

# Responsible Offshore Science Alliance (ROSA)

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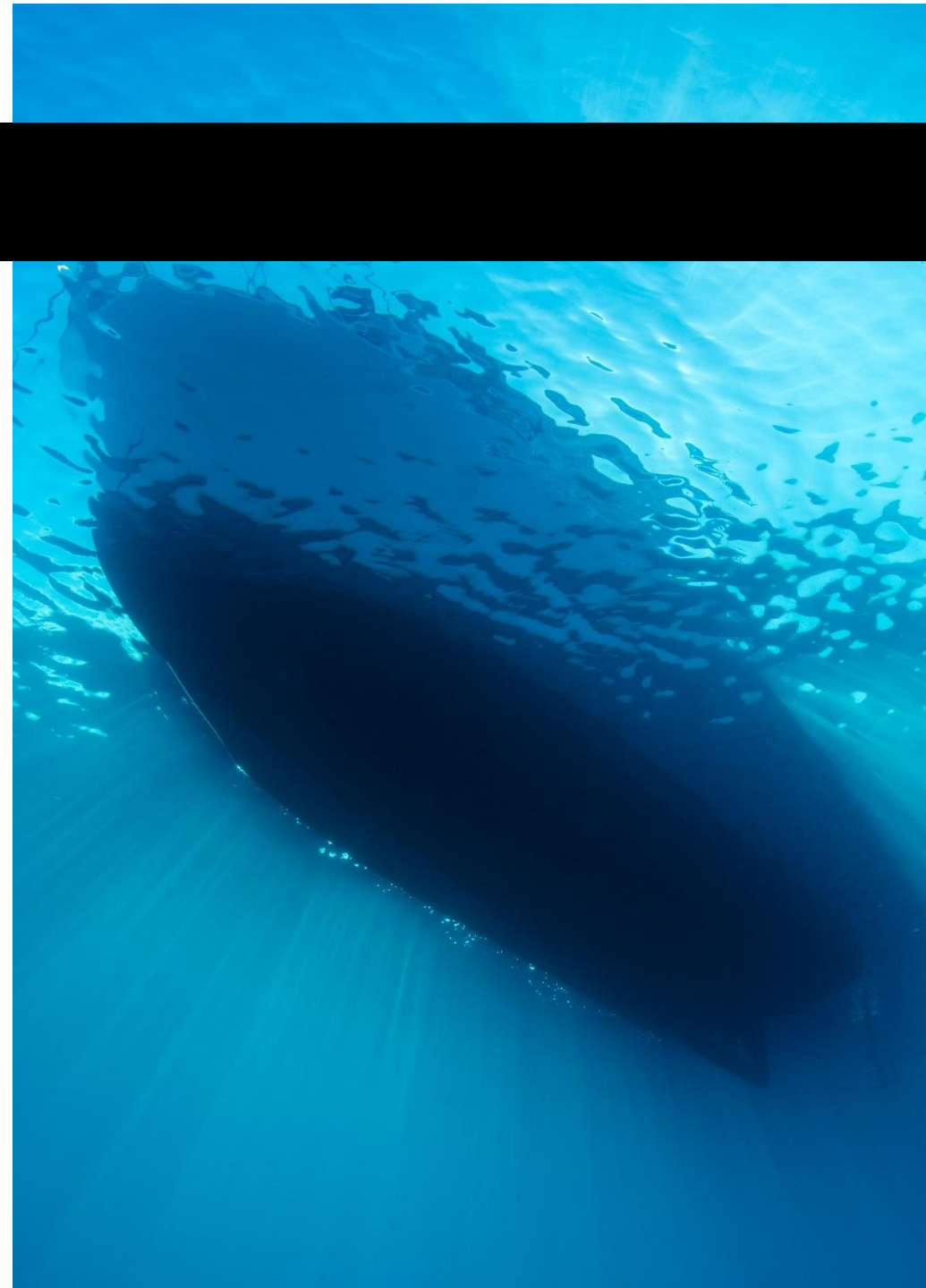
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting

June 17, 2020

# ROSA Background

- Recognized need for coordinated regional science related to offshore wind development and fisheries
- Limited capacity within existing groups and agencies
- Forum needed to improve cooperative partnerships
- Need to increase salient and credible data and improve our knowledge of the effects of wind energy development on fisheries and ocean ecosystems

