Empire Wind Project (EW1 and EW2)

## Potential Impacts to Commercial Fishing

## Construction

- Displacement of fishing vessels during installation of WTGs/OSS and during cable laying
- Increased vessel traffic in ports and within offshore work areas

## **Operations**

The long-term presence of Offshore Wind structures in the Lease Area could result in:

- Long-term space use conflicts for fishing and transiting within the Lease Area
- Increased risk of allision or collision for fishing vessels in the Lease Area
- Habitat modification in the Lease Area and along submarine export cable corridors
- Artificial reef effect may increase density of structureoriented fish
- Potential for gear entanglement and loss due to interactions with exposed cables



## **Annual Revenue for Sea Scallop and Loligo Squid Fisheries**

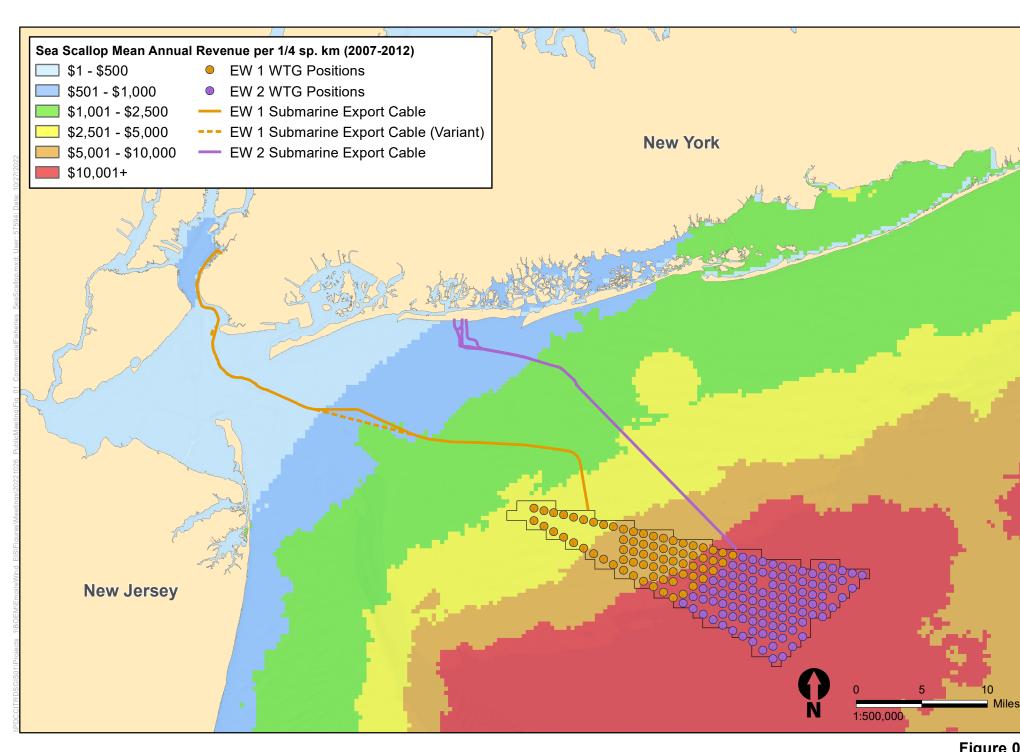
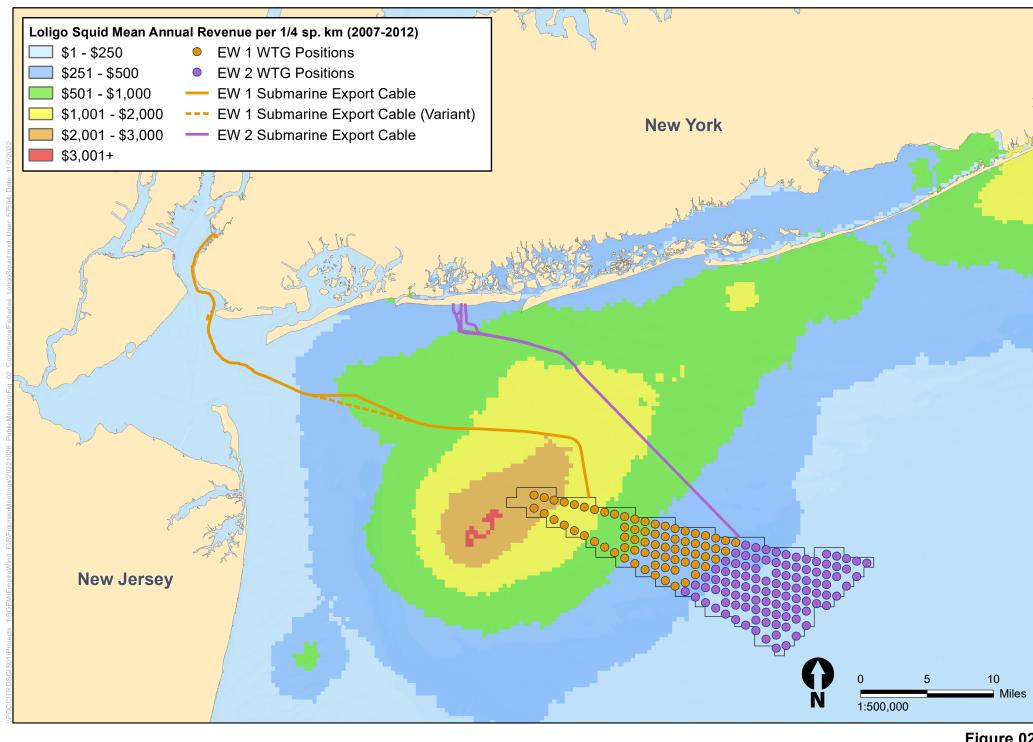


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Commercial Fisheries - Sea Scallops



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