

PROGRESS REPORT FOR OCS-A 0544 VINEYARD MID-ATLANTIC LLC 11/1/2024 through 04/30/2025 May 1, 2025

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Progress Report is prepared in accordance with Section 3.1 of Addendum C of the lease agreement for Lease Area OCS-A 0544 between Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and Vineyard Mid-Atlantic LLC ("Vineyard Mid-Atlantic", the Lessee), with an effective date of May 1, 2022 (the "Lease"). Vineyard Mid-Atlantic is an affiliate of Vineyard Offshore, which is a US-based offshore wind development company owned by Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners, a global fund management company that specializes in renewable energy development.

Since the last report was submitted on November 1, 2024, Vineyard Offshore continued activities related to the development of Lease Area OCS-A 0544, including the continuation of survey activities and engagement with Tribes/Tribal Nations, federal and state agencies and stakeholders. Stakeholders included local community groups, working groups, fisheries, educational institutions, labor and unions, and other parties that have an interest in the development of Lease Area OCS-A 0544.

On January 15, 2025, BOEM issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Vineyard Mid-Atlantic Project. A public scoping comment period was open through March 3, 2025, with 830 comments posted. These milestones and future milestones for the project were posted to the Federal Permitting Dashboard in December 2024.

Vineyard Offshore continued to meet bi-weekly with BOEM and conducted meetings and communicated with several federal and state agencies to present or seek information related to the development of the lease area. Vineyard Mid-Atlantic submitted its New York State (NYS) Article VII permit application to the NYS Department of Public Services (DPS) on April 9, 2025 in order to obtain approvals for the Project's NYS components.

Vineyard Offshore has broadened and maintained consistent communication with our Tribal Nation partners. We have met with Tribal leadership and continued implementing efforts with our Tribal benefits agreement, established a partnership with Long Island Tribes, continued scholarship opportunities, worked to develop solar projects, and attended tribal community events. Internally, our project team continues to participate in tribal relations learning to ensure that the importance of our work with Tribal Nations is embedded in all parts of our company.

Vineyard Offshore's fisheries team continued to meet with members of the commercial and recreational fishing industries to further develop relationships and gain insight into fisheries practices and potential positive and adverse effects of wind energy development in the NY Bight. Vineyard Offshore has a fisheries liaison and fisheries representatives who lead outreach efforts to the fishing industries in NY and NJ.

Vineyard Offshore has and will continue agency and local community engagement efforts and relationship building on Long Island with a focus on Nassau County, Western Suffolk County, and a portion of Queens County. Stakeholder engagement in New Jersey is continuing in recognition of the regional interest in offshore wind development.

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

ACP American Clean Power

ACHP Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

AMMMs Avoidance Mitigation and Monitoring Measures

BOEM Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

BSEE Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

COP Construction and Operations Plan

CT Connecticut

EMF electromagnetic field

E-TWG Environmental Technical Working Group

FPISC Federal Permitting Improvements Steering Council

HRVEA Historic Resources Visual Effects Assessment

JSC-TWG Jobs and Supply Chain Technical Working Group

LWCF Land Water Conservation Fund

MARA Marine Archaeological Resources Assessment

MW megawatts

MWBE Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise

NATCP Native American Tribes Communication Plan

NEPA National Environmental Policy Act
NMFS National Marine Fisheries Service

NOI Notice of Intent

NPS National Park Service

NY Bight New York Bight

NYDOS New York Department of State

NYDOT New York Department of Transportation

NYSERDA New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

OECC offshore export cable corridor

PEIS Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

PSO Protected Species Observer

ROSA Responsible Offshore Science Alliance
RWSC Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative

SDVOB Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses

SME Subject Matter Expert

TARA Terrestrial Archaeological Resources Assessment

TEK Traditional Ecological Knowledge

USACE United States Army Corp of Engineers

USCG United States Coast Guard

USDOE United States Department of Energy
USEPA US Environmental Protection Agency
USFWS United States Fishe and Wildlife Service

WTG Wind Turbine Generator

1 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

This Progress Report is prepared in accordance with Section 3.1 of Addendum C of the Lease for Lease Area OCS-A 544 between BOEM and Vineyard Mid-Atlantic, with an effective date of May 1, 2022. The Lease requires that the Lessee submits a progress report to BOEM every six months, through the Construction and Operations Plan (COP) approval, with the first report submitted within six months of the Lease effective date. The first report was submitted on November 1, 2022, with consecutive reports being submitted on the first of May and the first of November of each year since.

1.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Progress Report is to (1) document overall project progress and engagement activities undertaken with federal agencies, Tribes/Tribal Nations, state agencies, fisheries, local communities, ocean user groups, and other identified stakeholders during the reporting period and (2) describe plans for continued engagement over the next reporting period. Tribes/Tribal Nations and parties that may be potentially affected by the development of Lease Area OCS-A 0544 are identified in **Appendix A**.

This is the sixth Progress Report submitted to BOEM and generally covers the period of November 2024 through April 2025. The Progress Report is intended to support project transparency and accountability and to document how, if at all, the project has been designed or will be implemented to address potential adverse and beneficial effects.

1.2 LESSEE INFORMATION

Vineyard Mid-Atlantic is the leaseholder of Lease Area OCS-A 0544. Vineyard Mid-Atlantic is an affiliate of Vineyard Offshore. Vineyard Offshore is the US-based offshore wind development company owned by Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners, a global fund management company that specializes in renewable energy development.

Contact information for Vineyard Offshore personnel relevant to this report is provided in **Appendix B**. Communications plans developed in accordance with Section 3.1.2 of Addendum C of the Lease are included in **Appendix C**.

