

# PROGRESS REPORT FOR OCS-A 0539 NOVEMBER 1, 2022, TO APRIL 30, 2023

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#### **Executive Summary**

Since the submittal of the previous Progress Report on October 31, 2022, Community Offshore Wind has continued the development of Lease Area OCS-A 0539 in a responsible manner. This includes continued engagement with Tribes/Tribal Nations, commercial and recreational fisheries, federal and state agencies, and all other stakeholders to (re)introduce the Project and Project team, to provide an overview of Project, and to solicit feedback. We have also continued to update our Fisheries, Native American Tribes, and Agency Communications Plans, as required by Lease Stipulation 3.1.2 (see Appendix C for additional detail), based on received feedback.

A summary of the engagement activities held with Tribes/Tribal Nations is provided in Section 2, below. A summary of stakeholder engagement is provided in Section 3, with Fisheries engagement presented in Section 3.1, Agency engagement presented in Section 3.2, and other stakeholder engagement presented in Section 3.3. Community Offshore Wind also commenced our site characterization and survey strategy, which will support the continued development of the Project, with additional information provided in Section 4.

For additional information on the Community Offshore Wind Project, and to sign-up for our monthly newsletter, please visit our website: <u>https://communityoffshorewind.com/</u>



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# Acronyms and Abbreviations

BOEM	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
СОР	Construction and Operations Plan
DoD	Department of Defense
EMF	electromagnetic fields
ENGO	environmental non-governmental organization
Km	kilometers
mi	miles
MLLW	Mean Low Low Water
NATCP	Native American Tribal Communications Plan
Nm	nautical miles
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPS	National Park Service
OCS	outer continental shelf
PSO	protected species observer
ROSA	Responsible Offshore Science Alliance
RWSC	Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative
USACE	US Army Corps of Engineers
USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service



## **1** Purpose and Background

#### 1.1 Purpose

In accordance with Lease Stipulation 3.1, Community Offshore Wind must submit a Progress Report to BOEM every six months, through approval of the Construction and Operations Plan (COP). This report covers the second six-month period, from the Effective Date on the Lease on November 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023. The purpose of this Progress Report is to document overall project progress and engagement activities undertaken with Native American Tribes ("Tribes"), communities, ocean user groups, the general public, and other stakeholder groups throughout the reporting period, in addition to Community Offshore Wind's plans for continued engagement.

#### **1.2** Lessee Information

Community Offshore Wind, LLC, a joint venture of RWE and National Grid, proposes to develop the Community Offshore Wind Project (the Project), under the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (Lease Area OCS-A 0539; Lease Area).

Additional information about Community Offshore Wind can be found on our website: <u>https://communityoffshorewind.com/</u>.

#### **1.3 Lease Description**

Lease Area OCS-A 0539 encompasses approximately 125,964 acres and is located approximately 37 miles (mi; 59 kilometers [km]), 32 nautical miles [nm]) offshore of Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey and approximately 64 mi (104 km, 56 nm) offshore of Fire Island, New York. Water depths within the Lease Area range from 98 feet to 171 feet (30 meters to 52 meters) mean lower low water (MLLW). The location of Lease Area OCS-A 0539 is shown on Figure 1, below.



