

Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body (MidA RPB) Webinar Questions

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Message	Participant Name
Is there any way I can get these slides prior to the Pacific Island RPB meeting?	Sarah Pautzke
Your XY graph seems a bit misleading. Wouldn't Options C and D also involve a lot of consensus and political issues if both Options involve choosing particular areas in the ocean to focus on?	Matt Gove
Thank you for organizing the webinar and for providing additional background information concerning the three documents that the RPB has released. Concerning the 5 options in the "Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Plan Options" document: Comment: 1. We are happy to hear that the RPB would entertain hybrid combinations of options. Question: 1. Given that the RPB is accepting comments on options A - E, and we can propose a hybrid, can you describe in greater detail what was involved in options A and E, and what specifically made them impractical? What aspects of the Data and Analysis, Implementation Plan, Plan Updates, Interjurisdictional Coordination Process components were impractical?	Noah Chesnin
How will the new RPB data portal make use of and interact with the MARACOOS data portal?	Rebecca Green
The Northeast RPB is currently considering a set of very specific options for identifying ecologically important areas and for efficient decision-making. Most of these options seem both cross-cutting across your plan options B-D, and potentially broader-reaching than any individual option. Can you compare and contrast what you're proposing and what the NE is proposing?	Anne Merwin
Why are comments due by Nov 20th (a 4 week turnaround), when the RPB meeting isn't until Jan 20th? Is there work the RPB is planning on doing in response to comments - e.g. revising options - between Nov 20 and Jan 20?	Anne Merwin
Just to clarify, do options A and E remain under consideration?	Brent Greenfield

If the last bit of Option E were removed: "and optimal uses recommended for each type of area"--would that change the RPB's mind about the feasibility of that option?	Matt Gove
The RPB states that a goal of the ROA is to inform the ROAP. However, it's not clear in the ROA outline how information will be used. For example, how will the ROA data be used to ensure that you are meeting the Goal of Healthy Ocean Ecosystems?	Regan Nelson
Would the RPB consider a similar stakeholder workshop for working through these options?	Sarah Whelan
Are options A and E going to be fleshed out for review like B-D are in the Options Draft Example Outline?	Sarah Pautzke