

Working together for a healthy ocean

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2018 New Jersey Coastal Resilience Summit

Background: The National Ocean Policy



- Helped coordinate the many state and federal agencies that make decisions about offshore businesses and marine life.
- Encouraged ecosystem-based management—managing to better account for all ecosystem interactions, as opposed to a strictly species-by-species approach.

Coordination is needed more than ever.

“The whole point ... is for every entity at the table to work together to maintain a healthy ocean ecosystem, sustainable ocean uses, because we found that ... the work being done in a vacuum just isn't going to get it done for these pressing challenges of the 21st century.”

John T. Kennedy

Former Mid-Atlantic Gateway Director

U.S. Maritime Administration

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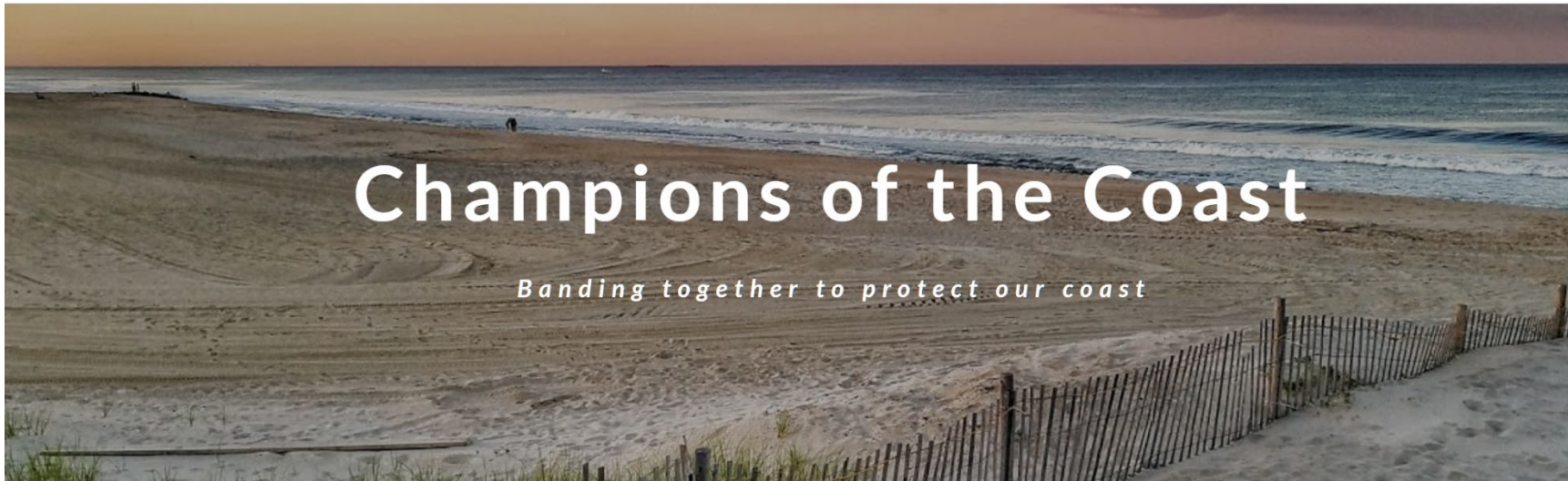
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Banding together to protect our coast

ADOPT A RESOLUTION
OPPOSING NEW
OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS
DRILLING

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ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN
SUPPORT OF REGIONAL
OCEAN PLANNING

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PASS AN ORDINANCE
BANNING THE
INTENTIONAL RELEASE OF
BALLOONS

[Read a sample ordinance here.](#)

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“The most effective way to ... create the best plan for all of our communities, the blue economy, and a healthy ocean is to support the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan. Our waters are a common, interconnected resource we all must manage responsibly, and only with coordinated and consistent policies can we address the issues and threats that affect our entire region.”

Carmen F. Amato, Jr.
Mayor of Berkeley Township

Classroom Outreach



FREE Ocean Educator Resources with film clips, real-life data and engaging activities!

Download these brand new, complimentary educator resources at:
<https://ocean-frontiers.org/educator-resources>

Ocean Frontiers, a 4-part film series by Green Fire Productions, explores how unlikely allies – government, industry, science and conservation – are working together to find solutions that benefit ocean ecosystems and economies.

The newly-released [Exploring Ocean Frontiers Educator Resources](#), for secondary and post-secondary classrooms, build on real-world science and delve into ocean planning and stewardship, collaborative science, marine biodiversity, ocean data portals and stakeholder engagement. The secondary lessons are inquiry-based and connected to Next Generation Science Standards. The post-secondary discussion guides are designed to facilitate classroom conversations on collaborative ocean planning and the future of our oceans.