1.3 LEASE DESCRIPTION

Lease Area OCS-A 0544 is located in the federally designated NY Bight Wind Energy Area and has the potential to deliver over 2,000 megawatts (MW) of power. The lease area is 43,045 acres and has water depths ranging from 125 to 138 feet. As indicated in **Figure 1**, the lease area's nearest point to shore is Fire Island in New York, which is located approximately 24 miles away. The closest point to land in New Jersey is Long Branch, which is located approximately 41 miles from the lease area. Additional information about the lease area may be found on Vineyard Offshore's website.

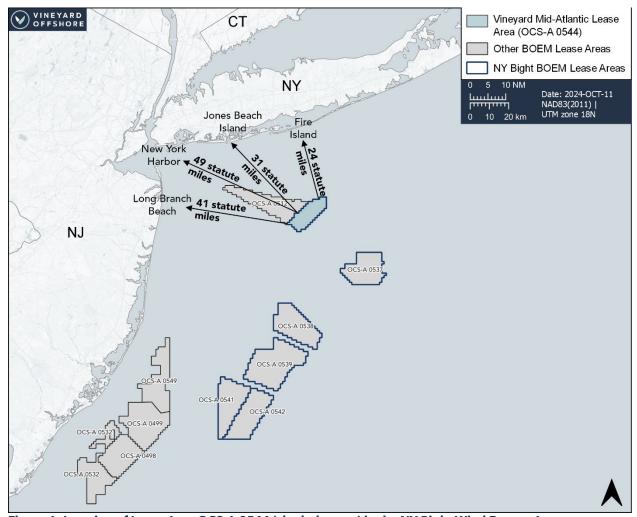


Figure 1: Location of Lease Area OCS-A 0544 (shaded green) in the NY Bight Wind Energy Area.

2 TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Vineyard Offshore has a designated Tribal Lead and an East Coast Tribal Specialist who are focused on building and maintaining collaborative relationships with Tribal governments and members of Tribal Nations. They are also the primary points of contact to provide project information to the Tribes and to receive feedback. Since the last Progress Report was submitted, they and other members of the Vineyard Offshore team have attended or participated in community events and one-on-one meetings, with a focus on reducing the burden on and providing benefits to Tribal Nations.

Vineyard Offshore coordinated with other NY Bight leaseholders to prepare a Native American Tribes Communication Plan (NATCP) in accordance with BOEM guidance. The NATCP, finalized in Q1 2024, is posted on Vineyard Offshore's website (see **Appendix C**). Vineyard Offshore continues to advance the recommendations in the NATCP.

Tribes and Tribal Nations that may be affected by activities associated with the development of Lease Area OCS-A 544 are listed in **Appendix A**¹. This section provides an overview of Vineyard Mid-Atlantic's engagement activities with Tribes and Tribal Nations.²

2.1 OVERALL TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST REPORT

Engagement activities that have occurred since the last Progress Report are summarized in **Table 2-1**. Vineyard Offshore has broadened and maintained consistent communication with our Tribal Nation partners. We have met with Tribal leadership, provided continued scholarship opportunities, and attended tribal community events. Vineyard Offshore facilitated meetings with Long Island Tribes, who meet regularly and are in the process of completing relationship building projects. Vineyard Offshore provided financial support for a solar + storage project for the Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribal Housing Authority and their new all electric housing units. At the many meetings and events we held this Reporting Period, we continue to hear issues and concerns raised about capacity building, environmental effects of development, shared economic and social benefits such as inclusion in workforce development and supply chain efforts, and input into the project development and review process.

Our team spent part of the winter and spring attending holiday and cultural events. Attendance and sponsorship of such events allowed us to continue building relationships with tribal leaders and members.

In November, Vineyard Offshore presented the planned onshore and offshore cable routes to the Montaukett Tribe, a tribe that is historically tied to the area in Long Island where the potential onshore cable routes will be located. We plan to host a meeting with the Tribal Nations engaged in our lease area during the next reporting period. Vineyard Offshore is actively working with the Montaukett, Shinnecock and Unkechaug Tribal Nations on Long Island and their leadership with the goal of collaborating on the project and ensuring feedback is integrated into the project early in the permitting process.

² Due to the sensitive and often confidential nature of conversations between sovereign, federally recognized Tribal governments and lessees, Section 2 of this report includes summary information about engagement activities but does not include detailed or specific information regarding engagement objectives or strategies; information, concerns, and/or recommendations made by Tribal governments; and/or agreements reached between lessees and Tribal governments, unless agreed to be disclosed. Any public release of information shared during or generated as a result of engagement with Tribes/Tribal Nations should be discussed with and approved by relevant Tribal governments prior to public disclosure.



¹ On May 25, 2023, BOEM advised the NY Bight leaseholders that the Shawnee Tribe not wish to consult on activities within or associated with the NY Bight. Until advised otherwise and in accordance with the Lease, Vineyard Mid-Atlantic will no longer include the Shawnee Tribe in Tribal communications.

