

## Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** April 4, 2024

To: Council

From: Julia Beaty, staff

**Subject:** Additional Updates on Offshore Wind Energy Development

The Executive Director's Report (Tab 13) for the <u>April 2024 Council meeting</u> includes a memo, dated March 28, 2024, summarizing several updates related to offshore wind energy development. The following updates which may be of interest to the Council were announced after finalization of that memo.

- Approval of New England Wind: The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) approved the up to 129 turbine New England Wind Project, located about 20 nautical miles south of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. The Record of Decision outlines several requirements for the project, including requirements regarding navigation safety, habitat, protected species, fisheries compensatory mitigation, and other requirements. More information is available here.
- National Academies Committee on Offshore Wind Energy and Fisheries: The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine Standing Committee on Offshore Wind Energy and Fisheries will meet on April 8 and 9, 2024. More information about this group, a meeting agenda, and webinar connection information is available <a href="here">here</a>.