

From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 10:00 PM
Subject: Re: Engaging Tribes
To: DRBOENDER@aol.com

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On Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 5:11 PM, <DRBOENDER@aol.com> wrote:
To whom it may concern:

Having an excellent knowledge of federal Indian law, which is complicated and quite extensive, I have concerns about the "tribes" you are going to consult regarding this plan. While there are a number of Indian or Native American groups on the Atlantic seaboard, there are very few legal entity tribes. No one who is a member of other than a federally acknowledged, or recognized, tribe should be considered as a tribe for purposes of this plan. Members of Indian groups who are not federally recognized are not legally Indians under the Constitution and federal statutory law. Members of such groups may or may not have Indian ancestry, but are now ordinary citizens like any other American citizen and should be given no special preference in terms of input for this plan and its implementation. State "tribes" are not legally tribes or Indians under federal laws. Indians (members of a recognized tribe) have a special, protected status under the Constitution and federal statutory laws and should be recognized as the only legitimate Indians or tribes as such. Individuals with Indian ancestry are not legally Indians unless they are enrolled members of federally recognized tribes. Tribes and their members have a special and unique status in American law. It concerns me that many Native Americans, who are not legally Indians under federal laws, which are the only laws that govern Indians and tribes in the U.S., are being given voice as though they were members of a legally recognized Indian tribe. Individuals are not recognized as Indians under federal laws and statutes. Being an Indian confers special status under American laws as noted, and doesn't even rely on any specific blood quantum of Indian ancestry, but on membership in a political/economic entity with uninterrupted organizations meeting these qualifications since initial contact with Europeans. Tribes cannot be re-formed once they have ceased to exist. Likewise, every tribe sets its own blood quantum required for enrollment as a member of the tribe. As I stated, its quite complicated and you would do well to contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs for an official list of Indian tribes in the United States. Anyone other than an enrolled member of one of these tribes is not legally an Indian or member of a tribe, and are, in fact individual citizens regardless of any Indian ancestry they may or may not have. Please educate the members of your group about these matters and act accordingly.

Sincerely,

Debra R. Boender, DPM, PhD

PhD in US history with a major field in American Indian History, and experience working with the BIA regarding acknowledgement of tribes and these issues which I have discussed in this note.

From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 19, 2016 at 7:33 AM
Subject: Re: Draft Ocean Action Plan comments
To: Jeff Deem <jeff.deem2@gmail.com>

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On Thu, Aug 18, 2016 at 4:13 PM, Jeff Deem <jeff.deem2@gmail.com> wrote:
Robert LaBelle;
Good afternoon.

Please find attached my comments on the Draft Ocean Action Plan.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Jeff Deem
SLC Rec. Fishing Rep.

August 18, 2016

Robert LaBelle,
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Dear Mr. LaBelle:

It was nice to have you at our table for the MidA RPB meeting in Baltimore yesterday. It is good to see that your marine biology background gives an additional perspective to your current responsibilities.

Please accept these formal comments on the Draft Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Planning Framework. I am very concerned that Ocean Planning will not be as efficient as it could and should be under the current plan. My understanding from the start was that Ocean Planning would rely on early input from each of the ocean's current and future user groups to provide an efficient, 'all at the same table' means of working together. The desired result being to discuss each sector's needs and priorities in an attempt to find a solution that works for everyone thereby reducing cost and potential conflicts.

Since the initial siting of some projects appears to be taking place without stakeholder input I thought it would be good to look at the intent of the Executive Order that initiated Ocean Planning, EO #13547.

The order states: "This order adopts the recommendations of the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force except where otherwise provided in this order, and directs executive agencies **to implement those recommendations** (emphasis added) under the guidance of the National Oceans Council."

I then went to the 'Final Recommendations of the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force' to see what they intended as stakeholder/public participation.

In the Final Recommendations, (see attached notes) there are more than 15 references to public and/or stakeholder participation. In at least four of those, it calls for stakeholder and public engagement throughout the planning process.

It also encourages "broad public participation."