Table 2-1: Tribal Engagement During Reporting Period

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribes(s)/ Tribal Nation(s)	Follow-Up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
Long term collaboration and Capacity building	Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Montaukett Indian Nation Shinnecock Indian Nation Unkechaug Tribe	Vineyard Offshore and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe continue to work together to implement our historic Tribal Benefits Agreement. This past reporting period marked the one-year anniversary of this historic Agreement. The cornerstone of this collaboration is the creation of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Offshore Wind Community Fund to support various initiatives including scholarships, wastewater projects, language reclamation, workforce training, and importantly, tribal capacity to engage with offshore wind projects. The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has been actively participating in collaborative events. Vineyard Offshore meets regularly with the Tribes on Long Island including the Montaukett Indian Nation, Shinnecock Indian Nation and Unkechaug Tribe to discuss long term collaboration efforts, capacity funding, onshore and offshore cultural monitoring, and community benefits. Vineyard Offshore recently hosted a meeting at the Connetquot State Park to visit the hatchery and discuss potential partnership opportunities.
Potential impacts of construction on Tribal sites and consideration of Tribal knowledge in lease development	Montaukett Indian Nation Unkechaug Tribe	Vineyard Offshore continues to meet with Montaukett Indian Nation and Unkechaug Tribal members to discuss potential cable routes on Long Island in the vicinity of Montaukett historical territory from Jones Beach heading north. During this past reporting period, Vineyard Offshore met with tribal members to walk through the proposed cable route and describe aspects of how onshore cable construction works.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribes(s)/ Tribal Nation(s)	Follow-Up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
Capacity building/grant funding	All consulting Tribes/Tribal Nations	Made Tribes aware of the Federal Permitting Improvements Steering Council (FPISC), US Dept. of Energy (USDOE) Tribal Nation Offshore Wind Transmission Technical Assistance Program and other grant opportunities. Vineyard Offshore also continues to work with GRID Alternatives, a program that provides capacity grants for Tribes in support of a clean energy transition and directs Tribal leaders to this resource.
Information sharing between lessees and Tribes/Tribal Nations	All consulting Tribes/Tribal Nations	Vineyard Offshore will use its website as a place for interested tribal members to obtain project information.
Training Opportunities	Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe	The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe requested support for professional development of tribal staff. Vineyard Offshore brought the Dean of the Charlton College of Business to meet with the Tribe's leadership on setting up training workshops.
Project Update and Relationship Building	Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians	Vineyard Offshore met with the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and his new team member to provide a project update and discuss ongoing relationship building efforts.

2.2 IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL PROJECT EFFECTS RELATED TO TRIBAL INTERESTS

Table 2-2 provides a summary of potential effects associated with development of Vineyard Mid-Atlantic based on ongoing communication with representatives of Tribes and Tribal Nations. Issues raised during NATCP development continue to be raised: socioeconomic effects and potential employment and supply chain opportunities; potential effects of survey and construction; the need for increased tribal capacity, consideration of cumulative effects, tribal engagement prior to survey work and during project development. Tribal representatives continue to make it clear that they are overwhelmed with information and requests and that the Tribes do not have the capacity to properly consult and provide input. Past and current efforts to address these topics are noted in the table.

Table 2-2: Potential Effects and Tribal Input on Project Design or Implementation During the Reporting Period

Potential Effect	Tribe(s)/Tribal Nation(s)	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
Capacity building to engage with offshore wind projects	Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe	Vineyard Offshore and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe are implementing a historic Tribal Benefits Agreement. Vineyard Offshore made Tribes aware of capacity funding.
Socioeconomic study	Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe	Vineyard Offshore is discussing socioeconomic baseline information with the Tribe.
Training and employment opportunities	Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Mashantucket Pequot Tribe	Vineyard Offshore is working with an affiliated company to plan Protected Species Observer (PSO) and Visual Observer training during survey and construction activities. In the past, Vineyard Offshore held workforce trainings with the Oceantic Network for Tribal members and descendants. Vineyard Offshore will continue to work with interested Tribal members to identify and support training and employment in the offshore wind sector.
Supply chain education and opportunities	All consulting Tribes and Tribal Nations	Vineyard Offshore will continue to have an open dialogue and trainings with interested Tribes to discuss opportunities to educate the tribal communities on the offshore wind supply chain.
Incident management and response	All consulting Tribes and Tribal Nations	Vineyard Offshore met with Tribes and Tribal Nations with the intention of listening to feedback on incident management and response strategies.

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Potential impacts of construction on Tribal archaeology	All consulting Tribes and Tribal Nations	Vineyard Offshore has and will continue to schedule meetings to present information to the Tribes on the Marine Archaeological Resources Assessment (MARA) and Terrestrial Archaeological Resources Assessment (TARA) to facilitate future Section 106 consultations. The Tribes have requested a presentation using an interactive GIS format and an ancient coastline map, which we will provide. Vineyard Offshore is also speaking with the Tribes about opportunities for Cultural Monitoring Agreements. This would allow the tribes to help monitor work done on tribal land, especially sacred sites, and establish clear communication channels for sharing information between the tribes and Vineyard Offshore.	
sites		Vineyard Offshore hosted a walkthrough of the cable route for the Montaukett and Unkechaug Tribal Nations and plans to continue this work with other interested Tribes.	
		Vineyard Offshore also continues to meet with all Tribes involved in the project to understand their concerns and incorporate their feedback into the project planning process.	
Potential impacts of survey and construction activities on marine life	All consulting Tribes and Tribal Nations	During survey activities, Vineyard Offshore uses mitigation measures, including visual observers, work stoppages and vessel speed restrictions to avoid potential interactions with marine mammals and sea turtles and to minimize exposure to sound sources. During construction, these and other mitigation measures will be employed.	
Visual impacts	Tribal lands with potential view of windfarm	Vineyard Offshore has conducted a robust visual impact assessment that includes modeling to determine preliminary areas of potential effect. These assessments will be the subject of the future Section 106 consultation.	
Waste disposal in NY Bight near Shinnecock land	Shinnecock	The Shinnecock have had waste debris contaminate their lands and water from improper disposal by other entities in the past. They raised questions about offshore disposed material and the potential it could be dispersed from construction activities. Vineyard Offshore is working with the Shinnecock to address this concern.	

2.3 TRIBAL FEEDBACK ON TRANSMISSION PLANNING

During this reporting period, Vineyard Offshore continued desktop and field assessments and engagement to support the identification and selection of potential offshore export cable corridors (OECCs), onshore cable routes, landfall locations, and points of interconnection with the electricity transmission grid in New York. Many representatives of Tribal Nations have indicated a strong desire to benefit from the electricity generated by our projects. Transmission routes will continue to be evaluated, and Vineyard Offshore is continuing to seek input from tribal representatives.

