

## Advance Marine Spatial Planning at Regional (sub-national) Level

### --Mid-Atlantic Bight as a Case Study

Marine Spatial Planning (MSP), as an operational and efficient instrument to make ecosystem-based sea use management into reality, is increasingly recognized and even applied by more and more countries around the world. Its potential to deal with conflicting sea use and promote sustainable marine and coastal resource management matches well with the growing demands of human for ocean resources as well as the situation of crowded ocean space day by day.

While MSP is still at its early stage in the United States, opportunity window has been opened to initiative a regional scale MSP attempts in Mid-Atlantic Bight, no matter from the perspective of problem, political or policy stream.

This presentation gives a brief overview of the good practices of MSP taken all over the world, with lessons learned from these initiatives. Based on literature and document review as well as the existing circumstance in Mid-Atlantic region, a draft research proposal is put forward with regards to research objectives, focus and methodology.