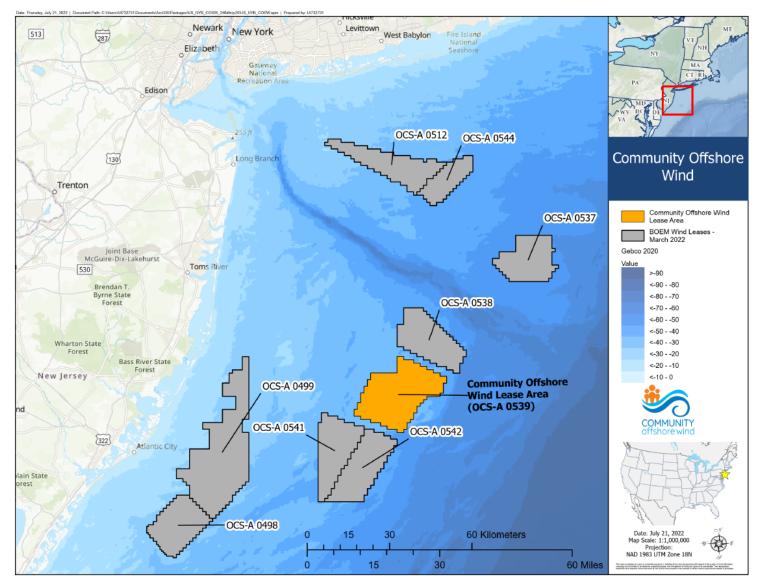


Figure 1 Lease Area OCS-A 0539



## 2 Tribes/Tribal Nations Engagement

Community Offshore Wind believes it is important to recognize Native American peoples as the original and continuing stewards of the lands and waters in which we work. We acknowledge and respect the enduring historical, cultural, and personal connections between Native American Tribes and Tribal Nations to the region, both those Tribes and Tribal Nations currently residing in the region and those that were removed from it. We believe that the insights and knowledge of Tribes/Tribal Nations can and should play an important role in the clean energy transition, to help ensure that offshore renewable energy is developed in an environmentally, socially, and culturally sustainable manner.

A summary of engagement activities held and anticipated to be held over the next reporting period, with Tribes/Tribal Nations is provided in Section 2.1 through 2.4, below. These sections provide an overview of engagement with potentially affected federally recognized.

#### 2.1 Overall Tribes/Tribal Nations Engagement Progress Since Last Report

Since the submittal of the previous Progress Report on October 31, 2022, Community Offshore Wind held a Pre-Survey meeting, as required under Lease Stipulation 5.3.3, with the federally recognized Tribes/Tribal Nations listed in Lease OCS-A 0539 to provide an overview of Community Offshore Wind and the 2023 High Resolution Geophysical and Geotechnical Survey Plan. Invitations to this meeting were sent by certified mail and email on March 27, 2023, and the meeting was held on April 14, 2023.

Community Offshore Wind also continued to work with the other New York Bight lessees to develop a Joint NATCP, as required under Lease Stipulation 3.1.2.2. A meeting hosted by BOEM to discuss the initial draft and contents of the Joint NATCP is scheduled for May 15, 2023.

A summary of the engagement activities held with Tribes/Tribal Nations is provided in Table 1, below.



Focus of Discussion	Tribe(s)	Summary of	Follow-up Actions,
or Engagement		Engagement Activities	Activities, Outcomes
Pre-Survey Meeting	Representatives from 4 Tribes: Absentee Shawnee Tribe, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Stockbridge- Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, and Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) <sup>1</sup>	Community Offshore Wind held a pre-survey meeting to provide an overview of Community Offshore Wind, an update on the activities approved under the 2022 Survey Plan, and the geophysical and geotechnical survey activities proposed to be conducted under the 2023 Survey Plan submitted to BOEM.	Community Offshore Wind will follow up and provide information on how Protected Species Observer (PSO) training can be made accessible to Tribes/Tribal Nation members and how that training can be utilized within the industry. Community Offshore Wind will also follow up and schedule an informational meeting to provide an overview of the underwater noise produced by geophysical survey equipment used in support of the Project and an overview the IHA application currently under review. Community Offshore Wind offered to hold one-on-one meetings with Tribal governments to introduce the company, its proposed offshore wind Project, listen to Tribal governments concerns and recommendations and discuss ways to work together to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes during Project development.