2.4 ANTICIPATED OR SCHEDULED TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Vineyard Offshore's Tribal Lead and Specialist remain in open communication with tribal representatives and anticipate that significant engagement will continue during the next reporting period. Anticipated or scheduled engagement activities are listed in **Table 2-3**. Given the established relationships in the Tribal communities, unscheduled communications may also occur.

Table 2-3: Anticipated Tribal Engagement for the Next Reporting Period

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement (as applicable with Other Lessees)
Introductions and information sharing	Consulting Tribes and Tribal Nations	As planned or when invited, Vineyard Offshore will meet with Tribal Councils and tribal leadership members.
Relationship building and cultural education	Consulting Tribes and Tribal Nations	Vineyard Offshore plans to attend community events hosted by Tribal Nations to further build relationships that will foster collaboration.
Collaborative projects	Consulting Tribes and Tribal Nations	Vineyard Offshore is planning to discuss and implement collaborative projects, including clean energy projects with Tribal Nations that focus on workforce and small business development.
Project-specific information	Consulting Tribes and Tribal Nations	Vineyard Offshore will be hosting an all-day workshop in May to bring together Tribes interested in the Vineyard Mid-Atlantic and Vineyard Northeast projects. Topics include a deeper presentation on the COP Marine Archaeological Resources Assessment (MARA), Terrestrial Archaeological Resources Assessment (TARA), planned cable corridors, and offshore habitat mapping.

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement (as applicable with Other Lessees)
Powwow Sponsorship and Attendance	Consulting Tribes and Tribal Nations	Vineyard Offshore will be participating in summer powwows during the next reporting period to continue strengthening relationships with the Tribes.

3 ENGAGEMENT WITH POTENTIALLY AFFECTED PARTIES

This section provides a summary of completed and anticipated engagement activities with non-Tribal parties that may be potentially affected by the development of the Vineyard Mid-Atlantic Project. The Vineyard Offshore stakeholder engagement approach is stakeholder-driven and centered on a collaborative process whereby projects and project benefits are developed in partnership with local communities, stakeholders, and regulators. Vineyard Offshore has engaged in and will continue with state and local agency and community engagement and relationship building on Long Island with a focus on Nassau County, Western Suffolk County, and a portion of Queens County. Stakeholder engagement in New Jersey is ongoing in recognition of the regional interest in offshore wind development.

Parties that are potentially affected by the development of Lease Area OCS-A 544 are identified in **Appendix A** and may include:

- coastal communities
- commercial fishery industry
- recreational fishery industry
- educational and research institutions
- environmental and public interest non-governmental organizations
- federal agencies
- state agencies
- local agencies
- tribal, state, federal, or other working group or forum
- non-federally recognized tribes
- maritime industry/mariners
- submarine cable operators
- underserved communities
- other ocean users
- other parties (e.g., business/workforce/labor organizations)

The list of parties in **Appendix A** will be updated as new information becomes available.

3.1 OVERALL ENGAGEMENT PROGRESS SINCE LAST REPORT

During this period, Vineyard Offshore met regularly with BOEM as well as other federal, state, and local agencies to discuss technical aspects related to project development. Meetings were held with BOEM subject matter experts to discuss the Construction and Operations Plan (COP) assessments. Vineyard Offshore's fisheries team met with commercial and for-hire recreational fishermen to provide project information and obtain feedback and held "port hours" for fishermen and interested parties. Numerous Vineyard Offshore staff participated in Vineyard Mid-Atlantic open office hours on Long Island, sponsored/participated in local community events, and met with local and State elected officials, county and municipal officials, union organizations, colleges and universities, and community and environmental organizations.

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Table 3-1a summarizes engagement with federal, state, and local agencies during the reporting period. Discussions with agencies were Vineyard Mid-Atlantic-specific.

Table 3-1b summarizes engagement with members of the commercial and recreational fishing industries during the reporting period and presents topics that directly relate to the development and construction of Vineyard Mid-Atlantic.

Table 3-1c summarizes engagement with stakeholders other than agencies and fisheries during the reporting period.

Table 3-1a: Engagement with Agencies During Reporting Period

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Actions/Activities/ Outcomes
Vineyard Mid- Atlantic FAST-41 Permitting Timetable	BOEM, FPISC, USACE, USCG, BSEE, USFWS, USEPA, NPS, ACHP	BOEM and FPISC co-hosted an interagency meeting to discuss the 544 Project, draft FAST-41 Dashboard schedule, Project Purpose and Need, and Alternatives.
Article VII Discussion	NYSDPS NYSDEC	Vineyard Offshore met with NY State agencies to discuss the Article VII Pre-Application for the Excelsior Wind Project. Vineyard Offshore provided an overview of project, purpose and need, stakeholder engagement activities, alternatives analysis, and schedule and timing of the Article VII Application. NYSDEC raised the potential need for an individual SPDES permit for dewatering operations and proposed regulations adding protections for additional NYS listed rare, threatened, and endangered species.
NYS Coastal Consistency Review	NYSDOS	Vineyard Offshore provided NYSDOS with a project update and an overview of the Vineyard Mid-Atlantic COP and NYS Article VII filing. Discussed State and federal coastal consistency review.
Alternatives Analysis	NYSDOT	Vineyard Offshore met with NYSDOT to discuss the potential cable alignment in the Meadowbrook Parkway and alternatives analysis. NYSDOT requested more detailed technical assessments and documentation of agency and stakeholder outreach.
COP assessment meetings	BOEM	Met with BOEM subject matter experts to align on COP assessment approaches.
Onshore facility siting	State, County, Town, Village government officials and representatives	Vineyard Offshore continued outreach with local and State elected officials, and county, municipal, and village officials. Discussions

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Actions/Activities/ Outcomes
		have focused on the identification of locations for onshore routes and an onshore substation, associated construction impacts, and workforce development.
NYS Fisheries Data and outreach	NYSERDA NYSDEC	Vineyard Offshore met with NYSERDA and NYSDEC to discuss NYS fisheries data, important fisheries areas, and other NYS fisheries topics.

