

Updated Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body Timeline: October 2014 – mid-2017 (*updated October 2014*)

2014

October 24, 2014

- Public release of draft MidA RPB documents, start of public comment period.

October 29, 2014

- Public webinar to discuss draft MidA RPB documents and launch series of public listening sessions throughout the Mid-Atlantic.

November 5-18, 2014

- Series of MARCO-hosted public listening sessions:
 - November 5: Lewes, Delaware
 - November 6: Virginia Beach, Virginia
 - November 10: Ocean City, Maryland
 - November 17: Stony Brook, New York
 - November 18: Long Branch, New Jersey

More information about locations and logistics for these public listening sessions is available at <http://www.boem.gov/MidA-RPB-Meetings/>.

November 20, 2014

- End of public comment period.

2015 – 2016

January 21-22, 2015

- RPB meeting to make a decision about structure and content of a regional ocean action plan and other RPB workflows.

Remainder of 2015 and 2016

- Early 2015, workplan developed to guide development of regional ocean action plan throughout 2015 and 2016.
- In-person public RPB meetings held 2-3 times per year, with accompanying public comment periods and other opportunities for public engagement as appropriate.
- First iteration regional ocean action plan under review by the National Ocean Council: targeting late 2016.

2017 and Beyond

2017

- Implementation of regional ocean action plan.
- Refinements to regional ocean action plan identified and incorporated.

Note: Implementation means carrying out existing mandates and authorities in the context of and informed by a consensus-based regional ocean action plan, which will be periodically updated by the RPB to account for new information/technology.

Continuous: Stakeholder Engagement, Data Collection/Sharing/Integration, and Refinement of Products and Processes