ecologically Rich Areas (ERAs) Workshop (November 2017), and reach consensus on next steps;
- Consider and reach RPB consensus on next steps for the Healthy Ocean Indicators Steering Committee;
- Showcase updates to the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal; and
- Receive public input on topics under consideration by the MidA RPB during a formal public comment period.

**9:30 am**

#### **Registration**

- Reminder to stakeholders to sign up for formal public comment period.

**10:00 am**

#### **Tribal blessing**

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

**10:05 am**

#### **EPA welcome**

*Sherilyn Lau, EPA*

**10:15 am**

#### **Introductions and agenda review**

*RPB Co-Leads (Kelsey Leonard, Shinnecock Nation, Tribal Co-lead; Laura McKay, VA CZM Program, State Co-lead; Darlene Finch, NOAA/OCM, Federal Co-lead)*

- Welcome to new RPB members
- Round robin introductions
- Agenda review
- Reminder to participants to sign-up for public comment at registration table by 1:00 pm

**10:20 am** Discussion of updates from [Semi-Annual Reports on Progress and Work Plans](#)

**10:50 am** Update on Ecologically Rich Areas (ERAs)

*Laura McKay, Lead, Ecologically Rich Areas Work Group*

- Report out from Nov 2017 workshop
- Discussion of [Work Group recommendation](#)

**11:30 am** Healthy Ocean Indicators

*Karen Chytalo, Lead, Healthy Ocean Indicators Steering Committee*

- Report out from July 2017 workshop
- Discussion of [Steering Committee recommendation](#)

**12:00 pm** Lunch -- Several options available locally within walking distance

***Reminder for those wanting to provide comments during the public comment period to register at the registration table by 1:00 pm***

**1:00 pm** Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal

*Nick Napoli, Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal*

- Update on new data layers and tools
- Progress on OAP portal actions

**1:30 pm** **Topic Station Discussions:** The afternoon is devoted to interactive table discussions to allow the public to circulate among “topic/action stations.” The RPB will engage informally in small group discussion with the public around implementation status of select individual OAP actions. Table tent signs for OAP actions will provide visual support. Informal input gained will inform RPB members as to next steps to take in implementing the plan.

**3:00 pm** **Public Comment:** Interested members of the public are provided an opportunity to offer formal public comment on any topics they wish. Any comments submitted in writing will be posted on the MidA RPB website. Depending on how many individuals would like to comment, the time limit will be between 2-3 minutes. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting registration table.

**3:45 pm** **RPB members reflect on public input:** RPB members will reflect on informal discussion with the public and input gathered during breakouts, and during the public comment session, sharing with one another what they heard.

- RPB consensus on Work Group recommendation for Ecologically Rich Areas
- RPB consensus on Steering Committee recommendation for Healthy Ocean Indicators
- RPB consensus on semi-annual work plans for actions with work groups

4:45 pm

**Closing Remarks**

*RPB Co-Leads*

5:00 pm

**Adjourn**