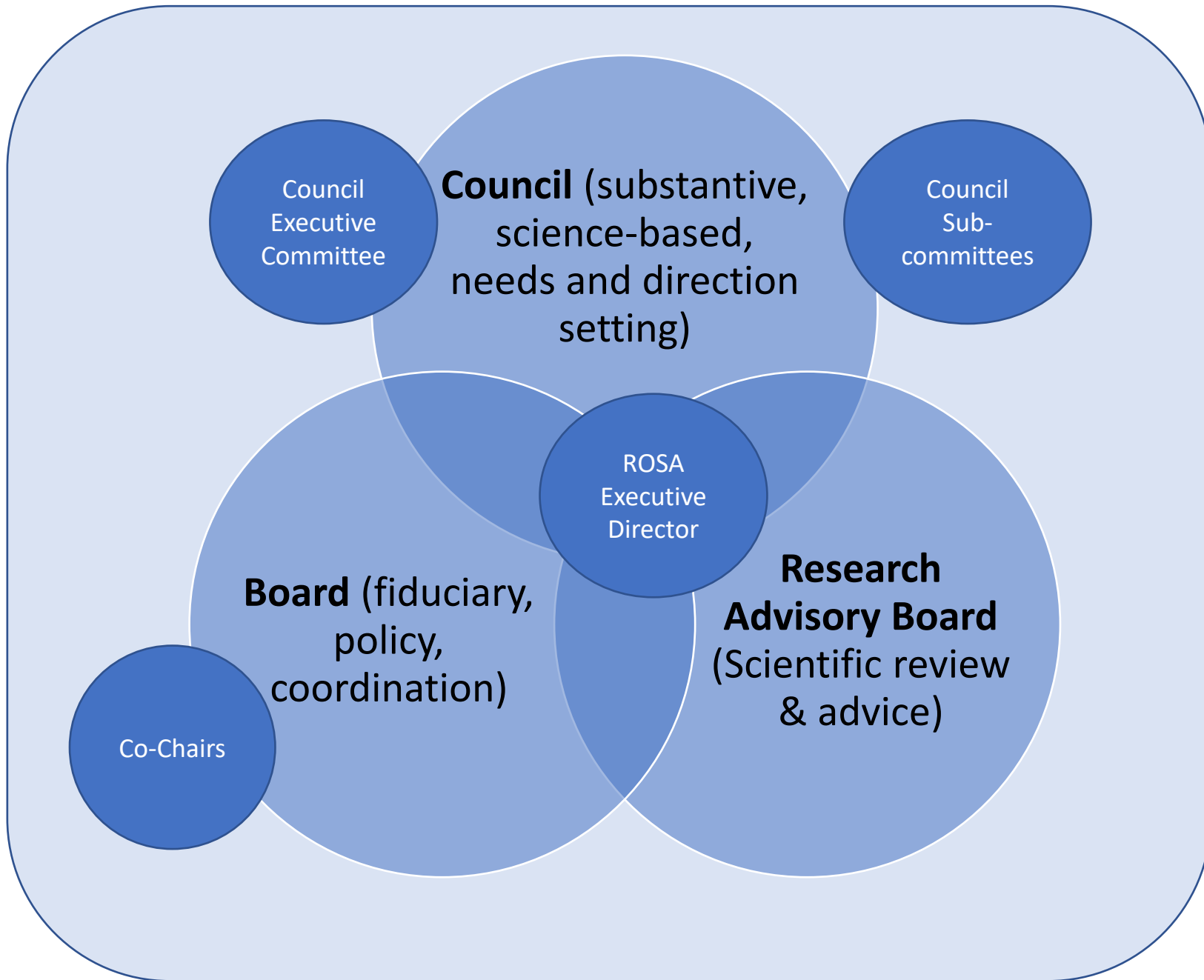
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# ROSA Objectives

- Identify regional research and monitoring needs
- Provide a forum for coordinating existing programs
- Advance regional understanding through collaboration, partnerships, and cooperative research
- Facilitate and improve standardization and access to data
- Disseminate research and communicate findings and issues





# ROSA Organizational Approach

# Progress to Date

## Early 2019

ROSA formed as a 501(c)3 through partnership between RODA and OSW developers

## 2019- early 2020

- ROSA meeting in July
- Broad consultation to create ROSA framework
- ROSA board formed- equal representation of OSW developers & commercial fishing reps
- Executive Director search & hiring

