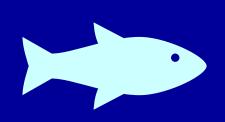
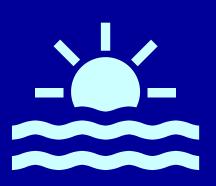
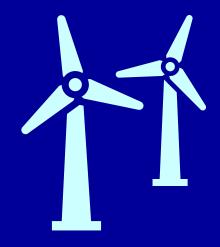


Offshore Wind Fisheries Compensation Data Needs



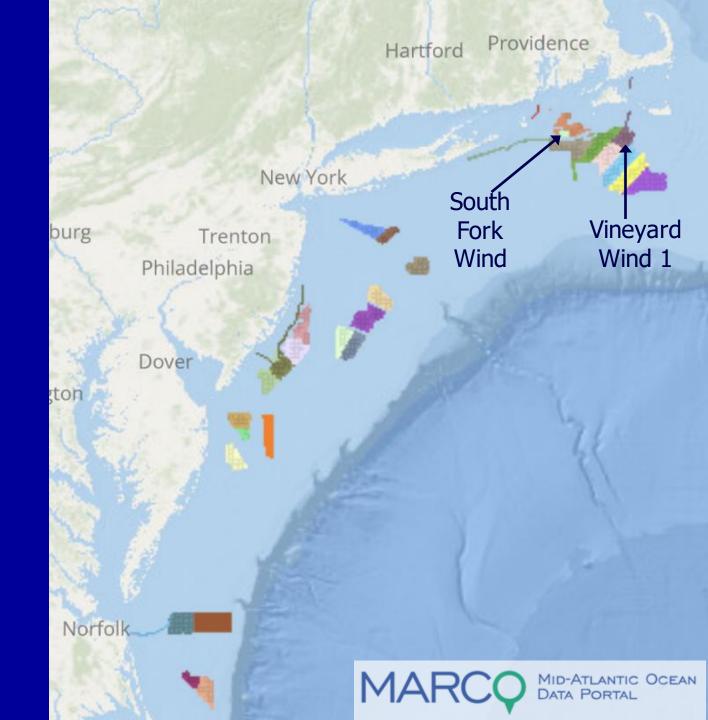




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Fisheries compensatory mitigation

Requires proof of fishing activity within wind lease areas





- Owner/operators of commercial fishing vessels homeported in MA, RI, CT, NY, or NJ.
- 2023 commercial fishing permit from NOAA.
- Fished in the Vineyard Wind 1 lease area for at least 3 years between 2016 and 2022.
- Annual revenue from fishing activities for those 3 years (not just in Vineyard Wind 1 area).





Evidence of fishing activity may include:

- VTRs
- VMS
- AIS
- Fishery Observer or At-Sea Monitoring information
- NOAA Fisheries Cooperative Research Study Fleet information
- Time-stamped chart plotter data/images
- Logbooks (supported by additional data)
- Other trip-level reporting



Contacts for Data Requests

- Logbook and fishing footprint data requests: NMFS.GAR.Data.Requests@noaa.gov
- Vessel Monitoring System data requests: <u>ole.helpdesk@noaa.gov</u>
- Northeast Fisheries Observer Program data requests: chris.tholke@noaa.gov
- GARFO permit data requests: <u>NMFS.GAR.Permits@noaa.gov</u>

Guidance for Data Requests

- Be very clear about what you are requesting.
- Ensure your request includes all the necessary information:
 - Contact information for the person requesting the data.
 - Permit number and vessel name for data requested.
 - Data requested (e.g., logbook landings, fishing revenue, permit issuance).
 - Date range for the data requested (e.g., fishing or calendar years 2016 2022).
- Area to which the data applies (e.g., logbook data when fishing in the Vineyard Wind 1 lease area, OCS-A 0501).
- Identify expected data output (e.g., spreadsheet or map).
- Specify if data are needed by a certain date.



March 4 - June 3, 2024 eligibility period

"The only time that commercial fishing vessel owner/operator applications will be accepted. Applications submitted outside of the eligibility period will not be considered and applicants will not have another opportunity to qualify for the program."





Applications that are otherwise complete and submitted by June 3 will not be rejected if fishing activity data from NOAA Fisheries remains outstanding.



Questions/Discussion

Backup Slides

South Fork Fisheries Compensation Program

- Commercial and for-hire recreational fishing.
- MA and RI.
- Pre-qualify through an eligibility application.
 - Fishing activity in the project area in the 3 years prior to eligibility.
- Then apply for compensation.
- Compensation based on historical gross revenue within the project area.
- Navigation enhancement and training program.