

## MACO NEWS LINKS – SEPTEMBER 2021

### Upcoming Dates & Events

Sept. 13: [NOAA Conserving and Restoring America the Beautiful Stakeholder Listening Session](#), 3-5 p.m.

Sept. 14: MARCO Portal [Port Access Route Studies Update & Map Data Webinar](#), 10-11 a.m.

Oct. 7: [Public Hearing for Proposed Designation of the Connecticut National Estuarine Research Reserve](#). Public comments due by Oct. 18, 2021.

Nov. 22: [NOAA is extending the public comment period for the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement \(PEIS\) for Surveying and Mapping Projects in U.S. Waters for Coastal and Marine Data Acquisition](#)

Oct. 26: [Mid Atlantic Coastal Acidification Network \(MACAN\) and OA Alliance Virtual Workshop](#), 1-4:30 p.m.

Nov. 6-10: [American Fisheries Society 151st Annual Meeting](#), Baltimore

### Regional Ocean News

[Officials break ground on N.J. wind energy construction port](#), Associated Press, 9/10/21

[Fishery agencies seeking stakeholder input on climate change impacts and concerns](#), South Coast Today, 8/26/21

### Agency News

NOAA: After a year-long pause, NOAA's [Coastal Management and Digital Coast Fellowship programs released a call for 2022 project proposals](#), due by Oct. 15

NYDEC: [New Yorkers Encouraged to Review and Comment on State's Proposal to Implement the Prohibition on the Sale and Distribution of Expanded Polystyrene Foam Containers and 'Packing Peanuts'](#), 9/9/21

NOAA: [NOAA awards \\$7.3 million for marine debris removal, prevention, and research](#), 9/9/21

BOEM: [BOEM Extends Comment Period on Environmental Assessment for Proposed Wind Energy Leasing Offshore New York and New Jersey](#), 9/8/21

BOEM: [BOEM Extends Public Comment Period for Proposed Sunrise Offshore Wind Project](#), 9/2/21

USDOI: [Interior Department Announces Environmental Review of Proposed Wind Energy Facility in the North Atlantic](#), 8/30/21

NOAA: [NOAA Announces FY22 Funding Opportunity for Ocean Acidification and Harmful Algal Blooms Research](#), 8/27/21

BOEM: [BOEM Completes Environmental Review for Wind Project Proposed for Offshore Rhode Island and New York](#), 8/16/21

MARCO/NROC/CSSF: [New Capacity to Support Wildlife & Offshore Wind Science](#), July 2021

NOAA: Next week, U.S. IOOS will announce a number of cornerstone awards for [IOOS Regional Associations](#). These competitive, merit-based awards are distributed in the form of cooperative agreements every 5 years to support non-federal assets, including the development and maintenance of a national network of regional coastal observing systems.

NOAA: The “America the Beautiful initiative calls for the U.S. to conserve at least 30% of U.S. lands and waters by 2030. Much of the science and conservation that NOAA undertakes under its statutory mandates will help support this goal through an inclusive and locally led effort. Updates on recent NOAA progress include:

- NOAA held several stakeholder listening sessions this summer to get input on how this initiative should be implemented. Priority actions include expansion of the National Marine Sanctuary and National Estuarine Research Reserve Systems.
- NOAA is contributing to the Conservation and Stewardship Atlas, which will track a clear baseline of information on lands and waters that have already been conserved or restored, by helping to develop an interagency framework and approach, and by providing data from existing databases that can be filtered to identify areas that meet the criteria for inclusion in the baseline.

## General FYI

MARCO Portal: [View Routing Measures Proposed by Northern N.Y. Bight PARS Report](#), 9/9/21

[MARCO Annual Report](#), August 2021

[Recordings and materials](#) from summer editions of BOEM Offshore Wind and Maritime Industry Knowledge Exchange Series

[MARCO News](#), July 2021

Upcoming trainings hosted by NOAA’s Office for Coastal Management:

- Social Science Basics: Using Social Science for Stakeholder Engagement, September 27, 2021, 2 to 5:00 p.m. Eastern. [Register here](#).
- Social Science Basics: Writing Effective Survey Questions, September 28, 2021, 2 to 4:00 p.m. Eastern. [Register here](#).
- Economic Guidance for Coastal Management Professionals, September 30, 2021, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Eastern. [Register here](#).