I do not believe that simply providing data for the Portal can be construed as the intended stakeholder or public engagement. It appears to me that the intent was for this to be an open and public process, without any particular agency having exclusive power over siting or any other aspect of ocean planning.

I understand that the public was informed at a recent public meeting on the NY offshore wind farm that the location and size of the farm was set and there would not be any modifications. This does not appear to follow the intent of the Final Recommendations and it definitely does not meet the public's expectation to have their interest considered.

Please reconsider the amount of representation that the public expects to have and consider changing the plan to provide the level of input by the stakeholders that was apparently intended by the Task Force. This lack of public input in the initial siting undercuts the efforts of the Stakeholder Liaison Committee members to encourage public support for this process. I doubt that I could get any of the NY meeting attendees to write letters to their Congressional representatives in support of the current Ocean Planning format. We do not expect to have the final say in the initial siting but believe we have the right to comment and have those comments considered along with those of other users.

I thank you for your commitment to this project. A formal Ocean Planning process certainly appears to me to be the best way to address the upcoming pressures on our ocean.

Sincerely,

Jeff Deem
MARCO SLC Recreational Fishing Representative.

Final Recommendations Of The Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force

Notes 8-10-16

1. The National Goals of Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning, page 7,
 3. Provide for and maintain public access to the ocean, coasts, and Great Lakes;
2. Pages 7 & 8, The recommendations emphasize the importance of frequent and robust stakeholder, scientific, and public engagement throughout the planning process.
3. Page 8 a robust information management system to allow easy access to and transparency of data and information necessary for planning, and mechanisms for frequent stakeholder and public input.
4. Page 18
 - c. Considers and addresses potential use conflicts;
 - d. Ensures and advances coordination and collaboration across federal, state, tribal, and local jurisdictional lines, and with regional governance structures, the private sector, foreign governments, and international organizations, as appropriate;
 - h. Aims to maximize long-term net benefits to society by considering a range of reasonable alternatives that balance potential economic, environmental, public health and safety, and other advantages; distributive impacts; and social justice and equity;
 - i. Operates through an open and transparent approach that encourages broad public participation;
5. Page 31 As the NOC develops and revises the plans, it will ensure substantial opportunity for public participation.

The effective implementation of this far reaching and comprehensive National Policy would require active collaboration of the Federal Government with State, tribal, and local authorities, regional governance structures, academic institutions, nongovernmental organizations, recreational interests, and private enterprise.
6. Page 43 As recommended in this framework, CMSP is intended to yield substantial economic, ecological, and social benefits. To do so, it must fully incorporate the principles of sound science for ecosystem-based and adaptive management, be transparent, and be informed by stakeholders and the public.
7. Page 45 From a societal perspective, CMSP would improve opportunities for community and citizen participation in open planning processes that would determine the future of the ocean, our coasts, and the Great Lakes. For example, the CMSP process would recognize the social, economic, public health, and conservation benefits of sustainable recreational use of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources (e.g., fishing, boating, swimming, and diving), by providing improved coordination with recreational users to ensure consideration of continued access and opportunities to experience and enjoy these activities consistent with safety and conservation goals.

