



— The Sixth Annual —  
**MID-ATLANTIC OCEAN FORUM**

## Schedule of Events

Day One: 13 May 2024	
<b>09:30</b>	<b>Welcome and Coffee</b>
<b>10:00- 10:30</b>	<p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <p>Avalon Bristow, Executive Director of MidAtlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO)</p> <p>Tony MacDonald, Director of the Urban Coast Institute at Monmouth University</p> <p><b>Plenary</b></p> <p>Kristi Lieske, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control</p> <p>Shawn M. Garvin, Secretary of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control</p>
<b>10:30- 11:30</b>	<p><b>Data Sharing and Marine Spatial Planning</b></p> <p>Moderator: Kevin Hassell, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)</p> <p>Implementing Data Governance for Collaborative Ocean Data Sharing            Rachael Blake, Intertidal Agency</p> <p>East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Initiative: Informing a Coordinated            East Coast Fisheries Management Response to Change            Kelley Dancy, Mid Atlantic Fishery Management Council)</p>

	<p>Marine Life Distribution and Abundance Model Updates (Jesse Cleary and Sarah DeLand, Duke University Marine Geospatial Ecology Lab)</p>
11:50- 12:45	<p><b>Data Sharing and Marine Spatial Planning (cont.)</b>  Moderator: Nick Napoli, Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC)</p> <p>Coordinating with Mid-Atlantic Partners to Support the Sustainable Development of Offshore Wind Energy Along the US East Coast (Mike Crowley, Mid-Atlantic Regional Association Coastal and Ocean Observing System (MARACOS))</p> <p>Spatial Planning in Action: GIS Support for an Offshore Wind Construction Operation Plan (Gwen Lockhart and Todd Gys, Tetra Tech)</p> <p>Introduction to the Rutgers University Weather Research and Forecasting (RUWRF) Model Database (James Kim, Rutgers University Center for Ocean Observing Leadership)</p>
12:45- 14:15	<p><b>Midday Break + Poster Session</b></p>
14:15- 15:15	<p><b>Ocean Justice in the Mid-Atlantic: Breakout Sessions</b>  Facilitated by Raben Group</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Topic 1: Identifying Underserved Communities in Regional Ocean Planning</li> <li>2. Topic 2: Harnessing Effective Communication for Ocean Justice</li> <li>3. Topic 3: Broadening Equitable Access to Public Lands and Waters</li> </ol>
15:30- 16:30	<p><b>Coastal Communities and Habitat: The human dimension, aquaculture, carbon, and beyond</b>  Moderator: (tentative) Paul Tocco, New York State Department of State</p> <p>Connecting Sea Grant, the National Centers for Coastal Ocean Sciences, and coastal-ocean communities in the Mid-Atlantic to improve sustainable aquaculture siting and development (Hannah Cooper, Maryland Sea Grant)</p> <p>Assessing Variability of Blue Carbon Stocks Across Scales and their Fate Under Sea Level Rise (Dr. Molly Mitchell, Virginia Institute of Marine Science)</p> <p>Where Does the Carbon Go? Exploring Carbon Dynamics in a Temperate Salt Marsh (Rodrigo Vargas, University of Delaware)</p>
16:30	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>
18:30	<p><b>Trivia Night at <a href="#">The Wheelhouse</a> at 7PM</b></p>

<b>Day Two: 14 May 2024</b>	
<b>08:00</b>	<b>Welcome</b>

08:30 - 09:00	<p><b>Opening Remarks and Plenary</b></p> <p>Kaitlyn Dykes, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control</p>
09:00 - 10:30	<p><b>Monitoring and Characterization of Ocean and Coastal Changes</b>  Moderator: Will Isenberg, Virginia Coastal Zone Management (VACZM)</p> <p>Acidification Data Layer: A tool for monitoring site selection (Dr. Janet Reimer, Mid-Atlantic Coastal Acidification Network)</p> <p>The Shellfishes' Silent Struggle: a case for acidification monitoring (Stephen Tomasetti, University of Maryland Eastern Shore)</p> <p>ECOGliders: An autonomous based oceanographic and ecological mission to inform offshore wind development (Dr. Josh Kohut, Rutgers University)</p> <p>Enhancing Coastal Resilience through Better Water Level Data and Information Products (Mary Ford, MARACOOSS)</p>
10:50- 12:00	<p><b>Concurrent Breakout Sessions: Engaging and Understanding Communities for Marine Resource Management</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Our Changing Ocean understanding community needs and priorities and connecting people with resources (Alexandra Puritz, NOAA Ocean Acidification Program)</li> <li>2. Mid-Atlantic Marine Sanctuaries (Leann Hogan, NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries)</li> <li>3. Marine Debris CBSM and Policy Perceptions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Mid-Atlantic Survey Results (Steve Raabe, OpinionWorks)</li> <li>b. Facilitated discussion (John Kuriawa, NOAA Office of Coastal Management)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
12:00- 13:00	<p><b>Midday Break</b></p> <p>Demos available at MARCO Portal and MARACOOSS Oceans Map tables; GreenFin table: MACAN OA videos</p>
13:00- 14:00	<p><b>The Seafloor: Sand and Sediment Management</b>  Moderator: Ursula Howson, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)</p> <p>BOEM's Holistic System's Approach to Sand Resources and Ecosystem Balance (Jeffrey S. Waldner, BOEM Marine Minerals Program)</p> <p>A Balancing Act: Applied Science for Environmentally Responsible Use of Outer Continental Shelf Sand Resources (Victoria Brady, BOEM)</p>

	Modeling and mapping 21st century beach sand supply and demand along the Delaware-Maryland Atlantic coastline and beyond (Daniel L Warner, Ph.D., Delaware Geological Survey)
14:15- 15:15	<p><b>The Seafloor: Habitat</b></p> <p>Temporal Variability in the Highly Migratory Shark Assemblage on a Dredged Shoal (Benjamin Marsalay, University of Delaware)</p> <p>Shoreface Sand Ridge Structuring of Fish Habitat off New Jersey (Thomas Grothues, Rutgers University)</p> <p>Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative Habitat and Ecosystem Regional Seafloor Activities (Nikelene McLean, RWSC Habitat Subcommittee Lead)</p>
15:30- 16:30	<p><b>Stakeholder Panel</b></p> <p>The panel will include representatives from Federal, State, Regional Maritime Industry, and Non-Governmental Organizations</p>

**Day Three: 15 May 2024**

09:30 - 11:00	<p><b>Organized off-site event</b></p> <p>Narrated eco-tour in the Lewes-Rehoboth Canal Departure from Anglers Road dock in Lewes, DE</p>
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