Date: Mon, Aug 15, 2016 at 7:44 AM

Subject: Re: Seismic Testingf

To: Elisabeth Stoner <stoner555@comcast.net>

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On Sat, Aug 13, 2016 at 5:10 PM, Elisabeth Stoner <stoner555@comcast.net> wrote:
I could not be more strongly AGAINST SEISMIC TESTING!
How could sane people even consider it?
Please listen to the people in the Surfrider Foundation!
How could you possibly consider doing all this terrible harm to all the marine species and to our beloved ocean?

Elisabeth Stoner

MERR Institute Surfrider Foundation

Date: Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 9:16 AM

Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan

To: kkop4@comcast.net

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From: KnowWho Services <noreply@knowwho.services>

Date: Sun, Aug 7, 2016 at 9:26 AM

Subject: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan

To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

Dear Robert LaBelle,

Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body Members--

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Thank you

Sincerely,

Kent Koping 43 Bennetts Ln Somerset, NJ 08873 kkop4@comcast.net (732) 247-2379

Date: Mon. Aug 8, 2016 at 9:17 AM

Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan

To: Robert Carnevale <carnevalesca@yahoo.com>

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Robert Carnevale 110 Pelletown Rd Lafayette, NJ 07848-3150 carnevalesca@vahoo.com

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To: jerry druch <jerrydruch@gmail.com>

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Jack Streppone 203 Holmes Mill Rd Cream Ridge, NJ 08514-1500 jackstreppone@gmail.com

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Lisa Elwell-Jupin 303 Wildwood Ave Pitman, NJ 08071 <u>llaaee@hotmail.com</u> (856) 498-0977

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To: frank immler <fimmler@temple.edu>

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frank immler 52 Henry Ave Princeton, NJ 08540-3311 fimmler@temple.edu

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Dennis Schvejda 40 Marilyn St North Haledon, NJ 07508-2441 dschvejda@gmail.com

Date: Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 9:23 AM

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To: TS'Diquah Willis <tsdiquahw@yahoo.com>

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Andrew Rinn 173 Allen Ave Oceanside, NY 11572 arinn@eastrockawayschools.org (516) 286-4924

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To: beth.kwart@gmail.com

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Douglas Schleifer 101 Rocktown Rd Ringoes, NJ 08551-1215 doug.schleifer@gmail.com

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To: kenconserv@gmail.com

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Date: Mon. Aug 8, 2016 at 9:31 AM

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To: decotyme645@comcast.net

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Kirk White 240Woodcrest Road, Oakhurst, NJ Oakhurst, NJ 07755 kwhitenj@aol.com (973) 277-2206

Date: Mon. Aug 8, 2016 at 9:37 AM

Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan

To: Eileen Ferrer <derfandleen@msn.com>

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To: Leann Leo <leannleoamato@hotmail.com>

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Leann Leo 120 Mill Street NJ 07675 leannleoamato@hotmail.com

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Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan

To: Niki Learn <nikilearn@elandra.com>

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Bill Collins 1766 east 38th St. Brooklyn, NY 11234 wmfcollins@aol.com (718) 376-4772

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Jaime Saranczak 115 Wagner St Edison, NJ 08837-2824 jaimesaranczak@gmail.com

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Raven Potosky 4 Mount Misery Rd Whiting, NJ 08759-4113 ravenpotosky@gmail.com

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Michael Hoffmann 10 Midvale Ave Millington, NJ 07946 usa939@hotmail.com (908) 903-0175

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Kevin Sickles 3 Thompson street West Long Branch, NJ 07764 ktsickles@aol.com (732) 241-5806

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Deborah Gifoli 333 N Read Ave Runnemede, NJ 08078-1333 deborahgifoli@comcast.net

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To: Khalil Kinge <kkinge@yahoo.com>

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2 Stanton St Apt 402
Troy, NY 12180-5648
tulldrivefrank@yahoo.com

Date: Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 9:42 AM

Subject: Re: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan

To: Tom Harris <mchazy77@hotmail.com>

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Chris hazynski 12 cypress ct Bordentown, NJ 08505 mchazy77@hotmail.com 6097443953

Date: Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 9:44 AM

Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan

To: Linda Gazzola <xenafan431@aol.com>

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Linda Gazzola 236b Edgewater Park Bronx, NY 10465-3550 xenafan431@aol.com

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To: Elizabeth Jonach <eeyore08733@yahoo.com>

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Elizabeth Jonach 7 Franklin Ct Bernardsville, NJ 07924-2447 eeyore08733@yahoo.com

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Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan

To: Luanne Lange <trinityacres18@yahoo.com>

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On Fri, Aug 5, 2016 at 11:46 PM, Luanne Lange <feedback@lcv.org> wrote:

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Luanne Lange 107 Sidney Rd Annandale, NJ 08801-3622 trinityacres18@yahoo.com

