GOAL
Build and maintain a resilient Mid-Atlantic ocean environment and economy by planning collectively for the future.

OBJECTIVES
● Generate awareness of the issues and shared responsibilities of state, federal, tribal groups, and the fishery management council in regional ocean actions.
● Review the state of emerging issues in regional ocean planning in the Mid-Atlantic: accomplishments and next steps.
● Connect partner agencies and engage diverse ocean stakeholders while identifying opportunities to coordinate and collaborate on ocean actions throughout our region.

Monday, May 3

12:30 - 1:00 PM  Welcome and Tribal Blessing

1:00 - 2:20 PM  Opening Plenary
 Federal, State and Tribal priorities for regional ocean planning

2:30 - 4:00 PM  Climate-Induced Ocean Changes: The Big Picture
 Observed and anticipated impacts in the ocean waters off the Mid-Atlantic region
Tuesday, May 4

9:30 - 11:30 AM  Time to Get Real: What We Have Learned and What We Need to Know to Inform Offshore Wind Siting

Part I: Lessons learned about offshore wind energy siting and decision-making
Part II: What we need to know to better inform decisions regarding offshore wind siting

12:00 - 12:50 PM  Networking Luncheon
BYO lunch to a themed breakout room

1:00 - 2:30 PM  Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice in Ocean Planning
Keynote and panel: Defining ocean justice in the context of ocean planning and management
Breakout rooms for themed discussions

Wednesday, May 5

9:15 - 11:15 AM  Innovative Technologies and Approaches for Understanding Ocean Changes
New and non-traditional technologies which could be applied to comprehensive sampling on ocean changes and help fill information gaps for management applications

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM  Public Listening Session
Stakeholder input on Ocean planning issues and opportunities for MACO collaboration
What are the issues and the opportunities for collaboration?

12:45 - 1:45 PM  Poster Session
Featuring the research of students and early career professionals on topics relevant to ocean science, policy and socioeconomics in the Mid-Atlantic

Thursday, May 6

Learn about ongoing research designed to help managers understand the changes species are experiencing in the marine environment and explore how ocean mapping tools and data tools support planning and management

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM  Closing Plenary
Perspectives on moving forward