We hope your students enjoy the films and lessons, and get inspired to be engaged ocean stewards!

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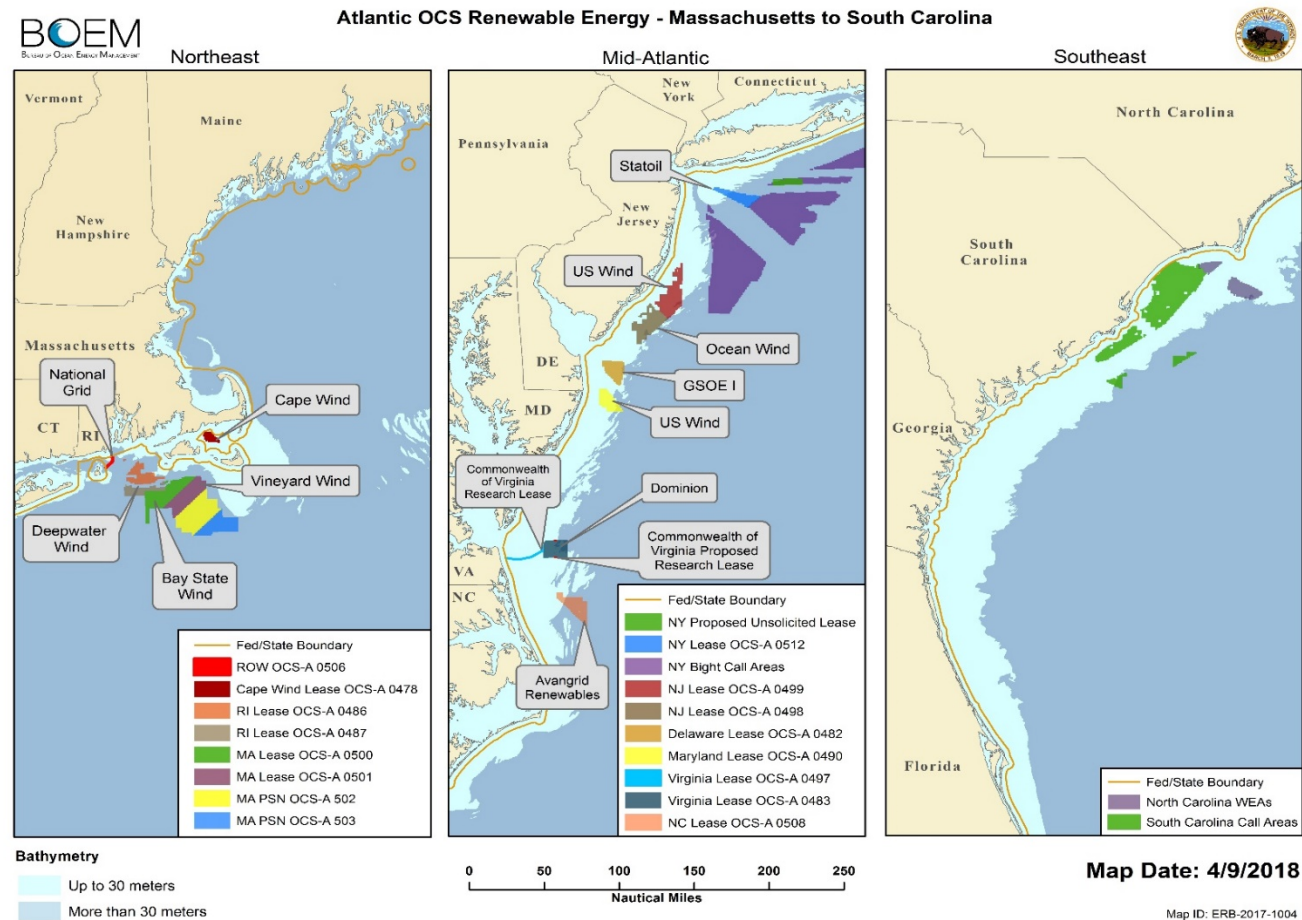
LOCATION

New York Aquarium,
Coney Island



Offshore Renewables

NRDC is working with others in the environmental community to respond to offshore energy proposals.



Working together for a healthy ocean requires:

1. Continued regional coordination to solve pressing ocean issues resulting from climate change and to sustainably manage our ocean use.
2. A recommitment to accomplishing the *Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan*.
3. Consistent updates to the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal to factor in new information and respond to new decision-maker and stakeholder needs.

Thank you!

