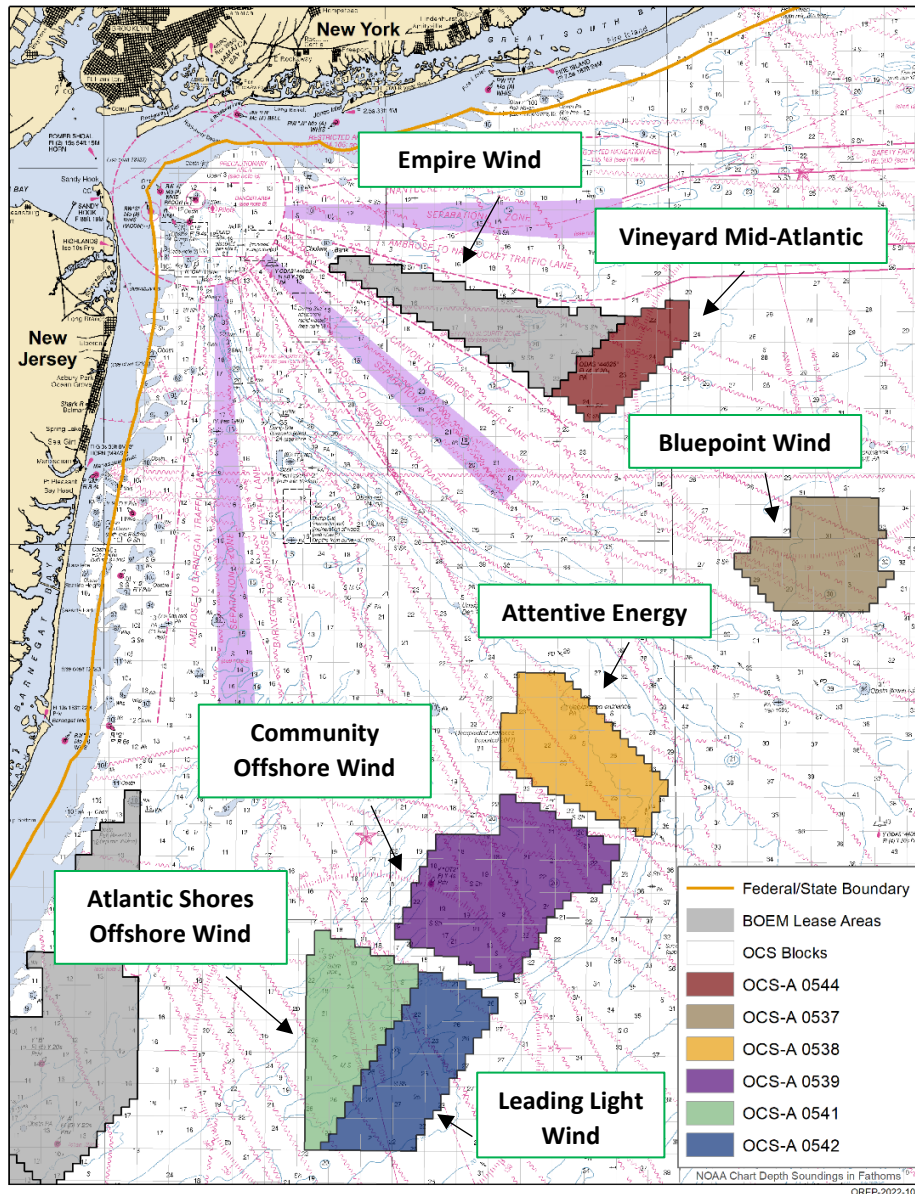




## Welcome to the New York Bight Offshore Wind Update!

This digest is produced periodically by the American Clean Power (ACP) New York Bight Fisheries Work Group to provide the fishing industry and interested stakeholders a snapshot of current and expected activities across BOEM’s New York Bight lease areas: [Empire Wind](#) (0512), [Bluepoint Wind](#) (0537), [Attentive Energy](#) (0538), [Community Offshore Wind](#) (0539), [Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind](#) (0541), [Leading Light Wind](#) (0542), and [Vineyard Mid-Atlantic](#) (0544).

The goal of the Work Group is to advance engagement and collaboration with fishery participants and other ocean users through increased coordination among lessees in the New York Bight.



## MEET THE FISHERIES LIAISONS

In this first edition, we are introducing the Fisheries Liaisons for each of the projects. The role of a Fisheries Liaison is to serve as a point of contact and engagement between the fishing community and a project. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of these individuals with questions or concerns, recommendations for how and when to communicate, the type of information you would like to receive, mechanisms to provide feedback, and suggestions to promote successful outcomes for fisheries and offshore wind.

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### Empire Wind (Lease 0512)



- **Elizabeth Marchetti** ([emarc@equinor.com](mailto:emarc@equinor.com))
- Actively and passionately working with the commercial and charter fishing communities as a field scientist and fisherman for over 20 years.
- Block Island Wind Farm Fisheries Liaison.
- Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Biology from the University of Rhode Island.