8. Page 46 instance, CMSP would help to ensure that **planning areas identified as important for public use** and recreation are not subject to increased risk of harmful algal blooms, infectious disease agents, chemical pollution, or unsustainable growth of industrial uses.
9. Page 47 In addition to coordination and cooperation among all levels of government, **robust public and stakeholder engagement is integral to a successful CMSP process.** Given the multi-objective nature of CMSP it is critical to ensure there are numerous opportunities for a broad range of input to gain a better understanding of the human uses and influences on the planning area, and expectations, interests, and requirements for the future. Including a broad range of interests **throughout the planning and implementation of CMSP** is necessary to strengthen mutual and shared understanding about relevant problems and opportunities and will better inform the process and its outcomes.
10. Page 48 **VII . T he National Goals of Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning**
 3. **Provide for and maintain public access to the ocean, coasts, and Great Lakes;**
 4. Promote compatibility among uses and reduce user conflicts and environmental impacts;
11. Page 48 **VIII . T he National Guiding Principles for Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning**
 2. Multiple existing uses (e.g., commercial fishing, recreational fishing and boating, subsistence uses, marine transportation, sand and gravel mining, and oil and gas operations) and emerging uses (e.g., off-shore renewable energy and aquaculture) would be managed in a manner that reduces conflict, enhances compatibility among uses and with sustained ecosystem functions and services, provides for public access, and increases certainty and predictability for economic investments.
 3. **CMSP development and implementation would ensure frequent and transparent broad-based, inclusive engagement of partners, the public, and stakeholders, including with those most impacted (or potentially impacted) by the planning process and with underserved communities.**
 9. CMSP objectives and progress toward those objectives would be evaluated in a regular and systematic manner, with public input, and adapted to ensure that the desired environmental, economic, and societal outcomes are achieved.
12. Page 55 **Essential Elements of the CMSP Process**
 - **Engage Stakeholders and the Public at Key Points throughout the Process**
 - Prepare and Release for Public Comment a Draft CMS Plan with Supporting Environmental Impact Analysis Documentation. It looks like the CMS Plan is the overarching plan for a RPB and the CMSP is the individual projects within the plan.
13. Page 56 • **Engage Stakeholders and the Public at Key Points throughout the Process:**

The regional planning body would ensure there is frequent and regular stakeholder engagement **throughout all phases of the CMSP process, including development, adoption, implementation, evaluation, and adaptive management phases.** To better ensure all concerns and ideas are considered, stakeholder engagement should be emphasized with those most impacted (or potentially impacted) by the planning process.
14. Page 59 • **Objectives, Strategies, Methods, and Mechanisms for CMSP:**

The CMS Plan would describe the strategies, methods, and mechanisms for integrated or coordinated decision-making, including addressing use conflicts. The CMS Plan would further describe the continuing processes by which implementation would proceed, including mechanisms to ensure that individual partner and collaborative decision making are reviewed for consistency with plan priorities and objectives. **The CMS Plan would describe continued**

opportunities for stakeholder and public engagement.

15. Page 60 **XI . T he Nature of the Planning Process and National Ocean Council-Certified Coastal and Marine Spatial Plans**

CMSP is intended to provide Federal, State, tribal, and regional bodies, stakeholders, and the public with a meaningful forum within which to develop a plan to better manage multiple sustainable uses, resolve conflicts, and support ecosystem-based management of the ocean, coasts, and Great Lakes in accordance with shared goals, guiding principles, and applicable legal authorities. In this way, regional objectives and national objectives, goals, and guiding principles can be considered in a single, comprehensive, and integrated process. In order to be successful, the outcome of CMSP would have to result in meaningful improvements in the way that Federal, State, tribal, local, and regional bodies, stakeholders, and the public participate in the use and conservation of these areas.

CMSP must be initiated and developed thoughtfully, allowing for time to address the myriad complexities and challenges that would undoubtedly arise as the process moves forward.

From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 22, 2016 at 1:43 PM
Subject: Fwd: NOPC Comment Period Request to MidA RPB
To: brent.greenfield@oceanpolicy.com

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From: **Bullin, Leann** <leann.bullin@boem.gov>
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Subject: Fwd: NOPC Comment Period Request to MidA RPB
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From: **LaBelle, Robert** <robert.labelle@boem.gov>
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From: **Brent Greenfield** <brent.greenfield@oceanpolicy.com>
Date: Fri, Aug 19, 2016 at 2:09 PM
Subject: NOPC Comment Period Request to MidA RPB
To: robert.labelle@boem.gov, gwynne.schultz@maryland.gov, kelseyleonard@shinnecock.org

Dear Mr. LaBelle, Ms. Schultz, and Ms. Leonard:

Attached please find a National Ocean Policy Coalition request for a suspension and extension of the comment period on the draft Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan. Please contact me at (713) 337-8821 or brent.greenfield@oceanpolicy.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Brent

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August 19, 2016

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Submitted Electronically via E-Mail

RE: Request for Suspension and Extension of Comment Period

Dear Mr. LaBelle, Ms. Schultz, and Ms. Leonard:

The National Ocean Policy Coalition (“Coalition”) formally requests a suspension and extension of the comment period on the draft Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan (“Plan”) that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management released on July 6, 2016 for 60 days of public comment.¹ For the reasons stated below, the Coalition specifically requests that the Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body (“RPB”) suspend the current comment period and re-open it for 90 days after information critical to meaningful comment is made available.

