Council Involvement to Date

- Strategic comment letters to BOEM
- Webpage managed with NEFMC and NOAA Fisheries
- Participation in various groups
  - NOAA’s northeast wind team
  - Responsible Offshore Science Alliance
  - NYSERDA Fisheries Technical Working Group
  - Mid-Atlantic Council on the Ocean
- Involvement with/support of other groups (e.g. RODA)
Areas for Council Impact

- Siting
  - Lease areas
  - Turbines within lease areas
- Environmental reviews (e.g., NEPA)
- Science to understand impacts
Offshore Wind in the Northeast Region

This webpage is collaboratively managed by the Mid-Atlantic and New England Fishery Management Councils

There is growing interest in the development of offshore wind energy resources in the Northeast. The Mid-Atlantic and New England Fishery Management Councils are working with NOAA Fisheries to provide input on wind development activities in our region to ensure the impacts to the marine environment and the Councils’ managed resources and fisheries are considered.

The Mid-Atlantic and New England Councils, working with NOAA Fisheries, collaboratively developed this page to link to information and resources that may be relevant to wind planning discussions. This page also provides information related to the Councils’ involvement in, and comments on, wind energy development activities, as well as resources for its stakeholders.

Stay Informed

Notices to Fishermen
As developers provide the Councils with information regarding offshore surveys, buoy installations, and other activities that may occur in areas used by fishermen, those notices will be posted at http://www.mafmc.org/offshore-wind-notices.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)
Development of offshore wind resources falls under the purview of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM). Visit the pages linked below to engage in and stay informed about BOEM activities.

- BOEM Fishing Industry Communication and Engagement Web Page - Information about fishery liaisons and representatives for offshore wind projects in the Northeast
- BOEM State Activities Web Page - Fishery and ocean updates
Discussion

Continue with current level of engagement on offshore wind?

– Strategic comment letters to BOEM
– Website
– Participate in and support various groups