## February-April 2020

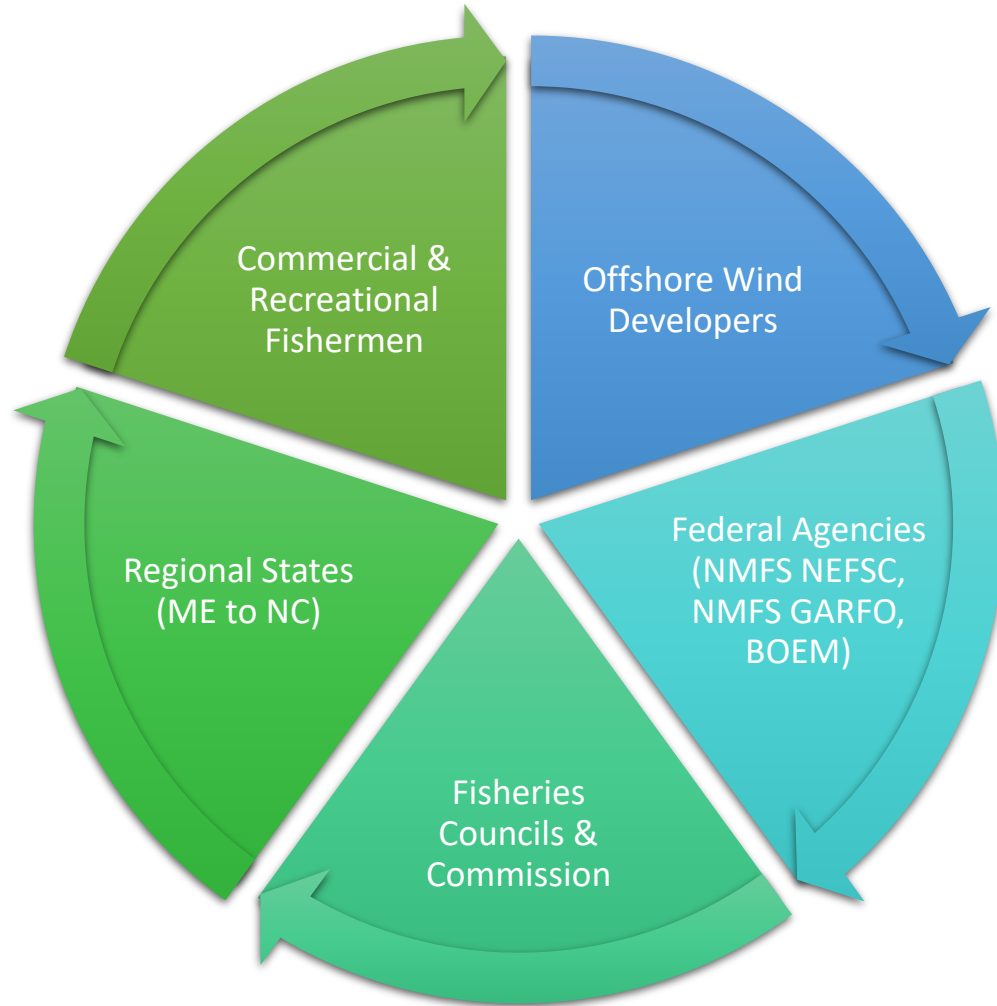
- ED on board
- Initial focus on finalizing administrative tasks related to organizational and board function
- Begin discussion of strategy for building ROSA Advisory Council

# Next Steps

Spring/  
Summer  
2020

- Build Advisory Council: ~40 people with broad sector representation
- Determine approach for interim needs- i.e. research & monitoring working group

# ROSA Advisory Council



- Provides substantive direction and focus
- Will meet twice per year to provide overall leadership and strategic guidance for ROSA
- Currently working to build the Advisory Council