The need for a suspension and extension is based on several factors. First, the July 6 *Federal Register* announcement noted that the “specific manner and mechanism a Federal agency uses to implement the final Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan will depend upon that agency’s mission, authorities, and activities in the marine environment,” adding that federal RPB members “will publicly describe the administrative mechanisms they will use to implement the Plan when the MidA RPB submits the Plan to the [National Ocean Council] for review and concurrence.”

Thus, the regulated user group community and others are being asked to provide comments without critical details on how federal entities specifically intend to implement and execute the Plan. Informed comments on the draft Plan cannot be provided in the absence of such information. The need for the

¹ See 81 FR 44040, available at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-07-06/pdf/2016-15588.pdf>.

information is underscored by the fact that the comment period involves the review of a Plan that upon approval would be implemented by eight federal agencies and departments and their component sub-agencies, six states, two federally-recognized tribes, and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

The need for additional time is further highlighted by the National Ocean Council's marine planning guidance, which among other things states that "regional planning bodies will promote informed public participation and operate with transparency" and that a "cornerstone of marine planning, and of the work of regional planning bodies, is the engagement and substantive participation of stakeholders and the public."²

Without critical details on how RPB entities intend to implement and execute the plan, it is simply not possible to provide informed comments on the proposal.

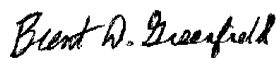
Furthermore, 60 days is insufficient to provide informed comments on the release of the first-of-its-kind Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan, major components of which are based on implementation of marine life and habitat mapping products that were not publicly accessible on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal ("Portal") until August. To this date, the Portal still does not contain the full suite of marine life and habitat mapping products referenced in the draft Plan, including individual species base layer maps and associated uncertainty products, and maps depicting species diversity.

While the Coalition disagrees with the National Ocean Council imposition of a maximum 90-day comment period for draft marine plans,³ it recognizes the directive that has been imposed on RPBs and urges the Mid-Atlantic RPB to utilize the full 90 days to facilitate more informed user group and stakeholder engagement during the public comment period on the draft Plan.

In addition, to ensure that the public has an opportunity to provide informed comments on the draft Plan and its associated products, including the vital details on how federal entities intend to implement and execute it, the comment period should be suspended until such time as all such information is made publicly available. At that point, a 90-day public comment period should start anew.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and please contact me at (713) 337-8821 should you need any additional information.

Sincerely,



Brent Greenfield
Executive Director
National Ocean Policy Coalition

cc: The Honorable Christy Goldfuss, National Ocean Council Co-Chair
The Honorable John Holdren, National Ocean Council Co-Chair

² See National Ocean Council Marine Planning Handbook (2013), Page 5, available at https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/final_marine_planning_handbook.pdf.

³ See National Ocean Council Guidance for Marine Plans (2016), Page 3, available at https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/guidance_for_marine_plans_final_151001.pdf.

From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 15, 2016 at 7:45 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Susan Halstead <twilightraider@hotmail.com>

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On Sun, Aug 14, 2016 at 7:50 AM, Susan Halstead <feedback@lcv.org> wrote:

Aug 14, 2016

Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body

Dear Regional Planning Body,

The Mid-Atlantic's ocean and bays are beautiful places for families to visit, swim, and fish. Our region's ocean is also an economic powerhouse, contributing more than \$48 billion to the region's gross domestic product (GDP) and nearly 700,000 jobs. And offshore waters serve as migratory corridors and a home for ocean life, including endangered North Atlantic right whales, sea turtles, and many fish species.

