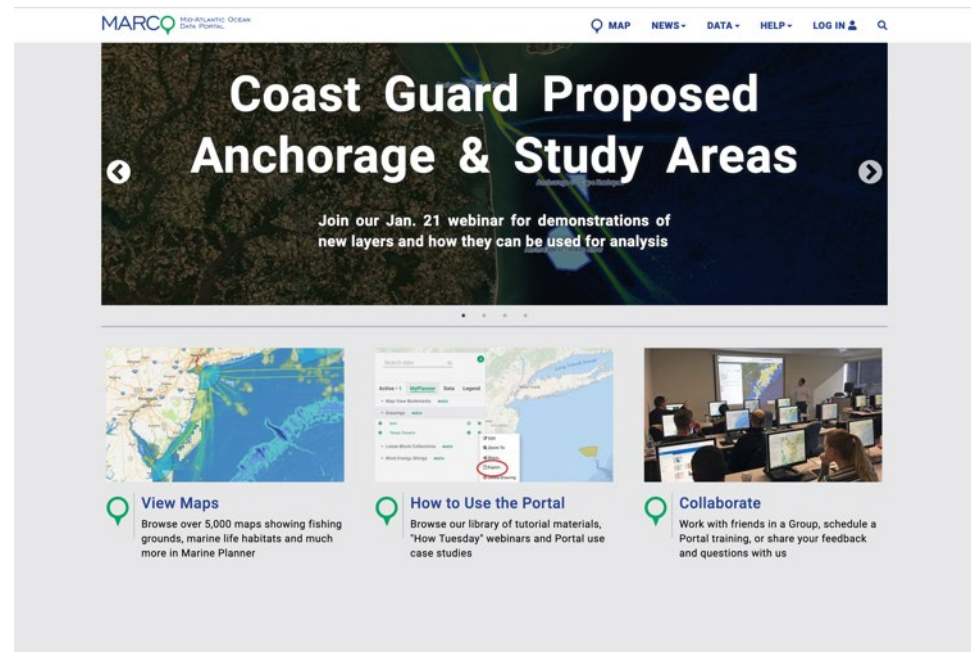
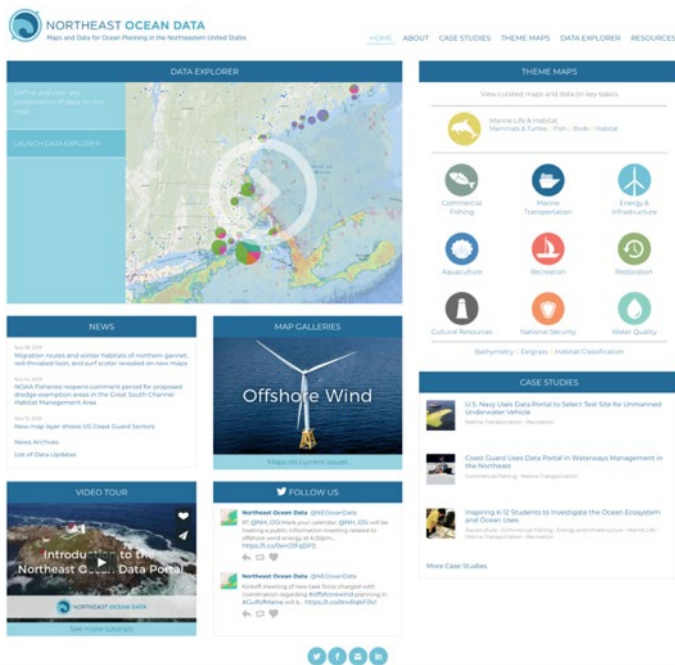


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1. Correspondence (Dec 1-3, 2020) M

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Project Partners:

- **Responsible Offshore Development Alliance (RODA)** – coalition of fishing industry associations and fishing companies with an interest in improving the compatibility of new offshore development with their businesses.
- **Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC)** - voluntary forum for states, federal agencies, and other regional organizations formed by the New England governors in 2005
- **Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO)** - state partnership to address shared regional priorities and provide a collective voice formed by the Governors of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia in 2009

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Funding:

Federal appropriation through NOAA to NROC and MARCO for regional data sharing for management decisions

Duration:

January through ~~September 2020~~— **Extended to December 2020**

Project Outcomes:

- Guidance for and updated maps on the NE and Mid-A portals with new years, additional products, and understanding of current and potential uses
- Upfront and consistent industry engagement on data product development and use via RODA convened focus groups

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Outreach to industry, state and federal agencies, and the Councils

- NEFMC
 - January introduction and updates in June and December
 - 6 Advisory Panel webinars in May and June
- MAFMC – Joint meeting of all APs in May
- February kickoff meeting
- ME Fishermen's Forum in March

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Outreach to industry, state and federal agencies, and the Councils

- RODA
 - 7 webinars focused on various fisheries
 - Online survey
 - Outreach to individual industry representatives
 - Specific outreach to lobster industry and state agencies
- Meetings with State fisheries agencies
- Separate meetings about the lobster fishery
- Separate meetings with party/charter captains from ME to VA

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Overview of feedback received

- VMS:
 - Display Declared out of Fishery activity (DOF)
 - Reconsider VMS speed thresholds by fishery
 - Consider using fishing year for fisheries where it's different to calendar year
- VTR:
 - Landings and revenues would be useful
 - Consider integrating data from NOAA Fishing Footprints assessment into Portals
 - Confirm VTR data with observer data
 - Support for the community aspect of the “Communities at Sea” data on the Portals

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Overview of feedback received

- Lobster
 - We can't act quickly enough to harmonize requirements and platforms across agencies and develop new spatial data approaches
 - Exploring promising tracker-based programs is worthwhile, but will require creative approaches data ownership and generating buy-in
 - Quantitative interview-based approaches may fill in the gaps
 - California is embarking on an industry-led mapping project, and the state's CZMA agency has committed to using data products for OSW consistency determination process
- General
 - Display and link to information about management areas, e.g. AMs, with information on when they are in place
 - Extend time series as back as possible
 - Support for both single year and multiple year products
 - A lot of fishery-specific feedback, such as separating out surf clam and ocean quahog fisheries in VMS, showing herring spawning layers, and context for documentation/metadata.

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Final Steps for this Stage

1. Final report
2. Lobster white paper
3. Charter/Party white paper

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Ongoing/Future Work

- Develop updated VMS maps based on this feedback
- Continue to work with industry partners to find solutions for lobster and recreational fisheries
- Decide on how to update and/or integrate VTR-based products, e.g. communities at sea and/or fishing footprints
- Revisions to the metadata to improve clarity for public