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Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan

To: Diann Jenkins <gassimine@yahoo.com>

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Beth Kehayes 256 Creek Rd Phillipsburg, NJ 08865-7611 bkehayes@gmail.com

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Jane Jackson 64 Anstice St Oyster Bay, NY 11771-2323 janemj2@verizon.net

Date: Mon. Aug 8, 2016 at 9:54 AM

Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan

To: TYRONE MARTINEZ <t.marinez@att.net>

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Ann Buscher 209 Comly Rd Lincoln Park, NJ 07035-1126 gratefulheartglass@hotmail.com

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Subject: Re: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan

To: christopherpoli1@yahoo.com

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On Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 10:31 AM, KnowWho Services < noreply@knowwho.services> wrote: Dear Robert LaBelle,

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But it is precisely all of that hard work that is at risk if the final plan is not specific enough or doesn't significantly change how our oceans are managed to keep them healthy and functioning into the future.

Please use all of the data now available to you and delineate where the most productive areas of the ocean are located. Without that information how will we know where to place future projects like offshore wind farms?

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Thank you

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Chrsitopher Poli 26 Brisbane Rd Montauk, NY 11954 <u>christopherpoli1@yahoo.com</u> (917) 679-0863

Date: Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 12:17 PM

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Linda Lemke PO Box 125 Grahamsville, NY 12740-0125 sumiluymy2lea@aol.com

Date: Tue, Aug 9, 2016 at 7:27 AM

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To: Kathleen Seltzer <rkseltzer@comcast.net>

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Subject: Re: I'm the 177th signer: "Help Protect the Atlantic Ocean"

To: moveon-petitions-anon+em-14950238-20160822-1NzX6J@moveon.org

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Dear Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body,

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My additional comments are:

SAVE THE OCEANS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

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To: Lori Lieberman <lola212lola@yahoo.com>

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Donald Azuma 2051 Fitzwater St. PA 19146 dfazuma@earthlink.net

Date: Tue, Aug 9, 2016 at 12:53 PM

Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan

To: Deborah Cerny < cernybiz13@gmail.com>

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On Tue, Aug 9, 2016 at 10:39 AM, Deborah Cerny <feedback@lcv.org> wrote:

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To: glib.lirazan@gmail.com

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From: KnowWho Services <noreply@knowwho.services>

Date: Tue, Aug 9, 2016 at 10:45 AM

Subject: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan

To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

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Glib Lirazan 5049 St. Barnabas Rd Temple Hills, MD 20748 glib.lirazan@gmail.com (240) 423-9482

Date: Tue. Aug 9, 2016 at 2:27 PM

Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan

To: Gina Graci <ggraci228@aol.com>

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Gina Graci 104 Belinda Ct Brick, NJ 08724-7103 ggraci228@aol.com

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Raymond Hencken 10023 Sara Drive Breinigsville, PA 18031 henckenrp@gmail.com (610) 969-8994

Date: Tue, Aug 9, 2016 at 3:37 PM

Subject: Fwd: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan

To: horvathj@princeton.edu

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Joe Horvath 105 Liberty St Trenton,NJ Trenton, NJ 08611 horvathj@princeton.edu (609) 695-5547

Date: Wed, Aug 10, 2016 at 9:13 AM

Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan

To: "Francisco J. Velez" <javier3273_7@hotmail.com>

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Madlyn Clark 759 Fairview Ave Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097-1501 mcsmiles2@yahoo.com

Date: Wed, Aug 10, 2016 at 1:21 PM

Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan

To: Matthew Visco <mvisco@optonline.net>

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Matthew Visco 25 Colts Neck Ter Trenton, NJ 08620-1301 mvisco@optonline.net Date: Wed, Aug 10, 2016 at 1:29 PM

Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan

To: Marian Bobyak <nosmo2@verizon.net>

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Marian Bobyak 19 Oriental Ave Haddon Township, NJ 08108-2322 nosmo2@verizon.net

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To: joann Ramos <joannspa@yahoo.com>

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Stephanie Christoff PO Box 8356 White Plains, NY 10602-8356 stephaniechristoff@yahoo.com Date: Thu, Aug 11, 2016 at 9:06 AM

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Sincerely,

Martha Johnston 702 Highwood Drive Baltimore, MD 21212 mkjohns@aol.com (410) 323-6180 Date: Thu, Aug 11, 2016 at 9:07 AM

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To: Dan Tainow <dantainow@gmail.com>

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Daniel Tainow 112 Rivington St. Apt. 5B New York, NY 10002 dantainow@gmail.com (212) 533-2959

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Jeremy Carpenter 5 Kelshawn Ct. Latham, NY 12110 buta275@yahoo.com (518) 000-0000