As our ocean faces growing challenges of pollution, loss of habitat, and competing industrial uses, it's critical the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan ensure a healthy ocean today and in the future. I applaud the RPB on its work to complete this first-ever draft Ocean Action Plan. I hope you will incorporate these recommendations below that will make this Plan stronger and more reflective of me, as an ocean user and coastal citizen.

The Final Ocean Action Plan must:

- Develop a robust and effective process for engaging stakeholders in Plan implementation. Right now the draft Plan's public involvement strategies are vague and variable. Stakeholders, project proponents and agencies will all benefit through a consistent, uniform engagement strategy.
- Set a short, definitive deadline - ideally by the end of this year - to identify and post on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal areas offshore that are important for the health of marine life (ecologically rich areas or ERAs).
- Strengthen Federal agency commitments to the Plan's tools for coordinating agency decisions. It is unacceptable that even a few actions outlined in the draft Plan do not have a lead federal agency or tasks the entire RPB with overseeing implementation.

With these additions to the Plan, I know our region will take a big step forward toward a healthier Atlantic Ocean.

Sincerely,

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
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Subject: Re: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: ben@worldwidemind.com

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Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body Members--

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But it is precisely all of that hard work that is at risk if the final plan is not specific enough or doesn't significantly change how our oceans are managed to keep them healthy and functioning into the future.

Please use all of the data now available to you and delineate where the most productive areas of the ocean are located. Without that information how will we know where to place future projects like offshore wind farms?

The ocean planning process represents a rare opportunity to look into the future and decide what we want our ocean to look like. Please create a final ocean plan for the Mid-Atlantic that gets us to your vision of a healthy, clean, thriving ocean.

Thank you

Sincerely,

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
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Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 15, 2016 at 11:21 AM
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To: jennyjon12@gmail.com

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 15, 2016 at 11:21 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: tsavage9@yahoo.com

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 15, 2016 at 11:22 AM
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To: kristina.trotta@gmail.com

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 15, 2016 at 11:28 AM
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To: pureboardshopmd@gmail.com

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 15, 2016 at 3:37 PM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Joanne Baer <joannebaer@gmail.com>

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On Mon, Aug 15, 2016 at 12:53 PM, Joanne Baer <feedback@lcv.org> wrote:

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 15, 2016 at 3:37 PM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: bceconi@gmail.com

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 15, 2016 at 3:38 PM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: dbacke22@gmail.com

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 15, 2016 at 3:38 PM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: bridgetseegers@gmail.com

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 15, 2016 at 3:39 PM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: mikecote13@aol.com

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 10:01 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Priscilla Palmadesso <only2reply@comcast.net>

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 10:01 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: cherellen@gmail.com

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 10:01 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Pat Petro <papetro@gmail.com>

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Date: Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 10:02 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: skklein@verizon.net

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 10:03 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: michael.j.caruso@gmail.com

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 10:03 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: thejohnharlow@gmail.com

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 10:03 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: jamesgandolfo@gmail.com

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 3:42 PM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: Sandy Sobanski <dragonsandy1@yahoo.com>

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Date: Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 2:32 PM
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To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
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Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: nggizzi@gmail.com

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 3:43 PM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: nicole4770@yahoo.com

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
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Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: Carol Collins <ccollins54@msn.com>

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 3:44 PM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: sommyr@gmail.com

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 3:44 PM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: lenjacobs@gmail.com

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Sincerely,

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 7:46 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: hcharlenk@aol.com

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Sincerely,

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 7:47 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: brittany.wright20@gmail.com

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From: **KnowWho Services** <noreply@knowwho.services>
Date: Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 4:26 PM
Subject: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

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Sincerely,

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 7:48 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Elaine Nelson <ellonorr6954@gmail.com>

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On Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 5:26 PM, Elaine Nelson <feedback@lcv.org> wrote:

Aug 16, 2016

Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body

Dear Regional Planning Body,

The Mid-Atlantic's ocean and bays are beautiful places for families to visit, swim, and fish. Our region's ocean is also an economic powerhouse, contributing more than \$48 billion to the region's gross domestic product (GDP) and nearly 700,000 jobs. And offshore waters serve as migratory corridors and a home for ocean life, including endangered North Atlantic right whales, sea turtles, and many fish species.

