

Bight '13 Update

December 7, 2012

Off to a Great Start!

- **Kick-off meeting in Sept**
 - 146 individuals, 74 agencies
- **Five issue-themed breakout sessions**
 - Each session came up with some basic monitoring questions
- **Each has become its own Bight element**
 - Planning meetings already underway

Bight '13 Elements

- **Contaminant Impact Assessment**
- **Nutrient Impact**
- **Microbiology**
- **Marine Protected Areas**
- **Debris Assessment**

What's Getting Folks Excited?

- Wildlife risk focusing on contaminant bioaccumulation in birds
- Nutrients elucidating mechanisms of hypoxia and ocean acidification
- MPA teasing apart impacts from fishing vs. water quality
- Debris linking trash from land and ocean

The Seven Steps To Regional Monitoring

- Monitoring questions – Nov/Dec
- Study design – Dec/Jan
- Resource allocation - Dec/Jan
- Workplan creation – Jan/Feb
- Methods development – Mar/Apr
- Quality Assurance Plan – Apr/May
- Information Management Plan – May/Jun