Table 3-1b: Engagement with Fisheries During Reporting Period

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Actions/Activities/ Outcomes
Outreach to hear	Commercial and recreational fishermen	Vineyard Offshore has continued discussions with commercial and recreational fishermen and meets regularly with Vineyard Offshore's fishing representatives, which have included discussions on recreational fishing trips, research initiatives, and possible workforce opportunities with the project.
feedback from fishing industry		Vineyard Offshore regularly hosts Port Hours to hear from fishermen and others in the industry. Fishery Representatives have also continued to conduct further outreach.
		Vineyard Offshore attended the MA Lobsterman's Association and the New England Saltwater Fishing Show where the team spoke with industry stakeholders.
Training opportunities	Recreational and commercial fishermen	Vineyard Offshore is working with local facilitators to provide training and classes to fishermen interested in working in offshore wind. Vineyard Offshore funded training courses for 10 fishermen in Cape May, NJ and 11 fishermen in Point Pleasant, NJ to obtain their USCG 100 Ton Captains License.
Fishing activity along potential OECCs and in the lease area	Recreational and commercial fishermen (mobile and fixed gear)	Incorporate information obtained from fishermen to understand fishing activity within the lease area and potential OECCs; continue regular communication to understand concerns. Issues raised include: project element siting, enhanced scour protection, electromagnetic field impacts on fish, survey activity impact on whales, and compensation (see Table 3-2 for Vineyard Offshore's ongoing efforts to address these concerns.)
		Met with Long Island fishermen to get feedback on the project. Items discussed included: scour protection, the OECC, turbine layout, boulder relocation, time of year activities and compensation. Participated in Tribal fishing dialogue with

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Actions/Activities/ Outcomes
		Long Island Tribal Nation leaders to build relationships and gain a better understanding of current and traditional fishing activity.
Potential impact on fishing grounds	Commercial fishing industry BOEM NYSERDA OSW Developers Rutgers University	Vineyard Offshore is evaluating fishing patterns and historic revenues within the lease area. During this reporting period, Vineyard Offshore met with representatives and stakeholders from the surf clam industry. A mitigation workshop was held in November to discuss the risks and potential paths forward.
Gear loss	Commercial fishermen	During survey activities, Vineyard Offshore actively scouts for gear to avoid gear loss/damage. A gear loss claim form is available to fishermen on the company's website.
Regional fisheries data collection	Responsible Offshore Science Alliance (ROSA) NYSERDA Fisheries Technical Working Group ACP Fisheries and Recreational Fisheries Working Groups Rutgers Cornell Cooperative Extension at Suffolk County Mid - Atlantic Chapter of the American Fisheries Society New England Fishery Management Council	Vineyard Offshore attends regular meetings with regional associations, working groups, subject matter experts and offshore wind leaseholders to discuss potential avenues for the collection of regional fisheries data. Vineyard Offshore discussed approaches for regional fisheries monitoring pre- and post-construction with ROSA, NYSERDA, ACP, Rutgers, New England Fishery Management Council, and Cornell.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Actions/Activities/ Outcomes
Regional fisheries data storage/sharing	ROSA RWSC New England Aquarium	Vineyard Offshore met with ROSA and their Data Governance Committee to discuss data sharing, regional surveys and FISH Forward, a catalog of all east coast research and monitoring efforts for offshore wind, fish, and fisheries. These meetings gather developers, federal and state employees, researchers, ROSA and RWSC representatives together to discuss the best path forward. Vineyard Offshore also continues to meet with other developers in the New York Bight and other wind lease areas to share information on common initiatives such as regional monitoring plans, feedback from the industry, research opportunities, and more.
Multi-State Compensation Fund	Fishermen State Agencies OSW Developers	Vineyard Offshore attended the inaugural meeting with the new Regional Fund Advisor for the Multi-State Compensation fund. The group introduced the projects and the intent of the fund. This work will continue in future reporting periods.

Table 3-1c. Engagement with Other Parties During Reporting Period

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Actions/ Activities/ Outcomes
Onshore community awareness	Long Island residents, community organizations, business owners and other stakeholders	Vineyard Offshore held several office hours at our office on Long Island to meet with members of the public and discuss offshore wind and the industry. Using feedback from past NYSERDA Open Houses, Vineyard Offshore has continued with these Vineyard Mid-Atlantic open office hours on Long Island that provide a consistent forum for questions, concerns and information.
Union and labor participation in the offshore wind workforce	Building, construction and labor organizations	Organizations and representatives continued to show interest in projects in New York and how local workers will be able to be a part of these projects during construction, manufacturing and operations and maintenance. Vineyard Offshore has spoken with relevant union and labor organizations and will be continuing conversations on how to best approach a PLA and LPA. Vineyard Offshore presented at events focused on raising awareness of union apprenticeship opportunities, met with labor unions and building trades relevant to our project, sponsored union and labor events, and organized and attended meetings on green jobs. Vineyard Offshore participated in NYSERDA's Apprenticeship Awareness Day, the NYC Employment and Training Coalition Conference, the Long Island Federation of Labor Reception, and the North American Building Trades Unions Legislative Conference. In meeting with labor representatives across these events, Vineyard Offshore worked to educate union members on opportunities in the Offshore Wind industry and broader energy sector, engage employers on supply chain opportunities, and advance prospects for pre-apprenticeship and career and
		technical education (CTE) programs focused on construction skills and manufacturing. Vineyard Offshore also presented to the board of