As our ocean faces growing challenges of pollution, loss of habitat, and competing industrial uses, it's critical the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan ensure a healthy ocean today and in the future. I applaud the RPB on its work to complete this first-ever draft Ocean Action Plan. I hope you will incorporate these recommendations below that will make this Plan stronger and more reflective of me, as an ocean user and coastal citizen.

The Final Ocean Action Plan must:

- Develop a robust and effective process for engaging stakeholders in Plan implementation. Right now the draft Plan's public involvement strategies are vague and variable. Stakeholders, project proponents and agencies will all benefit through a consistent, uniform engagement strategy.
- Set a short, definitive deadline - ideally by the end of this year - to identify and post on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal areas offshore that are important for the health of marine life (ecologically rich areas or ERAs).
- Strengthen Federal agency commitments to the Plan's tools for coordinating agency decisions. It is unacceptable that even a few actions outlined in the draft Plan do not have a lead federal agency or tasks the entire RPB with overseeing implementation.

With these additions to the Plan, I know our region will take a big step forward toward a healthier Atlantic Ocean.

Sincerely,

Elaine Nelson
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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrbp@boem.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 7:48 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: brian.martin153@icloud.com

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Date: Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 5:31 PM
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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 7:49 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: james_shelton32@yahoo.com

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 7:50 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: juliaep@yahoo.com

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Date: Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 6:04 PM
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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 7:51 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: kimberlywright22@cox.net

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 7:51 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: koldham61@gmail.com

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 7:52 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: daduke1@pptonline.net

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Date: Tue, Aug 16, 2016 at 10:21 PM
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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 7:53 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: cammy.cmt@gmail.com

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 7:54 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: Garrett Lesnevich <gflesnevich@aol.com>

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From: **KnowWho Services** <noreply@knowwho.services>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 6:41 AM
Subject: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

Dear Robert LaBelle,

Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body Members--

Congratulations on completing a draft of the first comprehensive plan for our oceans in the Mid-Atlantic! We applaud your hard work and commitment to listening to stakeholders like myself in shaping this plan over the last three years.

But it is precisely all of that hard work that is at risk if the final plan is not specific enough or doesn't significantly change how our oceans are managed to keep them healthy and functioning into the future.

Please use all of the data now available to you and delineate where the most productive areas of the ocean are located. Without that information how will we know where to place future projects like offshore wind farms or conservation zones.

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Thank you

Sincerely,

Garrett Lesnevich
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gflesnevich@aol.com
2013036756

From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 9:09 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: kerralt@aol.com

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From: **KnowWho Services** <noreply@knowwho.services>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 9:04 AM
Subject: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

Dear Robert LaBelle,

Please forgive me for simply signing on to this group email, but the following message shares my personal concerns. Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body Members--

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Thank you

Sincerely,

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7036911571

From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 11:13 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: d56erann@aol.com

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From: **KnowWho Services** <noreply@knowwho.services>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 10:10 AM
Subject: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

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Thank you

Sincerely,

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 3:35 PM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: cyd13cyd@aol.com

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From: **KnowWho Services** <noreply@knowwho.services>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 2:33 PM
Subject: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

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Thank you

Sincerely,

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 9:52 PM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: jacques.guegau@gmail.com

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From: **KnowWho Services** <noreply@knowwho.services>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 3:51 PM
Subject: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

Dear Robert LaBelle,

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Thank you

Sincerely,

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 9:53 PM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: swaloha@hotmail.com

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From: **KnowWho Services** <noreply@knowwho.services>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 3:55 PM
Subject: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

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Sincerely,

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 9:58 PM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: georgeneighbors@gmail.com

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From: **KnowWho Services** <noreply@knowwho.services>
Date: Wed, Aug 17, 2016 at 6:03 PM
Subject: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

Dear Robert LaBelle,

Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body Members--

As someone who has enjoyed coastal Delaware for 40+ years, I wish to congratulate you on completing a draft of the first comprehensive plan for our oceans in the Mid-Atlantic!

