

Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean: Lessons Learned



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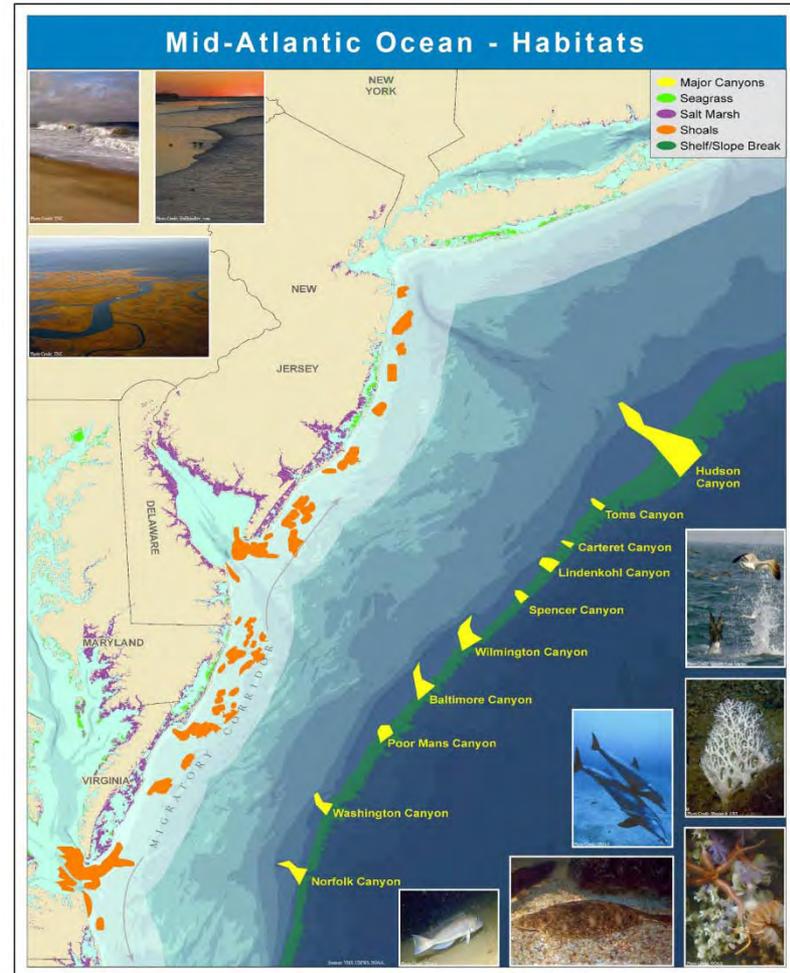
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MARCO Origins

- Discussions initiated by the States (NY, NJ, DE, MD, VA) approximately a year ago
- Leadership from coastal programs
- Focus on emerging ocean/offshore issues
- Developed “Mid-Atlantic Governors’ Agreement on Ocean Conservation”

MARCO Priorities

- Offshore renewable energy
- Habitat protection
- Climate change
- Water quality



MARCO Milestones

- Mid-Atlantic Governors Ocean Summit officially launched the partnership
- Followed by release of “Actions, Timelines and Leadership” document
- Stakeholder Summit December 9-10, NYC

MARCO Challenges and Opportunities

- Identifying the need: Mid-Atlantic has a history of interstate collaboration – how does MARCO fit in?

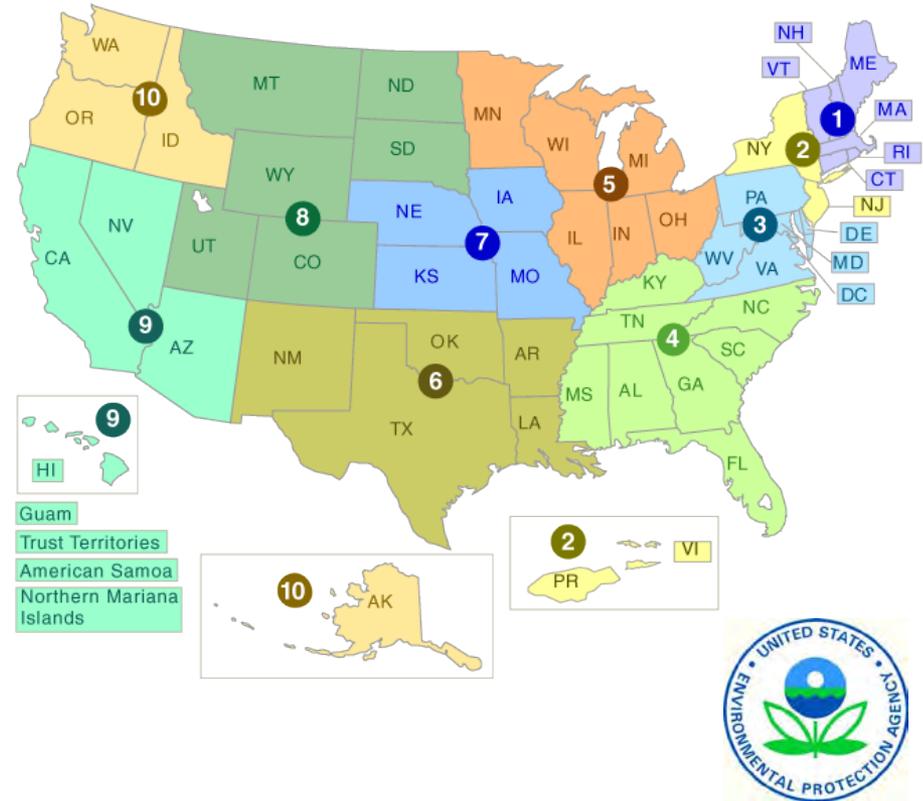


MARCO Challenges and Opportunities

- The importance of timing
 - Emergence of ocean issues
 - Other regional efforts
 - Changes in federal, state administrations
 - Ocean Policy Task Force – reinforcing role of regions

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- Coordinating the coordination :
 - five states, many agencies
 - multiple regions or districts within federal agencies
 - stakeholders



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