

MARYLAND'S OCEAN IS A BUSY PLACE

- Sand is mined from the ocean to replenish beaches
- Artificial reefs are created to provide fishing opportunities and fish habitat
- We fish commercially and/or recreationally for sea bass, tautog, bluefish and flounder
- Waterbirds and marine mammals feed and migrate along the Atlantic Coast
- Unique cold-water corals, tilefish and living resources inhabit the ocean shelf and provide habitat
- Ships use shipping lanes to move cargo
- We use buried telecommunication cables to connect the globe

New and increasing numbers of ocean uses— such as offshore renewable energy – will challenge us to think about our oceans in a more thoughtful and collaborative way.

