



New York State Offshore Wind Open Houses Focusing on Fish and Fisheries

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced in January of 2017 New York State's intent to facilitate the development of 2.4 gigawatts of offshore wind as part of the State's strategy to meet the objectives established with the Clean Energy Standard. The New York State Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) is leading the development of offshore wind on behalf of the State. Throughout 2017, NYSEDA is conducting extensive stakeholder outreach and directing more than twenty studies and surveys to ensure offshore wind is developed responsibly. This work will culminate in the New York State Offshore Wind Master Plan, to be released by the end of 2017.

The Master Planning process recognizes the importance of the region's fishing industry by identifying the fishing community as one of the key stakeholder groups whose views should be actively solicited and fully considered as plans for offshore wind development move forward. The Master Plan includes a concerted effort to gather input from various stakeholder groups, including commercial, for-hire, and recreational fisheries. As part of its public outreach, NYSEDA invites you to two public open houses specifically focusing on fish and fisheries during the August MAFMC meeting. Details are outlined below.

The purpose of these open houses is to provide fisheries stakeholders with an opportunity to learn about and provide input to the New York State Offshore Wind Master Plan and the Fish and Fisheries study, which will review existing information of fish populations, habitats, and fisheries off New York's coast. During these open houses, NYSEDA would like to learn about the individuals and vessels fishing in the offshore waters of New York in an effort to understand and deconflict offshore wind development and operation, and fishing. Nautical charts and maps of existing fishery data, such as VMS and VTR, will be available for review and comment.

The meetings will have an open-door format, allowing for individuals to come and go as their schedule permits. During the August MAFMC meeting, NYSEDA representatives will be available for at the following times:

Tuesday, August 8th

11:00am-7:00pm

Wednesday, August 9th

8:00am-7:00pm

Courtyard Philadelphia Downtown
PHJ Library room on the first floor
21 North Juniper St., Philadelphia, PA 19107

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