#### Table 1Tribes/Tribal Nations Engagement During Reporting Period

<sup>1</sup>Community Offshore Wind sent electronic and hardcopy pre-survey meeting invitations to the following Tribes/Tribal Nations: Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Shawnee Tribe, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, The Delaware Nation, The Narragansett Indian Tribe, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, The Shinnecock Indian Nation, Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, and the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah). Th following Tribes/Tribal Nations declined the invitation: The Delaware Nation and the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. The following Tribes/Tribal Nations accepted the invitation to the meeting: The Delaware Tribe of Indians, The Shinnecock Indian Nation, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, and The Delaware Nation. Unfortunately, not all the Tribes/Tribal Nations that accepted the invitation attended the meeting.



#### 2.2 Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Tribes/Tribal Nations Interests

As part of the pre-survey meeting held on April 14, 2023, Tribes/Tribal Nations requested additional information on the underwater noise produced by geophysical survey equipment, due to concerns over potential impacts to marine species within the survey area. Tribes/Tribal Nations also expressed concerns about potential Project specific and cumulative impacts to the maritime environment, including important shellfish and fisheries and impacts to coastal environments from sedimentation, resulting from the construction and operations of offshore wind projects.

Tribes/Tribal Nations also noted the potential positive effects of the offshore wind industry, with Tribes/Tribal Nations being given the opportunity to take advantage of protected species observer (PSO) training programs, which could provide members with employment opportunities on projects across the US and around the world. Concerns, however, were noted on the ability to access the additional training required to fully utilize the PSO certificate and requested that the offshore wind industry work together to address and support Tribe members in becoming fully employable as PSOs.

#### 2.3 Tribes/Tribal Nations Feedback on Transmission Planning

Community Offshore Wind continued the development of the transmission routing required to connect the wind farm into the electric grid. As the routes were not at a stage to share, engagement with Tribes/Tribal Nations on transmission routing to solicit feedback and recommendations did not occur.

#### 2.4 Anticipated or Scheduled Tribes/Tribal Nations Engagement Activities

During the next reporting period, Community Offshore Wind anticipates the following engagement:

- Community Offshore Wind will participate in the Joint New York Bight NATCP meeting scheduled by BOEM for May 2023. This engagement will be coordinated with the other New York Bight lessees.
- Community Offshore Wind intends to commence engagement with the Tribes/Tribal Nations on the preliminary draft transmission routing in Q3 2023, to solicit feedback and recommendations.
- Community Offshore Wind plans to offer to hold introductory engagement meetings with each of the Tribes/Tribal Nations at their government offices and/or Tribal Councils, to introduce the Community Offshore Wind team, provide an overview of the Project, and listen to Tribal government concerns and recommendations.



## 3 Engagement with Potentially Affected Parties

Community Offshore Wind believes that coordination and engagement with all stakeholders is crucial to the success of an offshore wind project and is committed to an "early and often" approach to help ensure that the Project is developed in an environmentally, socially, and culturally sustainable manner for all. Starting prior to the effective date of Lease OCS-A 0539, Community Offshore Wind began to identify and engage with various types of stakeholders, identified as potentially interested in or affected by offshore wind and the Project. In support of the stakeholder engagement strategy, a list of stakeholders which are potentially applicable to the development, construction, and operations of an offshore wind farm in the New York Bight was developed and can be found in Appendix A. This list is intended to be a "living" document and will be updated throughout the process, as additional stakeholders are identified.

Since the submittal of the previous Progress Report on October 31, 2022, Community Offshore Wind has continued to reach out to stakeholders to introduce the Project and Project team, to provide an overview of the Project, and to solicit feedback. A summary of the engagement activities held with Commercial and Recreational Fisheries is provided in Section 3.1, a summary of Agency engagement presented in Section 3.2, and a summary of other stakeholder engagement presented in Section 3.3.

