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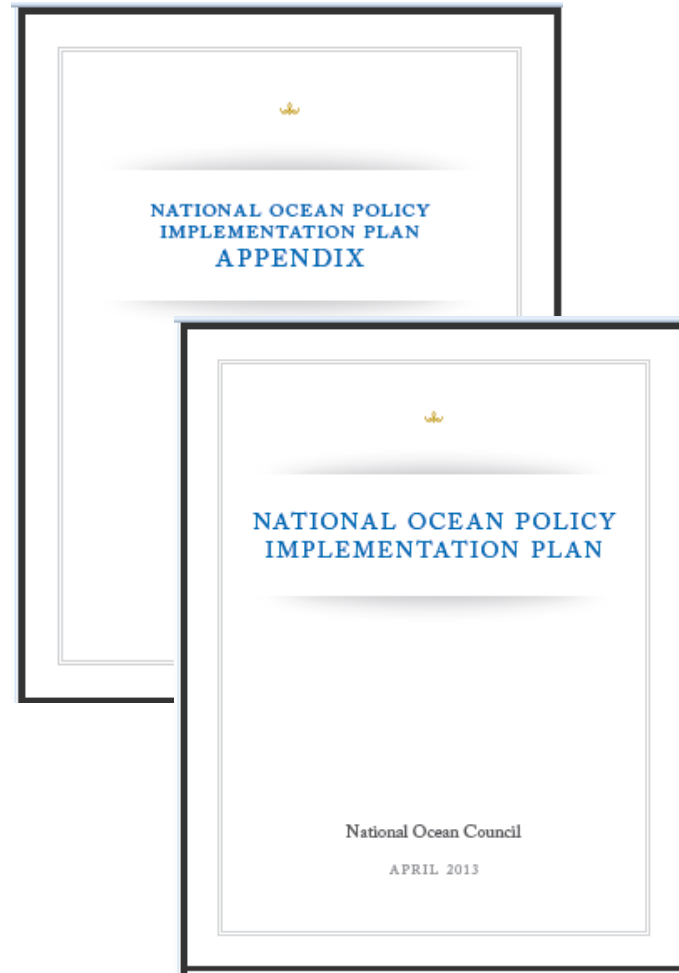
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# National Ocean Policy Implementation Plan

- In 2010, President Obama created a National Ocean Policy and framework for regions to coordinate marine planning (Exec. Order 13547).
- Released by White House on April 16, 2013
- Encourages regions to identify and address their ocean priorities through marine planning.
- [www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/oceans](http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/oceans)



# Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body (MidA RPB)

- Established in April 2013
- Intergovernmental group created to coordinate and implement regional ocean planning
- Includes representatives of:
  - Six Mid-Atlantic states (NY, NJ, PA, DE, MD and VA),
  - Shinnecock Indian Nation
  - Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
  - Eight federal agencies
- More information at [www.boem.gov/Environmental-Stewardship/Mid-Atlantic-Regional-Planning-Body/index.aspx](http://www.boem.gov/Environmental-Stewardship/Mid-Atlantic-Regional-Planning-Body/index.aspx)

# What is the purpose of the MidA RPB?

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To coordinate among State, Federal, Tribal, and Fishery Management Council representatives to:

- Plan for new and existing uses in the Mid-Atlantic ocean
- Improve efficiency and leverage constrained resources
- Work together and with stakeholders to share and vet ocean data
- Engage stakeholders and the public in creating a vision and achieving that vision
- Make better, more informed decisions about the use of ocean space

# MidA RPB Products

- Framework: Approved May 2014
- Workplan
- Regional Ocean Assessment
- Possible Implementation Plan
- Stakeholder Engagement Strategy
- Ocean Action Plan
- Regional Ocean Assessment and Data Portal
- Charter: Signed September 2014

# Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO)

- Established in 2009 by the Governors of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia to work on shared regional ocean issues that benefit from interstate collaboration and coordinated problem solving.
- Provides a valuable forum to pursue mutual goals shared by the Mid-Atlantic states;
- Improves responses to ocean management challenges and opportunities; and
- Collaborates with agencies, key partners, and stakeholder groups to jointly address the region's needs.

# MARCO and the MidA RPB: Regional Collaboration

Together, MARCO and the MidA RPB can promote greater, more effective governmental and private investment, and generate more attention on priority Mid-Atlantic issues.

MARCO offers the following products to the MidA RPB to advance ocean planning:

-  Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal
-  Stakeholder Engagement
-  Preliminary Regional Ocean Assessment

# MARCO Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal

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MID-ATLANTIC OCEAN DATA PORTAL

RESOURCES FOR  
REGIONAL OCEAN PLANNING



Tour the portal at [portal.midatlanticocean.org](http://portal.midatlanticocean.org)

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# Ocean.data.gov

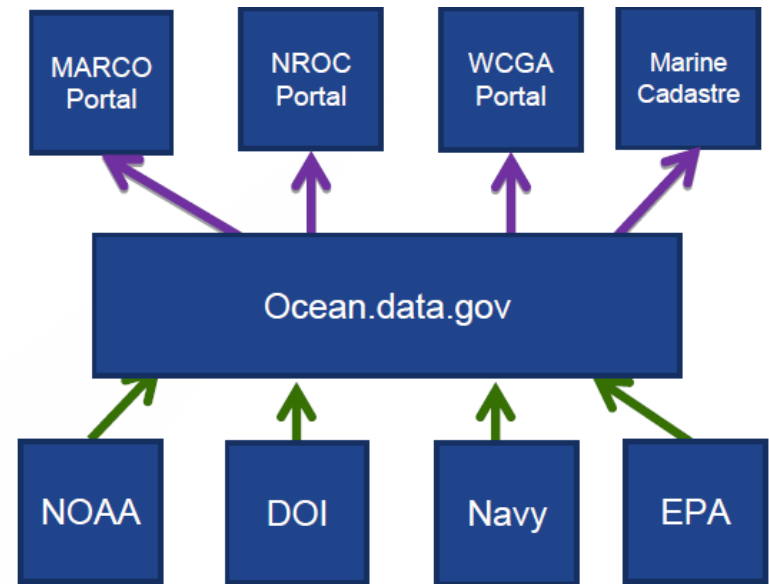
## www.data.gov/ocean

The screenshot shows the Ocean.data.gov website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, ABOUT, DATA, METRICS, OPEN GOVERNMENT, BLOGS, and COMMUNITIES. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for DATA, TOOLS, TECHNICAL GUIDE, REGIONAL PLANNING, and FEEDBACK. The main content area features a large banner for 'AIS Data for Vessel Traffic Patterns' with a 'View Data' button. To the left, there is a 'WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY' section with a 'Start Here!' button. Below the banner, there are two columns of content: 'Federal Data Resources' and 'Regional Plans and Resources', each with a 'Read More' button.

Regional Portals  
Derived products,  
decision support?

Registry for  
Discovery and  
Access

Federal Agency Data  
– available through  
web, QC, data  
management,  
metadata



# Timeline

- Mid-Atlantic RPB regional ocean planning timeline:
  - *2013-2014*: Organize and identify goals/products
  - *2015-2016*: Complete first iteration products and implement actions
  - *2017-2018*: Implement, adapt, and iterate
- Continuous stakeholder engagement, data collection/sharing/integration, and adaptation of planning products throughout this timeline
- Upcoming Listening Sessions

# Upcoming Meetings

- November 5 in Lewes, Delaware
- November 6 in Virginia Beach, Virginia
- November 10 in Ocean City, Maryland
- November X in New Jersey, Monmouth University
- November X in New York, TBD