



MID-ATLANTIC OCEAN FORUM

SUPPLEMENTAL WEBINAR

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

10:00 am - 11:30 am

WORK GROUP PRIORITIES

OFFSHORE RENEWABLE ENERGY

Lead: Michael Snyder

- * Facilitate interagency information exchange
- * Develop/host webinars and other outreach activities
- * Work with MARCO to develop shared calendar of events
- * Facilitate info exchange/coordination with other regional offshore wind groups as needed

MARITIME COMMERCE & NAVIGATION

Lead: Jerry Barnes

- * Data-sharing on Coast Guard studies and proposals (e.g. port access route studies, new anchorage areas), including via Data Portal
- * Info-sharing on navigation safety issues (e.g. infrastructure, storm seasons)

OCEAN ACIDIFICATION

Leads: Mary Ford, Avalon Bristow

- * Serve as regional information hub for OA research, news, and events
- * Fill OA research and monitoring need gaps
- * Develop/conduct education and outreach
- * Establish working groups to help accomplish those goals

NON-CONSUMPTIVE RECREATION

Lead: Kevin Hassell

- * Finalize database of states' recommendations for minimizing human-wildlife interactions
- * Produce white paper summarizing findings and recommending regional best practices
- * Scope how findings can be incorporated into an easily accessible product

MARINE DEBRIS

Lead: Laura McKay

- * Messaging about COVID-19-related litter
- * Continue balloon release reduction social marketing campaign and beach monitoring
- * Development of a Mid-Atlantic Marine Debris Reduction Plan with NOAA Marine Debris Program