I ask and urge you to be specific and use all of the data now available to you and delineate where the most productive areas of the ocean are located. Without that information how will we know where to place future projects like offshore wind farms?

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Thank you

Sincerely,

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Thu, Aug 18, 2016 at 12:53 PM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Brian Logan <drdoom808@netzero.net>

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On Thu, Aug 18, 2016 at 12:15 PM, Brian Logan <feedback@lcv.org> wrote:

Aug 18, 2016

Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body

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Sincerely,

Brian Logan
48 Oak Ave
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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Thu, Aug 18, 2016 at 3:38 PM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: Fred Fall <fred08034@whale-mail.com>

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From: **KnowWho Services** <noreply@knowwho.services>
Date: Thu, Aug 18, 2016 at 2:02 PM
Subject: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

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Thank you

Sincerely,

Fred Fall
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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 19, 2016 at 7:34 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: MARNA HOWARD <marna.howard@gmail.com>

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Sincerely,

MARNA HOWARD
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marna.howard@gmail.com

From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 19, 2016 at 7:34 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Jody Walters <luna5638@yahoo.com>

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Sincerely,

Jody Walters
368 Burwood Ave
Camden, NJ 08105-3039
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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 19, 2016 at 7:34 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: gallanosak@live.com

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From: **KnowWho Services** <noreply@knowwho.services>
Date: Fri, Aug 19, 2016 at 5:52 AM
Subject: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

Dear Robert LaBelle,

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Thank you

Sincerely,

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 19, 2016 at 1:15 PM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: sydneyrdunbar@gmail.com

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From: **KnowWho Services** <noreply@knowwho.services>
Date: Fri, Aug 19, 2016 at 12:21 PM
Subject: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

Dear Robert LaBelle,

Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body Members--

I am so happy to hear about the completion of the first draft for a comprehensive plan for the Mid-Atlantic oceans. I applaud your hard work and commitment to listening to stakeholders like myself in shaping this plan over the last three years. You did not have an easy task!

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Thank you

Sincerely,

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sydneyrdunbar@gmail.com
6073454539

From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 22, 2016 at 7:27 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: msylvester@solarcity.com

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From: **KnowWho Services** <noreply@knowwho.services>
Date: Fri, Aug 19, 2016 at 4:43 PM
Subject: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

Dear Robert LaBelle,

Keep it Clean! Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body Members--

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Thank you

Sincerely,

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Scituate, MA 02066
msylvester@solarcity.com
6176974522

From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 22, 2016 at 7:27 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: misfits4ever@gmail.com

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From: **KnowWho Services** <noreply@knowwho.services>
Date: Fri, Aug 19, 2016 at 8:17 PM
Subject: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

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Thank you

Sincerely,

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Odenton, MD 21113
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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 22, 2016 at 7:27 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: "Dr. Arthur H. Kopelman" <president@cresli.org>

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From: **KnowWho Services** <noreply@knowwho.services>
Date: Sat, Aug 20, 2016 at 6:06 AM
Subject: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

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Sincerely,

Arthur Kopelman
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president@cresli.org
6313196003

From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 22, 2016 at 7:28 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Joseph Hallock <joseph.hallock@verizon.net>

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On Sat, Aug 20, 2016 at 12:30 PM, Joseph Hallock <feedback@lcv.org> wrote:

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 22, 2016 at 7:28 AM
Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: david.s.trossman@gmail.com

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Date: Sat, Aug 20, 2016 at 1:58 PM
Subject: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan
To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

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Thank you

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From: **MidAtlanticRPB, BOEM** <boemmidatlanticrpb@boem.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 22, 2016 at 7:28 AM
Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan
To: Kimberly Wiley <kwiley16@hotmail.com>

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Date: Mon, Aug 22, 2016 at 7:28 AM
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To: jason.b.white812@gmail.com

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