

# MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL COUNCIL on the OCEAN

## *A Partnership in Ocean Conservation*

- On June 4th, 2009, Maryland joined the Mid-Atlantic States of New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Virginia to announce a new partnership and formally commit to address the region's priority ocean issues. The five Governors signed an interstate agreement that created the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO) and charged the States to collaboratively address shared priorities, including offshore energy, climate change, water quality, and habitat protection.
- One of MARCO's goals is to promote sustainable development of offshore renewable energy resources. The MARCO objectives to address this goal are to:
  - Develop research and monitoring protocols
  - Identify regulatory barriers to the appropriate development of offshore renewable energy
  - Create a regional offshore mapping and decision-support tool to help in responsible placement of offshore renewable wind energy projects



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