

Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Planning

Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body Meeting

January 21-22, 2015

Agenda

Meeting Objectives

- Refine and approve a proposed approach for a Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan (OAP)
- Identify next steps to develop the OAP, including a work plan, a stakeholder engagement plan, and interjurisdictional coordination opportunities and actions
- Develop clear and detailed guidance for further development of the Regional Ocean Assessment
- Share information about activities underway that are relevant for Mid-Atlantic regional ocean planning
- Receive public input on topics under consideration by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body

Location: Jacob K. Javits Federal Building at 26 Federal Plaza, 6th Floor
Conference Room AB, New York, NY 10278

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

8:30 am **Registration**

9:30 am **Welcoming remarks**

9:45 am **Introductions and agenda review**

Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute

10:15 am **Review of progress since last meeting and context setting**

- *Robert LaBelle, Federal RPB Co-Lead, Senior Advisor to the Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior*
- *Kelsey Leonard, Tribal RPB Co-Lead, Shinnecock Indian Nation*
- *Gwynne Schultz, State RPB Co-Lead, Senior Coastal and Ocean Policy Advisor, Maryland Department of Natural Resources*

During this session, RPB Co-Leads will present brief updates of progress since the last RPB meeting in May 2014 and describe the decisions to be made by the RPB at this meeting.

10:30 am **Presentation and discussion: *Proposed Approach to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan***

- *Karen Chytalo, New York Department of Environmental Conservation, Ocean Action Plan Options Workgroup Co-Chair*
- *Robert LaBelle, Federal RPB Co-Lead, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Ocean Action Plan Options Workgroup Co-Chair*

This session will begin with a presentation of the *Proposed Approach to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan* and how the RPB created this approach from November 2014 through January 2015, as informed by public input. This will be followed by RPB discussion.

11:15 am **Public comment session: *Proposed Approach to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan***

Interested members of the public will be provided an opportunity to offer public comment. They will be encouraged to focus their comments on the specific topics being discussed by the RPB at this point on the agenda (the *Proposed Approach to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan*) although they are welcome to address 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.

12:00 pm **Lunch**

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

(12:30 pm is the cut-off to sign up for the 1:00 pm public comment session)

1:00 pm **Continue discussion: *Proposed Approach to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan***

This session is an opportunity for further discussion related to the OAP as informed by public input.

1:45 pm **Presentation on New York ocean planning processes**

Karen Chytalo, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Michael Snyder, New York State Department of State

The objective of this session is to provide an update on New York State's ocean planning processes to help inform the RPB's thinking and discussions of the regional ocean action plan.

2:15 pm Break

2:30 pm Updates from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO) on its stakeholder engagement activities

- *Kris Ohleth, MARCO Executive Director*
- *Bob Wargo, North American Submarine Cable Association, Member of MARCO Stakeholder Liaison Committee*
- *John Harms, Port of New York and New Jersey, in collaboration with MARCO Stakeholder Liaison Committee*
- *Gwynne Schultz, State RPB Co-Lead, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, MARCO Management Board Chair*

This session will provide MARCO and representatives of the MARCO Stakeholder Liaison Committee an opportunity to update the RPB about MARCO's recent stakeholder engagement efforts, activities of the Stakeholder Liaison Committee, and potential future stakeholder engagement opportunities.

3:00 pm Updates on Tribal engagement efforts

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

This session will be an opportunity for the Tribal RPB Co-Lead and MARCO Management Board Chair to update the RPB about the status of tribal engagement in the Mid-Atlantic region.

(3:45 pm is the cut-off to sign up for the 4:15 pm public comment session)

3:15 pm Presentation and discussion: Regional Ocean Assessment outline and example sections

Kevin Chu, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Regional Ocean Assessment Workgroup Co-Chair

This session will begin with a presentation of the Regional Ocean Assessment (ROA) outline and example sections developed by the RPB as informed by public input. This will be followed by RPB discussion.

4:15 pm Public comment session: Regional Ocean Assessment outline and example sections

Interested members of the public will be provided an opportunity to offer public comment. They will be encouraged to focus their comments on the specific topics being discussed by the RPB at this point on the agenda (the Regional Ocean Assessment outline and example sections) although they are welcome to address 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.

5:00 pm Reflection on public comment and day 1 wrap-up

The RPB will briefly reflect on public input during the previous comment session and any other points to conclude day 1.

5:15 pm Adjourn

Thursday, January 22, 2015

8:30 am Registration

9:00 am Welcome back, summary day 1, agenda review day 2

Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute

9:15 am Discussion, reflection on comments received, and approval of the *Approach to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan*

This session will be an opportunity for the RPB to discuss any outstanding topics related to the *Proposed Approach to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan*, including any final refinements, and approve the approach.

10:00 am Discussion, reflection on comments received, and refinement of ROA outline and example sections

This session will be an opportunity for the RPB to discuss any outstanding topics related to the ROA materials and to discuss whether the RPB is comfortable with proceeding to populate the ROA as proposed.

10:30 am Break

10:45 am Panel and discussion: Data and analysis tools to support ocean planning going forward

- *Nick Napoli, Northeast Regional Ocean Council*
- *Pat Halpin, Duke University*
- *Laura McKay, Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program*

This panel will discuss potential analyses and products that could support the work of the RPB going forward. This will be followed by RPB discussion.

12:15 pm Lunch

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

1:15 pm Interjurisdictional coordination opportunities and next steps

Deerin Babb-Brott, SeaPlan

Interjurisdictional coordination would be a key component of the proposed OAP approach. This session will begin with a presentation of the *Proposed Process, Criteria, and Examples of Potential Interjurisdictional Coordination Actions* document. This will be followed by RPB discussion of a proposed process and criteria for identifying interjurisdictional coordination (IJC) opportunities and actions, examples offered in the document, consideration of how potential data and analyses discussed earlier in the meeting could support IJC discussions, and ideas about IJC opportunities in the region.

2:45 pm Discussion of next steps for RPB workflows

During this session, the RPB would discuss next steps for key workflows needed to support development of the OAP in 2015-2016. These would include:

- 2:45 pm: Stakeholder engagement opportunities and next steps
- 3:15 pm: ROA process and timeline
- 3:30 pm: Moving ahead to develop the OAP

(3:30 pm is the cut-off to sign up for the 4:00 pm public comment session)

3:45 pm Break

- 4:00 pm** **Public comment session: Additional topics, including data and analysis tools, IJC, and RPB next steps**
Interested members of the public will be provided an opportunity to offer public comment. They will be encouraged to focus their comments on the specific topics being discussed by the RPB at this point on the agenda although they are welcome to address 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.
- 4:45 pm** **Identify any next steps still outstanding, and revisit timeline for 2015-2016**
The RPB will wrap up the meeting by reflecting once more on the timeline for 2015-2016 and discussing any remaining next steps that have not yet been clarified.
- 5:15 pm** **Summary**
- 5:30 pm** **Adjourn**