### Bluepoint Wind (Lease 0537)



- **Calvin Alexander** ([fisheries@bluepointwind.com](mailto:fisheries@bluepointwind.com))
- Over 25 years of experience working with the commercial fishing industry in quality assurance of seafood, fisheries extension, data collection and cooperative research.
- Fisheries Observer and Trip Trainer in the Northeast Fisheries Observer Program logging commercial fishing trips from Virginia to Maine. Chief Scientist and Watch Chief on multiple industry-based fishing surveys and research projects for NOAA Fisheries.
- Bachelor of Science in Aquaculture and Fisheries Technology from the University of Rhode Island

### Attentive Energy (Lease 0538)



- **Sebastian Velez** ([sebastian.velez@totalenergies.com](mailto:sebastian.velez@totalenergies.com))
  - Worked as a fisheries observer in the Bering Sea, Alaska and as the International Program Analyst for NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement combating illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing in Southeast Asia and South America.
  - MSc in Biology from Florida Atlantic University researching the impacts of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill on juvenile snappers and groupers, and a BS from the University of Maine in Marine Science.
  - Extensive understanding of the management processes and ecological concerns of fisheries and has a long history of working with the commercial fishing community across many geographic areas.
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### Community Offshore Wind (Lease 0539)



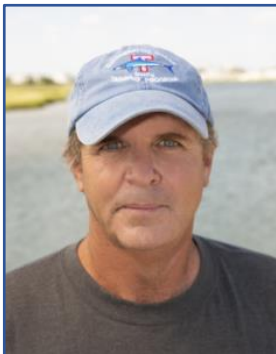
- **Deirdre Boelke** ([DeirdreB@communityoffshorewind.com](mailto:DeirdreB@communityoffshorewind.com))
- Over 20 years as staff to the New England Fishery Management Council, 10 years as Sea Scallop Plan Coordinator, 5 years as Herring Plan coordinator.
- Staff lead on various habitat projects and extensive experience in cooperative research as lead for the Scallop Research Set-Aside (RSA) program.
- Bachelor of Science in Biology from Georgetown University, Masters degree in Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island.



- **Michelle Duval** ([MichelleD@communityoffshorewind.com](mailto:MichelleD@communityoffshorewind.com))
- 10 years with NC Division of Marine Fisheries, served as state representative on South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.
- Member of Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, New England Fishery Management Council Sea Scallop & Habitat Committees
- Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Michigan, Ph.D. in Marine Ecology from Duke University.

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### Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind (Lease 0541)



- **Kevin Wark** ([kevin.wark@atlanticshoreswind.com](mailto:kevin.wark@atlanticshoreswind.com))
- Owner Operator Commercial Fisherman with 42 years experience in the Mid-Atlantic.
- Participated for 4 decades on numerous advisory panels at the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, current NJ Marine Fisheries Council councilman.
- Continued Participation with NOAA on Take Reduction Teams working on gear technology advancement for Atlantic Sturgeon, Large Whale and small Cetaceans.
- Recipient of National Fisherman Highliner award in 2012 for industry contributions, spent over 300 days on ocean going research projects and initiatives with numerous universities for a better understanding of fishing gear and the ocean environment.

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### Leading Light Wind (Lease 0542)



- **Sarah Hudak** ([sarahhudak@leadinglightwind.com](mailto:sarahhudak@leadinglightwind.com))
- Extensive experience working between commercial fisheries, scientists, and regulators with 4+ years as an offshore fisheries observer in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands, Gulf of Alaska, North Pacific, and Pacific Islands Regional programs.
- Studied estuarine and marine science with a focus on ecology, graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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## Vineyard Mid-Atlantic (Lease 0544)



- **Crista Bank** ([cbank@vineyardoffshore.com](mailto:cbank@vineyardoffshore.com))
- Fisheries biologist who spent 12 years working at the School for Marine Science and Technology where she spent considerable time offshore on commercial fishing vessels working on collaborative research projects.
- Sailed on traditional sailing vessels crossing the Indian and South Atlantic Ocean and earned her 100-ton Captain's license while sailing on the Schooner Ernestina, the only surviving 19th century Gloucester-built fishing schooner.
- Holds a bachelor's degree in Marine Biology and a master's degree in Fisheries Oceanography from the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth.



- **Travis Lowery** ([tlowery@vineyardoffshore.com](mailto:tlowery@vineyardoffshore.com))
- Fisheries biologist who spent 6 years working for the Marine Fisheries Filed Research Group at the School for Marine Science and Technology.
- Spent over 300 days at sea as chief scientist working on cooperative research projects. He most recently led the ventless trap and larval surveys in the Vineyard Wind 1 lease area.
- Holds a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and Sociology from the University of Massachusetts Boston and a master's degree in Living Marine Resources Science and Management from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

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## Thank you!

Please feel free to reach out to the Fisheries Liaisons below with any questions or suggestions regarding this and future New York Bight Offshore Wind Updates. For more information on outreach in the New York Bight, please see the following links to each project's Fisheries Communications Plan.

[Empire Wind Fisheries Communications Plan](#)

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