

Actions from *Ocean Frontiers III* world premiere in Virginia Beach – Feb 8, 2017

1) Call or email your state and federal elected representatives

[Find your representatives](#). You may also text your postal address to 520-200-2223 and you'll get a text back with the names and numbers of your Federal and state Representatives and Senators.

My name is _____ and I live in _____ zip code. I recently attended a film event about ocean planning in the Mid-Atlantic. The theater was packed with more than 250 people who were excited about the newly completed [Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan](#).

I'm contacting you to urge you to support implementation of the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan. This planning approach for our ocean is a smart way to protect our coastal economies, ocean health and way of life.

Over the past three years, states from Maine to Virginia, regional fisheries managers, tribal nations, and federal agencies worked together, with extensive industry and public involvement, to develop regional ocean plans that will keep the waters off our shores healthy and drive our coastal economy for the long haul. This kind of coordination between states, tribal nations and federal agencies is vital – especially as our ocean becomes busier than ever before. States and stakeholders are at the table because they want a say in how we manage offshore waters and solve problems.

Industry leaders are firmly on board, with strong support for ocean planning being expressed to the new administration from port associations, shipping companies, marine trades groups, commercial fishing associations, offshore wind companies, cruise lines, charter boat groups and harbormasters.

[Add your perspective as an ocean stakeholder or interested citizen - i.e., you work in an ocean-related business, etc.]

I hope you will learn more about the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan by watching this 5-minute video <youtu.be/YBWF_zUm-zA> and visiting the Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body website <www.boem.gov/ocean-action-plan>. I think you will find this collaborative plan is exactly what our region needs for a healthy ocean and economy.

Thank you,

2) Email to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body Co-Leads

Send to: robert.labelle@boem.gov, Laura.McKay@deq.virginia.gov, KelseyLeonard@shinnecock.org

I recently attended an *Ocean Frontiers III* film event about ocean planning. This was a great presentation about your work and the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan. The theater was packed with more than 250 people, and everyone was excited to hear about the newly completed Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan. Your enthusiasm and dedication to ocean planning and collaboration is truly inspiring.

Please let me know how I can stay informed about plan implementation and get involved.

Thank you and keep up the good work!