

Good afternoon:

The NJDEP is securing NOAA approval to develop and implement a Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) for the Barnegat Bay. In short, a SAMP is strategic plan to further an environmental goal. The creation and implementation of a SAMP for Barnegat bay will further Governor Christie and Commissioner Martin's goal to improve the ecological health of Barnegat Bay.

The Department is in the infancy stage of developing the SAMP. You and about 9 other well respected persons have been selected to participate in a informal discussion on what could or should be included in the SAMP. The discussion is scheduled for:

- March 17, between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m
- Conference room #236 in the Ocean County College, Science Building (Bldg. # 14)

A map of the location can be found at:

[http://www.ocean.edu/welcome/maps/maps\\_directions.htm](http://www.ocean.edu/welcome/maps/maps_directions.htm))

If you care to rsvp, that would enable me to tally a head count. I can be reached at 609-984-0058 if you would like to ask any questions before the meeting. The agenda will be as follows:

- Introduction to the Governor's and Commissioner's 10 point plan for Barnegat Bay.
- Generic description of a Special Area Management Plan
- Open discussion on what could or should be included in a Barnegat Bay SAMP

Sincerely;

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