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Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Technical Report

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Note: Atlantic Shores has updated the Project Design Envelope to include the following landfall sites: Monmouth Landfall Site, Asbury Landfall Site, Kingsley Landfall Site, Lemon Creek Landfall Site, Wolfe's Pond Landfall Site, and Fort Hamilton Landfall Site. The information included in this report demonstrates the completeness of Atlantic Shores' multi-year development efforts and should be considered representative for the Project. For additional information regarding the layout of the Project, please refer to COP Volume I Project Information, Sections 1.0 Introduction and 4.7 Landfall Sites, as well as Figure 1.1-2 Project Overview.

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Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind North

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Attachment 3

Benthic Habitat Maps – 1:10,000 Scale Monmouth Export Cable Corridor – North



ATLANTIC SHORES offshore wind ATLANTIC SHORES OFFSHORE WIND, LLC INTEGRATED GEOPHYSICAL & GEOTECHNICAL MARINE SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT: VOLUME 3 OFFSHORE NEW JERSEY NORTH MONMOUTH EXPORT CABLE CORRIDOR BENTHIC HABITAT CHART Appendix E: Benthic Technical Memo Chart No. E1 2021 FUGRO USA MARINE, INC. -fugro 6100 Hilcroft Avenue Houston, Texas 77081 Tel: +1 713 772 3700 Fax: +1 713 778 6816 PENNSYLVANIA NEW JERSEY ATL'ANTIC OCEAN OCS-A 0499 LEGEND BENTHIC SAMPLING LOCATIONS SURVEY EXTENTS Benthic samples were taken from several surveys Monmouth Export conducted in 2019 thru 2021 by various contractors. ._____ Cable Corridor Extent Benthic Grab (Terrasond, 2019) _____ North Monmouth Export Cable Corridor MBES Data Extent (2020) Benthic GrabCam (Fugro, 2020) North Monmouth Export Cable SPI-PV Image (Fugro, 2020) Corridor MBES Data Extent (2021) Towed Video Transect (RPS, 2021) SIDE SCAN SONAR MOSAIC CMECS SUBSTRATE SPI-PV SAMPLE LOCATIONS (Fugro, 2020) **Relative Reflectivity** CMECS Substrate Group and Substrate Subgroup NMFS ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT (EFH) Gravel Mixes, Sandy Gravel Composite benthic feature layers indicate multiple Gravels,Pebble/Granule benthic features are present Gravelly,Pebble/Granule BENTHIC FEATURES ____ Scarp Gravelly, Gravelly Sand Sand,Gravelly Sand Interbedded Surficial Sediments Sand, Very Coarse/Coarse Sand Localized Relief Features (LRFs) Sand,Medium Sand Sand Ridge Crests Sand, Fine/Very Fine Sand Sand Waves GRAB SAMPLE LOCATIONS (Terrasond, 2019 and Fugro, 2020) Mega Ripples Wentworth Grain Size Composition Ripples Center symbol displays CMECS substrate classification Gravel (%) ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT CLASSIFICATION Sand (%) Complex Mud (%) Heterogenous Complex Hybrid CMECS Substrate / Simplified-Folk Sediment Classification (Fugro, 2020) Soft Gravel Gravelly Mud, Gravelly Muddy Sand Gravelly Sand CMECS SUBSTRATES Substrate interpretation overlain by shaded relief sun illumination model (azimuth 315 degrees, z factor 1, and 70% transparency). Gravelly Mud, Sandy Mud, Muddy Sand Mud : Sand Ratio 9:1 Gravelly Hybrid CMECS Substrate and Simplified-Folk Sediment Gravelly Sand Classification Diagram Sand Survey data were acquired in geographic coordinates relative to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS84) datum. Data were then converted to North American Datum 1983 (NAD83) and projected to the Universal Transverse Mercator Zone 18 North (UTM Zone 18N) projection 2) Fugro collected (non-continuously) geophysical and geotechnical data in the North Monmouth ECC from June 1, 2020 to June 19, 2021. 3) Reported lease block information is based on Fugro's GIS database. 4) Maritime Boundaries are provided by NOAA Nautical Charts (2019). Federal/State Boundaries are provided by BOEM Digital Offshore Cadastre (DOC), Atlantic83, Submerged Lands Act (SLA) Boundary. Interpretation is based on collected seafloor geophysical data (SSS, MBES bathymetry and backscatter) and ground truth sampling results. CMECS substrate, EFH, and benthic features interpretation clipped to MBES bathymetry (2021) data extent. 6) EFH habitat delineations and characterization of benthic features charted here are in reference to NMFS' letter to BOEM dated March 29, 2021 regarding "Updated Recommendations for Mapping Fish Habitat". 7) Mobile sediment areas are mapped within the Cable Burial Risk Assessment (CBRA). Refer to Fugro MSIR, Vol. 4, 2021m. 8) No large grained complex habitats were delineated within the survey area. 9) Neither vegetated habitats nor submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) has been charted in the survey area. Biotic classification (NMFS Modified CMECS) of grab samples (Terrasond, 2019 and Fugro, 2020), GrabCam video (Fugro, 2020), and towed video transects (RPS, 2021) are reported in the COP Volume II - Affected Environment. SPI-PV biotic classification is reported in Fugro MSIR (2021, Vol. 1), Appendix G. EQUIPMENT Vessel(s) R/V Fugro Enterprise, M/V Fugro Brasilis, DSV Splash, R/V Shearwater Navigation System GPS Primary: (Fugro Enterprise) Fugro StarPack Navigation Satellite System; (Fugro Brasilis) Kongsberg Seapath 380 Navigation Satellite System Multibeam System: Kongsberg EM2040 MBES for all Vessels Side Scan Sonar EdgeTech 4205 SSS (300/600) kHz frequencies) for all Vessels USBL System Kongsberg HiPAP 502 USBL system for all Vessels SPI-PV (2020) Ocean Imaging System (OIS) 3731-D REMOTS digital sediment profiling camera with DSC 24000 plan view camera GrabCam (2020) Ted Young-Modified Van Veen Grab dual 0.04 m2 bucket sampler equipped with Fugro's real-time GrabCam HD video system Sediment Grab (2019) Salish Grab Standard SG-20 sampler 0.10 m2 Towed Video (2021) (R/V Shearwater) Camera sled equipped with altimeter, GoPro Hero 9, and 4K camera This document may only be used for the purpose for which it was commissioned and in accordance with the terms of engagement for that commission. Unauthorized use of this document in any form whatsoever is prohibited. Not for navigational use. **GEODETIC PARAMETERS** North American Datum 1983 GEODETIC DATUM ELLIPSOID GRS 1980 6,378,137.000 m Semi-Major Axis Inverse Flattening 298.257222101 PROJECTION UNIVERSAL TRANSVERSE MERCATOR / Zone 18N (EPSG 26918) 75°00'00" W Central Meridian (CM) 00°00'00" N Latitude of Origin 500,00m E False Easting 0m N False Northing Scale Factor at CM 0.9996 VERTICAL DATUM MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW) Horizontal and vertical units are in meters Scale 1 : 10,000 at Arch E page size 1.800 2,400 3,000 3.600 Fee Description: Drawn: Checked: Approved: Issue No: Dat DRAFT - For Review MB DD 11/25/2021 MB DD Rev00 12/08/2021 Project No: Chart Name: Chart No:

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