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		the NYC Building & Construction Trades Council, toured a local labor training facility to discuss hiring opportunities, presented at a workshop for union members looking to transition to the offshore wind industry, and met with a local union to understand their policy priorities and discuss initiatives to work together.	
Economic/ workforce development	Economic development, workforce development, chambers of commerce and training institutions	Vineyard Offshore continued outreach to help foster economic and workforce development, particularly with local communities and small businesses. Vineyard Offshore attended and sponsored several workforce and LI economic development and networking events.	
Educational programming and awareness	Academic and research institutions Local workforce	Vineyard Offshore met with local high schools, colleges, and universities to discuss offshore wind and educational and workforce development programming. Vineyard Offshore is working to provide professional development for teachers in order to incorporate climate change, environmental justice and renewable energy into day-to-day curriculums. This reporting period, Vineyard Offshore participated in a SUNY Offshore Wind lunch and learn, presented in university classrooms, and sponsored events at a	
opportunities	training institutions Community and civic associations	community college on Long Island. Vineyard Offshore is working with local museums to create exhibits that will provide educational material to the public on the offshore wind industry. Vineyard Offshore sponsored an informational event with NY League of Conservation Voters, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and Climate Jobs, and had 70+ supporters in attendance from labor, civic and residential groups, community partners, and elected officials.	

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Actions/ Activities/ Outcomes
Small business participation, supply chain and procurement upskilling and participation	Local communities An array of Tier 1, 2, and 3 potential suppliers	Organizations and representatives continued to be eager to learn about potential projects in New York. Vineyard Offshore has been utilizing its Vineyard Wind 1 experience and supply chain to better help local businesses understand how they can be a part of the future local supply chain and to upskill businesses and workers to be able to take advantage of the opportunities that will be available through offshore wind projects.
parae.		Vineyard Offshore hosted two separate local content workshops - one in Brooklyn and one in Staten Island - to help local businesses know how they fit into the offshore wind supply chain.
Local community- based involvement	Local communities and organizations	Vineyard Offshore has sponsored events for middle and high school students from local communities, to create awareness about the industry and potential careers, as well as upskilling and supply chain opportunities for their families and communities. Vineyard Offshore continued outreach so partnerships can be formed to help foster economic and workforce development, particularly with small businesses and others who have been traditionally left out of major industry developments in the past. Vineyard Offshore sponsored local fundraising and networking events and attended meetings focused on workforce development, jobs, and local content needs.
Environmental advocacy and protections	Environmental organizations	Organizations and representatives continue to be eager to learn about potential projects in New York, as well as to learn about Vineyard Offshore's current project commitments to the environment and minimizing environmental impacts currently and in the future while transitioning to renewable energy. Vineyard Offshore continued these engagements so partnerships can be formed to support and enhance environmental protection. Vineyard Offshore is continuing to serve on the Waterfront Alliance Corporate Council.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Actions/ Activities/ Outcomes
Regional wildlife data and monitoring	Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative (RWSC) NYSERDA Environmental Technical Working Group (E-TWG)	Vineyard Offshore attends regular meetings with regional associations, working groups, subject matter experts and offshore wind leaseholders to discuss potential avenues for the collection of regional wildlife data. Vineyard Offshore attended NYSERDA's quarterly E-TWG meeting in April to discuss mitigation benefits, addressing misinformation and documenting lessons learned with environmental and sustainability organizations. Vineyard Offshore also attended RWSC's Habitat &
		Ecosystem Subcommittee in March to discuss a regional data repository.
	Local	Vineyard Offshore continues to engage in discussions with the public on offshore wind. Vineyard Offshore sponsored a summit for local municipalities and spoke on a panel to discuss the OSW industry and the specifics of our project. Vineyard Offshore also met with several elected officials to provide an introduction to the project and discuss their local priorities.
Local outreach	municipalities, association, and elected officials	Vineyard Offshore sponsored and attended the Long Island Association State of the Region Breakfast with both county executives of Long Island. Governor Hochul and Senator Schumer spoke in support of offshore wind.
		Vineyard Offshore provided an overview of the project to the Greater Uniondale Area Action Coalition, a local civic group in Uniondale, as well as for the Nassau County Village Association executive members.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Actions/ Activities/ Outcomes
NYS Article VII related outreach	State and local officials, local organizations, general public.	Outreach to inform Long Island stakeholders of Vineyard Mid-Atlantic's NYS Article VII application submission.

3.2 IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL PROJECT EFFECTS RELATED TO NON-TRIBAL PARTIES

Table 3-2 summarizes potential effects identified during engagement activities that are related to the interests of non-tribal stakeholders and efforts to date to address each potential effect or how project design or implementation has been informed.

Table 3-2: Potential Effects and Input from Non-Tribal Parties on Project Design or Implementation

Potential Effect	Affected Party(ies)	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
Training and Employment opportunities for fishermen	Commercial and recreational fisherman	Vineyard Offshore has employed an OFL and scout vessel during survey activities and intends to provide future opportunities during survey and other development and construction activities. This will include assistance with obtaining proper training and credentials to work on the project.
Supply chain participation	Small and local businesses MWBEs* and SDVOBs** Disadvantaged communities Labor and union organizations	Vineyard Offshore has attended supply chain forums hosted by government agencies of NY and NJ. Vineyard Offshore hosted supply chain events in Brooklyn and Staten Island to help local businesses better understand the offshore wind supply chain. Vineyard Offshore has leveraged NYSERDA's supplier and MWBE databases for its RFPs. Vineyard Offshore developed a graphic to provide to businesses to aid and support supply chain participation by small, local, and disadvantaged businesses, as well as labor and union organizations during project implementation.
Workforce participation	Local workforces Disadvantaged communities Educational institutions	Vineyard Offshore is meeting with labor unions, local organizations, and local municipalities working to provide job opportunities to community residents and businesses, colleges and universities, and training centers to aid and support workforce participation during project implementation.
Spacing of wind turbine generators	Recreational and commercial fishing	Under its lease, the Vineyard Mid-Atlantic layout is fixed to align with Empire Wind. Input

