Will fishing be allowed in the wind farm once construction is completed?
Yes, all types of fishing, including commercial mobile and fixed gear as well as recreational, will be permitted within the wind farm once construction is complete and the project is operational.

Will there be safety exclusion zones during construction?
Temporary safety zones will be established following USCG guidance during offshore construction and cable laying. Vineyard Wind will communicate with recreational and commercial vessel operators in advance of installation activities and throughout construction.

Will there be a navigation corridor through the wind farm?
The USCG is currently undertaking a Port Access Route Study for the movement of vessel traffic offshore of the MA and RI Wind Energy Areas. The information gathered during this study may result in the establishment of one or more transit corridors through the area.

Will there be a system in place for fishermen to report lost and/or damaged gear?
Yes, Vineyard Wind has an established lost/damaged gear protocol in case an incident occurs between a survey/construction vessel and fishing gear. The incident is logged and reported to the Fishery Liaison who will contact the fisherman.

What is the proposed spacing between the turbines?
The 84 turbines will be spaced up to 1 nautical mile apart with an average spacing of 0.86 nm.

What long term research or monitoring will be done to study the potential impacts?
Vineyard Wind is conducting extensive research to understand the effects of offshore wind on fisheries. Initial survey work to test technologies began in the fall of 2018. After consultation with fishermen and agencies, trawl surveys, drop camera surveys, ventless lobster trap, plankton and blacksea bass surveys began in the spring of 2019. These surveys are being led by the School for Marine Science and Technology (SMAST) and Massachusetts Lobstermen’s Association. Commercial fishing vessels are used to conduct the research. Vineyard Wind has also partnered with the New England Aquarium to document highly migratory species presence across all lease areas with help from the pelagic recreational fleet.