



**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council**  
800 North State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901  
Phone: 302-674-2331 | FAX: 302-674-5399 | [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org)  
Michael P. Luisi, Chairman | G. Warren Elliott, Vice Chairman  
Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** September 29, 2017  
**To:** Council  
**From:** Council Staff  
**Subject:** Regional Planning Body Presentation

On Tuesday, October 10, 2017 Nick Napoli, on behalf of the [Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body](#) (RPB) and the [Mid-Atlantic Regional Council On The Ocean](#) (MARCO), will describe progress on updating data layers for the [Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal](#) (MARCO Portal) as described in the [Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan](#). Specifically, Nick will be presenting about data supporting: a better understanding of where Ecologically Rich Areas occur in the region; products characterizing fishing and fishing vessel transit from Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) data; and products that link fishing communities to specific areas in the ocean using Vessel Trip Report (VTR) data (this method is also referred to as “Communities at Sea” - see Martin 2008 at <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.4113/jom.2008.93>).

Meeting participants are encouraged to review the data with the MARCO Portal team throughout the day on Tuesday, October 10 in the Terrace Room, which is near the main Council meeting room. MARCO Portal team members will be there to assist you, answer questions, and would like your feedback on the draft data layers.

A short video overview of the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal is available at: <https://vimeo.com/139367426>.