Potential Effect	Affected Party(ies)	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed	
(WTGs) and access for fishing	representatives	obtained from recreational and commercial fishing interests will inform opportunities for micrositing.	
Benefit of scour protection around WTG foundations and cables	Recreational fishing representatives	Vineyard Offshore is considering the feasibility of enhanced scour protection and nature-inclusive designs during COP development and will continue to seek input from recreational and commercial fishing interests.	
Ensuring communication with local communities	Residents, businesses, local governments and other stakeholders	Vineyard Offshore is and will continue to meet with local communities in the areas potentially impacted by our project. Vineyard Offshore has an office in Uniondale, Long Island to give opportunities to community members to meet with members of the Vineyard Offshore team, to provide feedback, and ask questions about the project.	
Avoid sensitive areas and critical infrastructure	Multiple federal and state agencies and local stakeholders	Vineyard Offshore has developed its potential offshore and onshore cable routes with input from agencies and many other stakeholders to avoid siting constraints. Particularly for the onshore transmission process, this continues to be a constructive process with many levels of local government and community members.	
Address Permitting needs of agencies	Multiple federal and state agencies	Vineyard Offshore has and will continue to respond to data requests and schedule follow-up meetings with individual agencies to understand their permitting requirements.	
Navigation and fishing within the windfarm	Recreational and commercial fishermen and portside stakeholders	Vineyard Offshore has and will continue to meet with commercial and recreational fishing representatives on safe navigation and fishing access.	
Impacts to fishing in State and Federal waters	Recreational and commercial fishermen	Vineyard Offshores is working with fishermen and government agencies to identify the best records of federal and state data that show fishing effort, seasonality, and economic impact in state waters.	

Potential Effect	Affected Party(ies)	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
Construction impact on the fishing industry	Recreational and commercial fishermen	Vineyard Offshore is working with the fishing industry to identify ways in which construction activities may temporarily displace fishing activities in the lease area and OECC and is working to incorporate their feedback into project planning and mitigation. A Multi-State Regional Fund Administrator has been established to work across stakeholders on mitigation for the fishing industry. Vineyard Offshore actively participates in this effort. In addition, Vineyard Offshore will work with the
		fisheries industry on future employment opportunities for the project as it has done in the past.
Potential effects of survey activities on whales	Federal agencies Recreational and commercial fishermen Environmental organizations	During survey activities, mitigation measures, including visual observers, survey shutdown and ramp-up procedures, and vessel speed restrictions are used to avoid potential interactions with marine mammals and minimize exposure to sound sources. These measures are required by agencies through our survey authorizations. Vineyard Offshore has ongoing communications with stakeholders to educate and create awareness of these protective measures.
Concerns about electromagnetic field (EMF) impact on fish	Recreational and commercial fisherman	An analysis of EMF impacts on fish is included in the COP on BOEM's website. Based on studies and project-specific modeling, the analysis shows a rapid drop-off in levels within distances of ±25 feet from the cables. Cable burial depth, as planned for the project, is an important factor in reducing EMF exposure. Vineyard Offshore will continue to address concerns raised about EMFs.

^{*}MWBEs = New York State Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises **SDVOBs = New York State Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses

3.3 FEEDBACK FROM NON-TRIBAL PARTIES ON TRANSMISSION PLANNING

During this reporting period, Vineyard Offshore submitted its NYS Article VII application which details its transmission planning onshore and in State waters. Vineyard Offshore has continued to focus on the evaluation, selection, and screening of potential OECCs, onshore routing, and points of interconnection. Vineyard Offshore has met with multiple federal, state, and local agencies to discuss offshore and onshore routing to avoid sensitive areas and critical infrastructure. Vineyard Offshore continues to obtain information from commercial and recreational fishermen to develop an understanding of fishing activity in the vicinity of potential OECCs. Vineyard Offshore continues to attend meetings with NYS agencies to discuss state and regional transmission planning.

3.4 ANTICIPATED OR SCHEDULED ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES WITH NON-TRIBAL PARTIES

During the next reporting period, Vineyard Offshore expects to engage parties further on potential onshore export cable routes. Vineyard Offshore will work closely with federal and state agencies as they review the project in preparation for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA and the NYS Article VII process. Vineyard Offshore anticipates the following engagement activities will occur during the next reporting period:

- Routine meetings with BOEM project coordinators and BOEM subject matter experts as needed to advance the Construction and Operations Plan and support BOEM's DEIS preparation.
- Meetings with NYS agencies to respond to questions and requests for information as they review the Article VII application.
- Focused communication on onshore project elements with local municipalities, community-based groups, NYS environmental justice communities, and Tribal Nations that would be affected by onshore development and construction activities.
- Follow-up meetings with federal and state agencies, as needed.
- Continued engagement with labor unions and their employers on training needs, workforce requirements, and likely scopes of work involved in future development.
- Continued engagement with fisheries representatives and the fishing industry regarding project development plans including coordinated port hours with other offshore wind developers and attending Fisheries Management Council meetings.
- Continued engagement through participation in regional offshore wind working groups (e.g., NYSERDA Maritime/Fisheries/Environmental/EJ Technical Working Groups, RWSC, ROSA).

4 SURVEY PLAN ACTIVITIES

As reported in previous Progress Reports, after completing the 2022 and,2023 survey seasons, the 2024 survey season started in March 2024, with a continuation of activities identified in the approved survey plan. Data collected will support the development of the Construction and Operations Plan (COP) and engineering design of the project.

Deep Geotechnical investigations were undertaken throughout the current reporting period and will continue in the next reporting period (see Tables 4-1 and 4-2 below). Additional information on Vineyard Offshore's survey activities can be found on the fisheries page on our website: 0544 Fisheries (vineyardoffshore.com)

During the last reporting period, NMFS authorized a one-year renewal of the Vineyard Offshore Incidental Harassment Authorization, which now expires on July 26, 2025. No geophysical surveys are planned prior to the expiration date.