#### 3.1 Summary of Commercial and Recreational Fisheries Engagement Activities

#### 3.1.1 Overall Engagement Progress Since Last Report

Since the submittal of the previous Progress Report on October 31, 2022, Community Offshore Wind had 109 direct engagements with over 260 fishery participants and stakeholders. The Project team continues to take a broad approach to engagement with a full range of potentially interested parties, including academic and research institutions, state and federal fisheries agencies, environmental nongovernmental organizations, and other ocean users. Engagement strategies included in-person meetings, phone and video calls, information distribution, small group meetings, large group virtual presentations with multiple participants, as well as attendance at trade shows and research symposia.

Community Offshore Wind's two Fisheries Technical Advisors/Fisheries Representatives also play an important role in engaging with and communicating the concerns and perspectives of their respective fisheries to the Project and had an additional 211 direct engagements during the reporting period. Additionally, members of the Project team virtually attended various regional fisheries management council meetings to maintain awareness of issues of importance to fisheries participants and stakeholders.

Community Offshore Wind is aware of the engagement burden on fisheries participants and stakeholders. The Project team has tried to balance the frequency of repeated outreach to individuals and groups with the need to understand and accurately convey fisheries characteristics, operations, and perspectives to the larger Project team. Exploring efficient and effective communication methods remains a focus of our conversations with fisheries participants.



Community Offshore Wind has also worked with other developers to form a New York Bight fisheries coordination work group. Together, this group is actively working to develop approaches for coordinated engagement and outreach to fisheries participants, managers, and agencies to promote efficient and effective engagement. Community Offshore Wind and several other New York Bight developers have also included one another's fisheries liaisons in electronic distribution of fisheries and mariners notices regarding upcoming survey activities to help improve coordination and awareness of adjacent survey activities. Community Offshore Wind also attended the Business Network for Offshore Wind's International Partnership Forum and used this as an opportunity to coordinate with other developers on a variety of topics.

Community Offshore Wind also recently posted an updated version of the Fisheries Communications Plan on the Fisheries page of the Project website: <u>https://communityoffshorewind.com/fisheries</u>.

A summary of the engagement activities held with commercial and recreational fisheries participants and stakeholders is provided in Table 2, below. Please note that the majority of engagement activities cover multiple topics and do not have a single focus.

#### 3.1.2 Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Parties

Community Offshore Wind has identified several categories of potential Project effects raised by fisheries participants and stakeholders during this reporting period:

- <u>Ecological</u>: Potential effects of cable electromagnetic fields (EMF) on fish migratory patterns, changes in distributions of commercially and recreationally important species, effects of survey equipment on marine wildlife, pollution due to spills/leaks of lubricant from turbines, effects of construction on fisheries-independent resource surveys
- <u>Safety</u>: Potential effects of turbines on radar clutter, cable burial depths and maintenance, operation of mobile gear fisheries within the Lease Area
- <u>Access</u>: Effects on transit patterns through the Lease Area, ability for recreational and commercial vessels to fish within the Lease Area post-construction, potential effects on insurance rates

The Project team continues to integrate fisheries participant and stakeholder feedback into the overall Project development and is actively working to incorporate concerns related to the marine environment, safety, and access into the Project design and layout.

#### 3.1.3 <u>Feedback from Parties on Transmission Planning</u>

Community Offshore Wind continued the development of the transmission routing required to connect the wind farm into the electric grid. The Project team is actively engaging local captains with current and historical knowledge of the bottom types and fishing patterns inshore of the Lease Area as part of its transmission route investigation and survey planning and is working to incorporate important fishing areas and fisheries habitats into the transmission planning process.



