

# Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Planning Inaugural Regional Planning Body (RPB) Meeting

**Date:** September 24-25, 2013

**Location:** Wilson Hall Auditorium, Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Avenue,  
West Long Branch, New Jersey, 07764

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## DRAFT Meeting Agenda

### Meeting Objectives

- Determine a general 5 year timeline for regional ocean planning and associated products.
- Determine an approach, process, and timeline for public engagement and RPB decision making on goals, objectives, and geographic focus.
- Identify mechanisms for regularly engaging stakeholders in the short and long terms through every step of Mid-Atlantic regional ocean planning, and provide opportunities for public input at this inaugural meeting.
- Review draft Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body charter and determine next steps regarding administrative and operational considerations.
- Discuss use of the MARCO Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal to support data and information needs for ocean planning and next steps regarding a regional ocean assessment.

### Tuesday, September 24, 2013

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| <b>9:30 am</b>  | <b>Registration opens</b>   |
| <b>10:30 am</b> | <b>Welcome, agenda review, and tribal blessing</b>  |
| <b>10:45 am</b> | <b>Welcome to New Jersey</b>  |
| <b>11:00 am</b> | <b>Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body Member introductions</b><br>RPB Members will introduce themselves and briefly articulate their hopes for the planning process. |

- 11:25 am**      **Overview of Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body activities to date and proposed timeline**  
RPB Co-Leads will set the context for the meeting by providing brief updates about progress to date and describe a proposed 5-year timeline for RPB work for further consideration throughout the meeting. This will be followed by RPB discussion.
- 11:45 am**      **Relationship between Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body and Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO) going forward**  
The RPB State Co-Lead and MARCO Chair will describe offers of assistance from MARCO, including specific products and services to support ocean planning. Over the course of the meeting, the RPB will discuss details of how MARCO's products and services can best be utilized.
- 12:00 pm**      **LUNCH**  
Lunch options are available to the public at Rebecca Stafford Student Center building. A campus map will be available at registration.
- 1:00 pm**      **Initial draft regional ocean planning goals**  
The RPB will review current progress toward development of an initial set of draft regional ocean planning goals for public review. The RPB will then discuss options for a process and timeline for seeking additional public input and finalizing goals.
- 2:00 pm**      **Geographic focus for ocean planning**  
The RPB will review a proposal for an initial geographic focus for regional ocean planning, keeping in mind the inter-relationship between geographic focus and the regional ocean planning goals that are under development. The RPB will then pause to hear public comment, and then resume its discussion of goals development and the geographic focus.
- 2:30 pm**      **Public comment about initial draft goals and geographic focus**  
Interested members of the public will be provided one of several opportunities to offer public comment. 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.
- 3:15 pm**      **BREAK**

- 3:30 pm**            **Initial draft regional ocean planning goals and geographic focus**  
The RPB will reach resolution about initial draft regional ocean planning goals that it wishes to offer for further public input; a process and timeline for finalizing goals, objectives, and actions; and a preferred option for geographic focus.
- 4:30 pm**            **Stakeholder engagement**  
The RPB will briefly review progress to date on stakeholder engagement and RPB ideas for further engaging stakeholders in the immediate and long terms. The RPB will then pause to hear public comment in the subsequent session, then resume discussion of stakeholder engagement briefly at the end of the day and on the morning of day 2.
- 5:00 pm**            **Public comment about stakeholder engagement**  
Interested members of the public will be provided one of several opportunities to offer public comment. 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.
- 5:45 pm**            **RPB reflections about public comment on stakeholder engagement**  
The RPB will briefly identify key themes heard during the preceding public comment session to consider during further discussion of stakeholder engagement on the morning of day 2.
- 6:00 pm**            **Summary and next steps**  
A brief summary and identification of next steps will be provided.
- 6:15 pm**            **ADJOURN**
- 6:30 pm to**            **Mid-Atlantic region: cash bar networking reception**  
**7:30 pm**            The public is invited to join RPB Members for a cash bar networking reception. This is an informal opportunity for the public to interact with the RPB and share ideas in an informal setting.

**Wednesday, September 25, 2013**

- 9:00 am**            **Registration opens**
- 9:30 am**            **Welcome back, review of Day 1 outcomes, review of Day 2 agenda**
- 9:45 am**            **Stakeholder engagement**  
The RPB will reach resolution on which formal and informal mechanisms for stakeholder engagement it wishes to pursue further and clarify next steps.
- 10:45 am**            **Data and information**  
The RPB will discuss MARCO's Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal and upcoming regional ocean assessment as capacities to support regional ocean planning. The RPB will then pause to hear public comment in the subsequent session, then briefly resume discussion of data and information before lunch.
- 11:15 am**            **Public comment on data and information**  
Interested members of the public will be provided one of several opportunities to offer public comment. 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.
- 11:45 am**            **Data and information**  
The RPB will continue discussion of data and information and identify next steps.
- 12:00 pm**            **LUNCH**  
Lunch options are available to the public at Rebecca Stafford Student Center building. A campus map will be available at registration.
- 1:00 pm**            **Operational considerations: regional ocean planning timeline and products**  
The RPB will revisit the draft RPB timeline and associated products initially presented on day 1 and identify any needed refinements.

- 1:45 pm**            **Operational considerations: Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body charter**  
The RPB will discuss refinements to a draft RPB charter and clarify next steps. The RPB will then pause to, hear public comment, and then reach resolution on these key operational considerations.
- 2:45 pm**            **Public comment about operational considerations**  
Interested members of the public will be provided one of several opportunities to offer public comment. 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.
- 3:30 pm**            **BREAK**
- 3:45 pm**            **Regional Planning Body operational considerations**  
The RPB will reach resolution and next steps on revisions to the RPB timeline, associated products, and the draft RPB charter.
- 4:45 pm**            **Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body: going forward and next steps**  
A summary of key outcomes from the meeting and identification of next steps will be provided.
- 5:15 pm**            **Wrap up and closing remarks**
- 5:30 pm**            **ADJOURN**