# ROSA Advisory Council

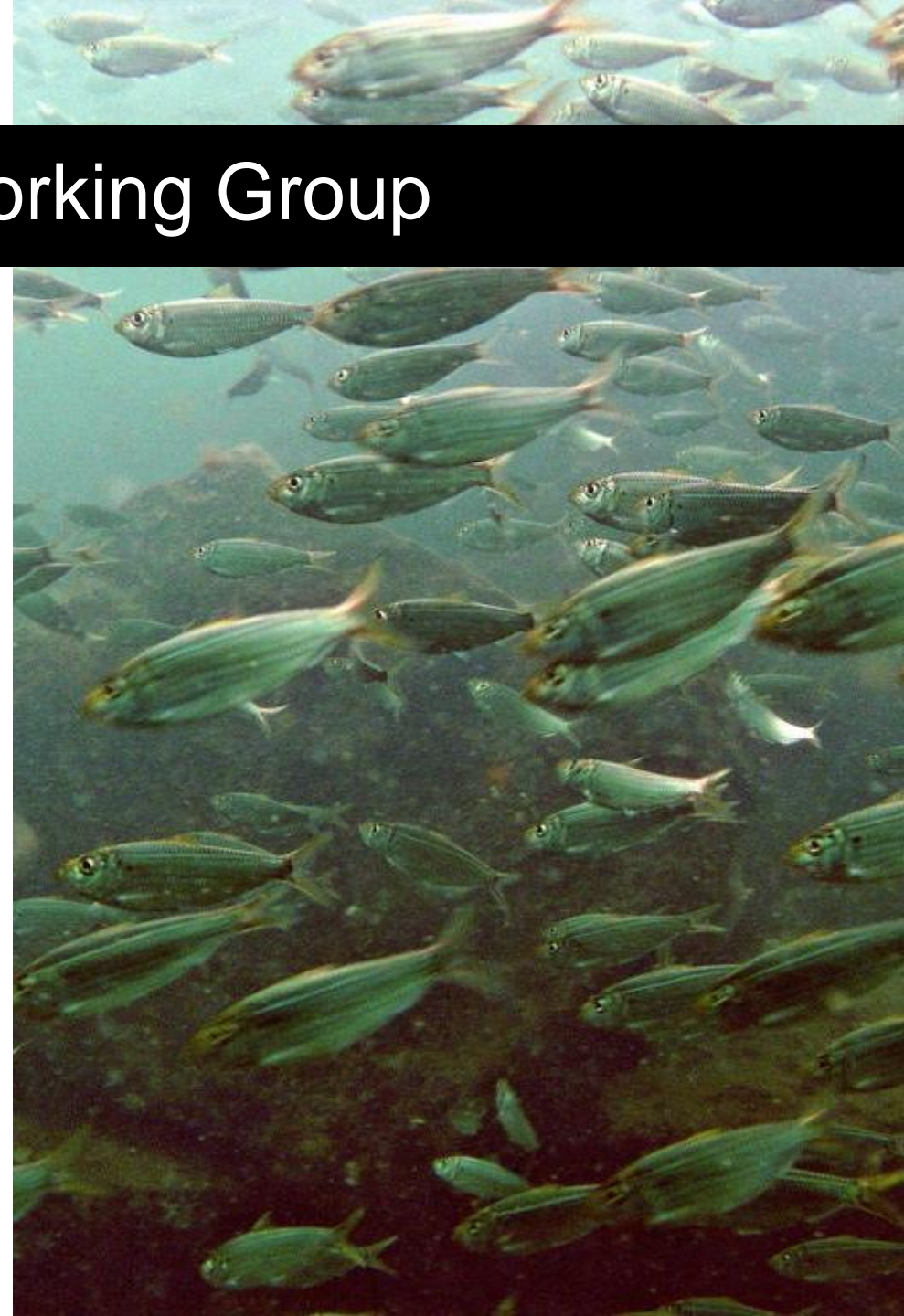
- Call for applications for commercial and recreational fishermen
  - Available at [rosascience.org](https://rosascience.org)
  - Deadline July 15, 2020
- Letters sent to other sectors requesting appointee and alternate
  - State agency webinar 11am-12pm on June 29, 2020





# ROSA Interim Fisheries Monitoring Working Group

- Partnership with NMFS NEFSC and GARFO
- Members include:
  - Federal and state agency representatives
  - Researchers/Academics
  - Fishermen and RODA staff
  - Developer fishery staff
  - Several are also NTAP members
- Kickoff meeting held June 10, 2020
- Discussed short- and long-term needs and goals, draft terms of reference (ToRs)



# Next Steps

Spring/  
Summer  
2020

- Build Advisory Council
- Determine approach for interim needs- i.e. research & monitoring guidance

Late  
Summer  
2020

- Advisory Council kickoff meeting
- Discuss role of the Council and strategy for ROSA goals and objectives

Fall 2020

- NMFS/BOEM/RODA State of the Science meeting
- Meeting outcomes will help determine research needs and priorities
- Formation of ROSA Research Advisory Board

Late 2020/  
Early 2021

- ROSA moves science goals forward through guidance of ROSA Advisory Council and Research Advisory Board

# ROSA Updates

- Rosascience.org
  - Option to sign up for mailing list will be added soon



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