# Table 2Engagement with Commercial and Recreational Fisheries Participants and Stakeholders During Reporting Period

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
Planned survey activities within Lease Area	<u>All Parties</u> Commercial and Recreational fisheries participants and stakeholders; Academic & research institutions & programs; State & Federal agencies; Resource survey managers; Fisheries liaisons & representatives, Regional Fishery Management Councils	<ul> <li>In-person and electronic distribution of fisheries notice and Lease Area maps</li> <li>Direct communication regarding seasonal and port-specific headboat and charter fishing &amp; transit patterns, potential overlap with survey activities</li> <li>Discussed seasonal patterns of commercial mobile and fixed-gear fishing operations &amp; transit, and potential overlap with survey activities</li> <li>Direct coordination with resource survey managers and communication with researchers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Expansion of contact list for distribution of future fisheries notices and coordination of fishing and survey activities</li> <li>Provided information on potential overlap of commercial and for-hire fishing activities and transits to survey crew and scientific party during survey kickoff</li> <li>Follow up communications with survey managers closer to onset of resource surveys</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Communication and engagement approaches</li> <li>Priority issues for recreational community</li> <li>Opportunities for collaboration</li> </ul>	<u>Recreational</u> Recreational fishermen; Tackle or recreational industry; Charter/for-hire fishermen; Recreational fishing association	<ul> <li>Direct communication and discussion of the following:</li> <li>Concerns regarding electromagnetic field (EMF) effects on fish behavior/migration, effects of turbines on habitat and species distribution, environmental characteristics of turbine lubricants, effects of survey gear on marine wildlife, pace and scope of offshore wind development</li> <li>Frustration with federal regulatory process and consideration of recreational community impacts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Incorporate feedback on communication tools, methods, and topics into future engagements</li> <li>Follow up on concerns related to potential leaks of turbine lubricants and EMF</li> <li>Conducted meetings with recommended points of contact regarding habitat, fishing access, data collection</li> <li>Continue conversations regarding opportunities for collaboration on and support for recreational priorities</li> </ul>



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
		<ul> <li>Communication outlets, modification of communication tools to enhance utility for recreational community, suggested engagement approaches and topics (e.g., presentations to fishing clubs)</li> <li>Potential opportunities for collaboration on priority initiatives related to habitat resource needs, recreational fishing access, underserved communities, collection of scientific information</li> <li>Increased public awareness of offshore wind development as a result of whale strandings</li> <li>Developer communications regarding existing and ongoing background research</li> </ul>	Consider appropriate approaches to convey information on existing research
<ul> <li>Communication methods and topics</li> <li>Regional compensation</li> <li>Safety &amp; design</li> <li>Opportunities for collaboration</li> </ul>	<u>Commercial</u> Commercial fishermen; Fleet owners/managers; Fishing associations; Seafood processors	<ul> <li>Direct communication and discussion of the following:</li> <li>Concerns regarding future ability of mobile gears to safely operate within lease area, impacts on vessel insurance costs, and need for AIS on all turbines</li> <li>Cable burial depths &amp; consequences if vessels accidentally interact with cables</li> <li>Turbine spacing and orientation and considerations for towing directionality</li> <li>Potential ecological effects of cable electromagnetic fields and turbines on fish migration, distribution, and benthic ecology</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Continue working with engineering team to incorporate concerns regarding layout, safety, and cables into Project design</li> <li>Follow-up on effective communication methods and topics</li> <li>Development of monitoring and research programs that include roles for industry</li> <li>Incorporate feedback on regional compensation fund in development efforts</li> </ul>



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
		<ul> <li>Industry knowledge and perception of federal regulatory process and engagement</li> <li>Impacts of offshore wind development on shoreside infrastructure &amp; costs</li> <li>Development of third-party regional compensation program, inclusion of different industry components, contingencies or backstops if fund is insufficient to address claims, consistency and trustworthiness of data used to establish baseline for compensation claims</li> <li>Opportunities to support industry through community access to local seafood</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Coordinated a holiday donation (December 2022) of locally- harvested, locally-processed seafood to 9 New York area food banks from Brooklyn to Buffalo with Project's Community Outreach team</li> <li>Explore continued opportunities to provide underserved community access to seafood</li> </ul>
Monitoring and research approaches	State and federal agencies	<ul> <li>Regular calls with agencies to share information and discuss topics including:</li> <li>Fisheries monitoring and research approaches and best practices</li> <li>Project-specific vs. regional monitoring, developer coordination, and opportunities for collaboration with industry</li> <li>Regional coordination of fisheries stakeholder engagement methods</li> <li>Existing state programs that may be supported by developer research, monitoring, and/or mitigation approaches</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Incorporate feedback from conversations into overall approach to avoidance and mitigation</li> </ul>



