

Public webinar on MARCO contracts for data and information to support Mid-Atlantic ocean planning

11:00am-12:00pm • July 13, 2015

Questions from the Public

1. Matt Gove: What is a Core Area? (*Ecological synthesis*)
2. Matt Gove: (related to ecological synthesis) Who is on the "Working Groups" for the various taxa? (*Ecological synthesis*)
3. Matt Gove: How will the data sets be vetted? (*Human use synthesis*)
4. Greg DiDomenico: Is this project same or related to the RFP from MARCO announced on April 16th of this year? And how is this funded? (*Regional Ocean Assessment*)
5. Matt Gove: If you must include oil and gas in your ROA report, please don't categorize it as "Sustainable" (*Regional Ocean Assessment*)
6. T Gill: Will any physical oceanography data layers be included? (*Regional Ocean Assessment*)
7. Ali Chase: Will there be opportunities to comment on the products as they are being developed? Can you hold webinars over the summer and fall to update us on the work for the ecological and human use data synthesis products? (*General*)
8. T Gill: Is the NOAA ESI (environmental sensitivity index) shoreline data included in this assessment? (*Ecological synthesis*)
9. Noah Chesnin: Thank you for this presentation. When does each of the three presenters expect to have data products / maps to share with the public? These will be important tools to help members of the public visualize and understand the important ecological and human uses offshore. (*General*)