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**MID-ATLANTIC LISTENING SESSION  
WEST LONG BRANCH, NJ**

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**Date:** Thursday, June 30, 10:00 am - 3:30 pm (registration begins at 9:30 am)

**Location:** Monmouth University, NJ

*(The Monmouth University campus is located around the national landmark Wilson Hall in West Long Branch, New Jersey. The campus, residing in an ocean resort community, is within easy driving distance of metropolitan New York and Philadelphia. The session will be held in at the Wilson Hall Auditorium.)*

[Directions and Parking Instructions](#)

## **Agenda**

10:00 – 10:45 am: Opening Plenary Session

Welcome –

**Mr. Tony MacDonald**, *Director*, the Urban Coast Institute (UCI),  
Monmouth University, and

**Ms. Michele Siekerka**, *Assistant Commissioner*, Economic Growth & Green  
Energy, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Opening Remarks and Meeting Overview –

**Dr. Alan Thornhill**, *Science Advisor to the Director*, Bureau of Ocean  
Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, and *Department of the  
Interior Representative*, the National Ocean Council Ocean Resource  
Management Interagency Policy Committee, and

**Dr. Paul A. Sandifer**, *Senior Science Advisor to the Administrator*, National  
Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and *Co-Chair*, National Ocean  
Council Ocean Science and Technology Interagency Policy Committee, and

**Ms. Teresa Christopher**, *Ocean Policy Advisor*, National Ocean Council

10:45 – 11:45 am: Discussion and Public Comment on [Resiliency and Adaptation to  
Climate Change and Ocean Acidification](#) – **Dr. Matthew C. Larsen**, *Associate Director*, the  
Climate & Land Use Change, U.S. Geological Survey

11:45 am – 1:15 pm: Lunch (on your own)

1:15 pm – 1:30 pm: Remarks by **The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.**, U.S. House of  
Representatives, New Jersey's Sixth Congressional District

1:30 – 2:30 pm: Discussion and Public Comment on Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning – **Dr. John T. Oliver**, *Senior Ocean Policy Advisor*, U.S. Coast Guard

2:30 – 3:30 pm: Open Floor for Comments on Remaining SAPs, including:

Inform Decisions and Improve Understanding

Coordinate and Support

Water Quality and Sustainable Practices on Land

Ecosystem-Based Management

Regional Ecosystem Protection and Restoration

Changing Conditions in the Arctic

Ocean, Coastal, and Great Lakes Observations, Mapping, and Infrastructure

3:30 pm: Closing Remarks – **Ms. Maureen A. Bornholdt**, *Program Manager for the Office of Offshore Alternative Energy Programs*, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement

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