

June 15, 2017

**Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body Public Meeting
Tuesday, June 20, 2017**

Silver Spring Metro Center Building 5
1301 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Public Meeting Objectives

- Present progress on implementation of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan and planned next steps for implementation through dialogue with stakeholders
- Showcase updates to the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal
- Present updates from Ecologically Rich Areas (ERAs) Workshop
- Consider and reach RPB consensus on the Marine Debris Work Group's recommendation for a regional marine debris reduction strategy
- Receive public input on topics under consideration by the MidA RPB during a formal public comment period

8:30 am

Registration

Sign up for formal public comment period

9:00 am

Tribal blessing

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

9:05 am

NOAA welcome

- *Dr. Paul Doremus, NOAA Acting Deputy Administrator*

9:15 am

Introductions and agenda review (April)

Reminder to sign-up for public comment at registration table by 3:30 pm

9:20 am

Overview of how the RPB is implementing the plan

- Work groups, annual work planning etc. (**Laura McKay**)
- Research/Science agenda (**Kevin Chu**)
- Template for performance monitoring and evaluation (**Lisa Croft**)

9:40 am

Select Action Updates (Updates on additional actions are available as handouts at the registration desk)

- Healthy ocean indicators (**Karen Chytalo/Contractors**)
- Ocean energy (**BOEM**) **Darrell Francois**

10:00 am

Break

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- 10:15 am** **Marine Debris**
Buddy LoBue, Environmental Protection Agency & Laura McKay, Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program
- Report out from June workshop and survey of RPB members
 - Discussion on work group recommendations for regional marine debris actions
- 11:00 am** **Ecologically Rich Areas**
Laura McKay, Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program & Jesse Cleary, Marine Life Data Analysis Team/Duke University
- Presentation of the latest iteration of marine life data synthesis products and results of May 19 workshop (Jessie Cleary ppt)
 - Discussion of work shop outcomes and next steps
- 12:30 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 3:30 pm
- 2:00 pm** **Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal**
Nick Napoli, EPI Consulting/MARCO Contractor
- Update on new data layers and tools
 - Progress on OAP portal actions
- 2:30 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 individual OAP actions. Posters for OAP actions will provide visual support. Informal input gained will inform RPB members as to next steps to take in implementing the plan for the rest of 2017 and beyond.
- 4:00 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.
- 4:45 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 regional marine debris actions
 - RPB consensus on work group recommendation for ERA actions
- 5:15 pm** **Closing Remarks & Adjourn**