



Leading Light Wind

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Date: May 24, 2023
To: Dr. Christopher Moore, Executive Director, MAFMC
From: Wesley Jacobs, Sr. Project Director, Offshore Development, Invenergy
Subject: Leading Light Wind OSW Project: Development Update

Dear Dr. Moore,

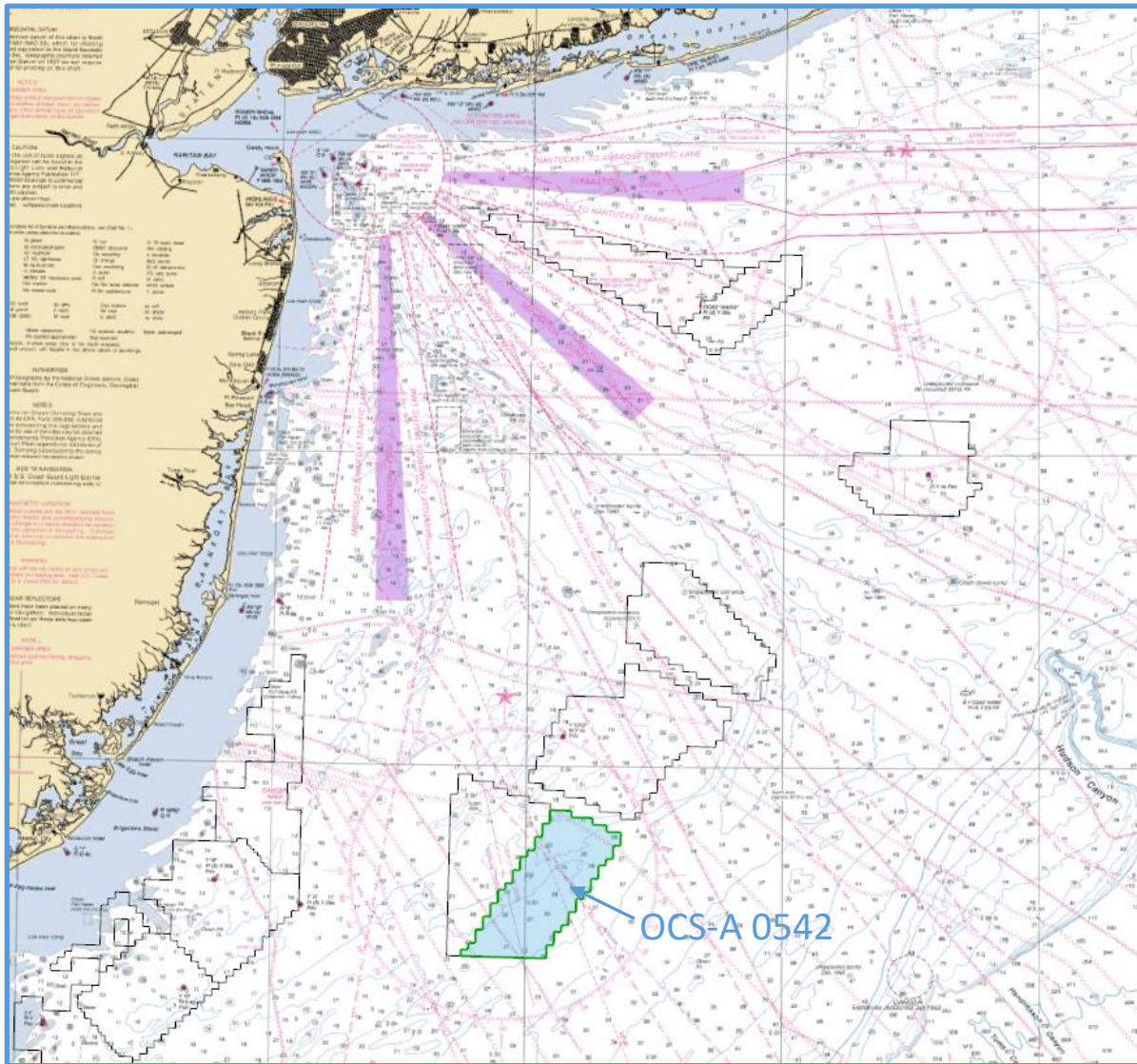
Leading Light Wind is an American-led offshore wind project being developed by Invenergy and energyRe. In February 2022, Leading Light Wind was awarded BOEM lease OCS-A 0542, an approximately 84,000-acre area in the New York Bight that will provide more than 2 gigawatts of renewable energy to the region. Pre-construction activities are forecasted through 2027, with construction anticipated between 2027-2032.

The first offshore benthic survey of the project area was completed in April 2023, and the first nearshore benthic survey completed in May 2023. Geophysical surveys began in late April 2023 and will continue for several months, after which geotechnical surveys will commence. Leading Light Wind is utilizing scout vessels and offshore fisheries liaison representatives (OFLRs) in addition to the Fisheries Liaison Officer to ensure timely and accurate communication with fisheries users of the area as well as other mariners. Leading Light Wind maintains communications with fishing communities and other mariners via periodic mariner updates, USCG Local Notice to Mariners, dock visits, and postings on the [Leading Light Wind Mariners web page](#).

Leading Light Wind is actively soliciting input and assessing potential concerns raised by the fishing community. Working independently and through coordinated efforts with other NY Bight Lessees via the American Clean Power (ACP) New York Bight Fisheries Working Group, we intend to implement meaningful and efficient engagement strategies with the fishing community. Additionally, we participate in and support the collaborative efforts underway to develop, fund, and implement a regional fisheries compensation program.

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council members, council staff, and fishermen are encouraged to contact the Leading Light Wind project team through our Fisheries Liaison Officer, Sarah Hudak, with any questions, comments, or concerns about project activities in relation to fisheries.

Sincerely,
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Contact Us

Leading Light Wind is committed to maintaining communications with fishing communities and other mariners in the area via periodic updates, dock visits, informational speaking engagements and postings on the [Leading Light Wind Mariners web page](#). Mariners are also encouraged to contact Leading Light Wind’s Fisheries Liaison Officer with any specific questions about project activities in relation to fisheries.

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