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**Date:** January 30, 2024  
**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 (OCS-A 0542) is an American-led offshore wind project being developed by lead developer Invenergy and co-developer energyRe. The approximately 84,000-acre project is located over 40 miles offshore, with construction anticipated to commence in 2028 and full operations projected in 2032.

On January 24, 2024, **Leading Light Wind was awarded a 2,400 MW contract from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities**—enough to power more than 1 million homes. Leading Light Wind will allocate up to \$150 million for a community benefits program, including the establishment of a **Fisheries Accelerator Fund** to support emerging technology and initiatives aimed at improving the efficiency, sustainability, or economic vitality of the fishing industry.

Leading Light Wind continues to focus on offshore and onshore data collection and surveys to characterize the project area. To date, the project has completed three benthic surveys and geophysical surveys for offshore export cable routes and the offshore lease. Geotechnical surveys are ongoing, with additional geophysical surveys and avian surveys planned for early 2024. Survey details are provided to 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](#).

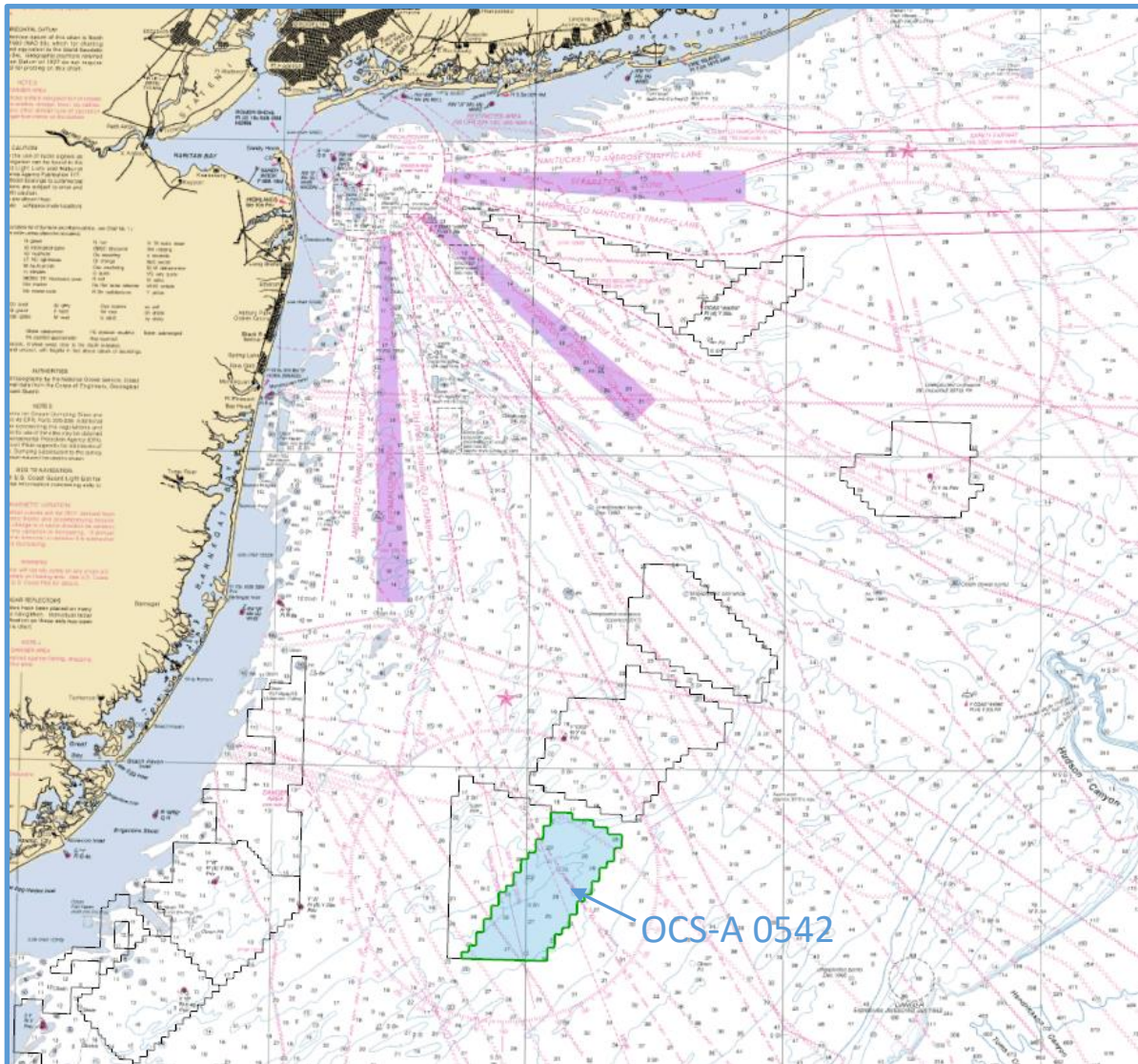
We remain dedicated to engaging with the fishing community to address challenges and find solutions related to offshore wind development. We are actively seeking ways to enhance fishing community participation to ensure their insights can inform our project development activities. Additionally, we are supportive of the development of a **regional fisheries compensation program** through participation in the American Clean Power fisheries subgroups.

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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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 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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