In addition, Vineyard Offshore deployed a meteorological buoy in the lease area on May 13, 2024 to measure wind speeds, waves, and currents in accordance with the approved Site Assessment Plan (SAP). The buoy will be in place for approximately two years.

Table 4-1: Survey Plan Activities Under BOEM Review or Underway/Completed During Reporting Period

Survey Type	Survey Activity Date		Purpose	Area to be Surveyed
Deep geotechnical survey	Surveys continued through this reporting period (November 2024 through April 2025)	•	Site Characterization Siting and Engineering Design	Lease OCS-A 0544

Table 4-2: Anticipated Survey Plan Activities Next Reporting Period

Survey Type	Survey Activity Date	Purpose	Area to be Surveyed
Deep geotechnical survey	Continuation through mid-2025	Site CharacterizationSiting and Engineering Design	Lease OCS-A 0544

APPENDIX A

TRIBES AND OTHER PARTIES RELEVANT TO PROJECT

TRIBES AND PARTIES APPLICABLE TO PROJECT

Table A-1 and **Table A-2**, respectively, identify Tribes and parties applicable to the project based on a current understanding of project geographies, agency jurisdiction, and the known or expressed interest of parties. These lists will be updated as additional stakeholders are identified.

Table A-1: Federally Recognized Tribes Relevant to the Project

NAME	OF 1	RIBE
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Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

Delaware Tribe of Indians

Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut

Shawnee Tribe*

Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians

The Delaware Nation

The Narragansett Indian Tribe

The Shinnecock Indian Nation

Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)

Note:

*The Shawnee Tribe has indicated it does not wish to consult on activities within or associated with the New York Bight. Until advised otherwise and in accordance with the Lease, Vineyard Offshore will no longer include the Shawnee Tribe in Tribal communications.

For **Table A-2** below, the following abbreviations are used to identify party type:

CC = Coastal community

CFish = commercial fishery industry

RFish = recreational fishery industry

ERI = educational and research institution

NGO = environmental and public interest non-governmental organization

FA = federal agency

SA = state agency

WG = tribal, state, federal or other working group or forum

LA = local agency

NFRTribe = non-federally recognized tribe

M = maritime industry/mariner

SCO = submarine cable operator

UC = underserved community

OU = other ocean user

Other:

BWFL = business/workforce/labor organization

CO = community organization

Table A-2: Parties Relevant to the Project

PARTY	PARTY TYPE
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management	FA
Federal Aviation Authority	FA
Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Committee	FA
National Marine Fisheries Service	FA
National Park Service	FA
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	FA
U.S. Coast Guard	FA
U.S. Department of Energy	FA
U.S. DOD (DOD) Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Site Clearinghouse	FA
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	FA
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	FA
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	FA
NY Department of Public Service	SA
NY Office of General Services	SA
NY Office of Parks, Recreation and Development	SA
NY State Department of Environmental Conservation	SA
NY State Department of State	SA
NY State Department of Transportation	SA
NY State Energy Research and Development Authority	SA
NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)	SA
NJDEP, Historic Preservation Office	SA
NJDEP, Watershed and Land Management Program	SA
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities	SA
Port Authority of New York-New Jersey	SA
Brooklyn, NY Coastal Communities	CC, LA
Queens, NY Coastal Communities	CC, LA
Staten Island, NY Coastal Communities	CC, LA
Nassau County, NY	CC, LA
Suffolk County, NY	CC, LA
Long Island Coastal Communities	CC, LA
Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council	Cfish
New England Fisheries Management Council	Cfish
Commercial Fisheries Cooperatives and Associations	CFish
Fixed Gear Fishermen (gillnet, lobster, rod & reel)	CFish
Mobile Gear Fishermen (scallop, squid, groundfish)	CFish
Recreational Fishing Associations	Rfish
Individual For-Hire Recreational Fisherman/Boat Captains	Rfish

PARTY	PARTY TYPE	
State Universities of NY (SUNY)		
Local Community Colleges and Universities		
K-12 Schools and Educational Organizations		
Research Labs		
National Offshore Wind Research & Development Consortium		
Environmental Non-Profit Organizations - Local		
Environmental Non-Profit Organizations - National		
Conservation Organizations		
International Council on Exploration of the Seas, Offshore Wind Development and Fisheries Working Group		
Massachusetts Fisheries Working Group on Offshore Wind Energy		
Massachusetts Habitat Working Group on Offshore Wind Energy		
NYSERDA F-TWG, marine mammal/sea turtle project advisory committee	WG	
NYSERDA Environmental Technical Working Group		
NYSERDA Fisheries Technical Working Group (F-TWG)		
NYSERDA Jobs and Supply Chain Technical Working Group		
NYSERDA Marine Technical Working Group		
NYSERDA Environmental Justice Technical Working Group		
Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative for Offshore Wind		
Responsible Offshore Science Alliance		
Commercial Vessel Operators		
Maritime Associations		
Marine Pilots		
Port Authorities		
NYS-recognized Unkechaug Tribe		
Montaukett Tribe		
Submarine Cable Operators - Offshore and Nearshore		
Pipeline Operators		
Local Non-Profit Organizations		
Community Based Organizations		
Environmental Justice Organizations		
Chambers of Commerce		
Empire State Development		
Industrial Associations		
Industrial Development Corporations		
Labor Unions		
New York City Economic Development Corporation		
State and Local Workforce Organizations		
Workforce Training Institutes		

APPENDIX B LESSEE CONTACT INFORMATION

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APPENDIX C COMMUNICATION PLANS

Communication Plans for Vineyard Mid-Atlantic

Native American Tribes Communication Plan

• This plan is available on the Vineyard Offshore website.

Fisheries Communications Plan

• This plan is available on the Vineyard Offshore website.

Agency Communication Plan

• This Plan is available on the Vineyard Offshore <u>website</u>.