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Sylvia Kaplan 1510 Ocean Pkwy Apt C15 Brooklyn, NY 11230-7061 sylvia kaplan @verizon.net

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conor maccourtney 220 Sullivan Street New York, NY 10012 conor.maccourtney@mssb.com (212) 878-3920

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To: wmfcollins@aol.com

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Bily Collins 1766 est 38th St. Brooklyn, NY 11234 wmfcollins@aol.com (718) 376-4772

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To: lilo.stainton@gmail.com

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Mike Prieto 43-33 42nd St, #3A Queens, NY 11104 vmikep@gmail.com (222) 222-2222

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Date: Thu, Aug 11, 2016 at 2:05 PM

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Miriam Morris 259 Martense St Brooklyn, NY 11226 miriammorris@gmail.com (408) 887-0113

Date: Thu, Aug 11, 2016 at 2:05 PM

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To: chrisbeach@deepbrooklyn.com

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Chris Beach
249 Clifton Place
Brooklyn, NY 11216
chrisbeach@deepbrooklyn.com
(212) 203-9026

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To: stacie.ballou@gmail.com

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Stacie Ballou 380 Oakland Ave Staten Island, NY 10310 stacie.ballou@gmail.com (917) 494-9031

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To: moe.a.magali@gmail.com

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Moe Magali 707 St. John's place Brooklyn, NY 11216 moe.a.magali@gmail.com (646) 410-3674 Date: Thu. Aug 11, 2016 at 3:46 PM

Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan

To: Michele Horenstein <shubie1027@msn.com>

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Michele Horenstein 3 S Sacramento Ave Ventnor City, NJ 08406-2755 shubie1027@msn.com

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Robin Zimmerman 16303 Dark Hollow Road Upperco, MD 21155 robinzim@aol.com (410) 239-8444

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Richard Dallam 16303 Dark Hollow Rd Upperco, MD 21155 rdallam1969@gmail.com (410) 459-1002

Date: Fri, Aug 12, 2016 at 8:17 AM

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To: thomas@trend.industries

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Thomas Queen 8639 Brown Summit Rd Richmond, VA 23235 thomas@trend.industries (804) 482-1138

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kendra bradley 100 remsen street 7h New York, NY 11201 k4kenner@aol.com 9173750684

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Elise Collins 1766 E 38 Brooklyn, NY 11234 ecaspie89@gmail.com (718) 376-4772

Date: Fri, Aug 12, 2016 at 10:36 AM

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To: hcarola@verizon.net

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Date: Fri, Aug 12, 2016 at 10:29 AM

Subject: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan

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Aug 12, 2016

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Hugh Carola 617 Spring Valley Rd Maywood, NJ 07607-1422 hcarola@verizon.net

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Alexander Dinell 3200 Asbury Ave Ocean City, NJ 08226-2026 alexnyc777@aol.com

Date: Fri, Aug 12, 2016 at 4:00 PM

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To: pgdiamond@outlook.com

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Date: Fri, Aug 12, 2016 at 3:52 PM

Subject: Please Include ERAs in the Final Ocean Action Plan

To: midatlanticrpb@boem.gov

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Part Diamond 89 Dean Street New York, NY 11201 pgdiamond@outlook.com (718) 490-7104

Date: Mon, Aug 15, 2016 at 7:42 AM

Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan

To: suzanne wolf <lobored2000@yahoo.com>

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On Fri, Aug 12, 2016 at 4:16 PM, suzanne wolf <feedback@lcv.org> wrote:

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suzanne wolf 39 Saddle Ln Cherry Hill, NJ 08002-1536 lobored2000@yahoo.com

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Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan

To: Patricia Guida <pdg293@optimum.net>

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To: pchurchill@bfcca.com

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Peter Churchill 2546 S Arlington Mill Drive, Apt A Arlington, VA 22206 pchurchill@bfcca.com 8582554205

Date: Mon, Aug 15, 2016 at 7:43 AM

Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan

To: Anthony Husarenko <grungeant@yahoo.com>

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Peter Wiener 21 East 22nd New York, NY 10010 paw428@gmail.com 9176262385

Date: Mon. Aug 15, 2016 at 7:43 AM

Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan

To: Linda Woolston lwoolston@verizon.net

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Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan

To: Louis Discepola <loudny@yahoo.com>

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On Sat, Aug 13, 2016 at 11:33 AM, Louis Discepola <feedback@lcv.org> wrote:

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Louis Discepola 314b 3rd St Hackensack, NJ 07601-2718 loudny@yahoo.com

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To: emiliainstructor@yahoo.com

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Emilia Sadonis 87 Hillside Ave Verona, NJ 07044 emiliainstructor@yahoo.com 9738573277

Date: Mon, Aug 15, 2016 at 7:44 AM

Subject: Re: My comments on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan

To: Ramona J Wirick <wirickrj@yahoo.com>

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