

WHAT IS MARYLAND DOING TO PREPARE FOR OFFSHORE RENEWABLE ENERGY?

Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

- DNR is working with The Nature Conservancy to gather ocean data and create maps that describe human uses, biological information, seafloor characteristics and other features.
- DNR is also working with Towson University and has developed a web-based mapping tool (Coastal Atlas) of ocean and coastal data for managers and the public. You can preview the Coastal Atlas at any of the map stations around the room tonight.
- DNR is working with advisory committees, user groups and the public to improve our knowledge of ocean uses and resources.

Maryland Energy Administration (MEA)

- MEA is working with the University of Maryland's Center for Integrative Environmental Research and AWS Truewind, LLC, to gather data and maps on military use, energy transmission, and wind speed and power. This information will be part of the Coastal Atlas.
- In order to increase our knowledge of Maryland's potential for offshore wind, MEA released a "Request for Expressions of Interest" to gain input from offshore wind developers.