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
<ul> <li>Existing monitoring, research, and extension initiatives</li> <li>Opportunities for collaboration and partnerships</li> </ul>	Academic or research institutes and programs	<ul> <li>Participated in working group and advisory body meetings of regional research collaboratives (RWSC, ROSA)</li> <li>Discussed partnership opportunities with existing regional research initiatives applicable to Project area and species of interest</li> <li>Discussed partnership opportunities with regional entities focused on collaboration with industry, exploration of tools/methods that will promote long-term success and coexistence</li> <li>Participated in New England Cooperative Research Program Summit</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Introductions and Project overview</li> <li>Partnership opportunities</li> </ul>	Environmental nongovernmental organizations	<ul> <li>Project overview, fisheries team introductions, review of engagement approaches</li> <li>Discussed approach and philosophy regarding avoidance and mitigation of project effects</li> <li>Discussed regional research and monitoring needs and potential partnership opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Integrate feedback from conversations into development of monitoring and research program</li> <li>Schedule future meetings to discuss specific research questions and collaborations</li> </ul>



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
Survey activities	Fisheries liaisons, Fisheries representatives	<ul> <li>Team calls to discuss survey activities and Project development</li> <li>Frequent direct communications regarding survey vessel activities, current and upcoming fishing operations within and inshore of Lease Area</li> <li>Public and media response to and coverage of survey activities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Incorporation and communication of feedback to Project site investigation team and survey crews</li> <li>Integration of feedback into future survey communications</li> </ul>
American Fisheries Society Mid-Atlantic Chapter Annual Meeting	Academic or research institutions	Introduction and overview of Project, research and monitoring approaches	Incorporation of feedback into development of research and monitoring plan
Project overview and introduction	Wind Works Long Island (ENGO)	Introductory webinar with multiple Project workstream leads, including Fisheries. Provided high level overview of engagement and mitigation approach	Answered general questions regarding fisheries participant and stakeholder engagement
Rutgers University Offshore Wind Energy Symposium	Academic or research institutions	Participated in breakout sessions on offshore wind challenges, opportunities and partnerships with researchers, students, agency staff; Engaged with other fisheries liaisons	Virtual meetings with two symposium participants
Seafood Expo North America (Boston Seafood Show)	Commercial Fishermen, Fleet Owners/Managers, Fishing Associations, Seafood Processors	General outreach and interaction with commercial industry participants at trade show	Scheduled future direct communication & meetings



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
Philly Fishing Show	Recreational fishermen; For- hire captains; Tackle or recreational industry; Fishing associations	General interaction with recreational industry participants at trade show	Consideration of future trade shows as engagement opportunities
New Jersey Saltwater Fishing Expo	Recreational fishermen; For- hire captains; Tackle or recreational industry; Fishing associations	General outreach and interaction with recreational industry participants at trade show	<ul> <li>Consideration of future trade shows as engagement opportunities</li> <li>Scheduled follow-up engagements based on interactions</li> </ul>
New Jersey Wind Institute Research Symposium	Academic or research institutions	Listened to project updates from New Jersey Research and Monitoring Initiative and New Jersey Wind Institute Fellows Program, interacted with researchers & students, and helped staff Project booth	Incorporate information into development of Project monitoring & research initiatives.
Marine Law Symposium, Roger Williams University School of Law	Academic or research institutions	Provided presentation during developer panel discussion at marine law symposium focused on offshore wind development and achievement of net positive biodiversity within the mitigation hierarchy.	Consider and incorporate outcomes from panel discussions into Project's approach to impact avoidance and mitigation



#### 3.1.4 Anticipated or Scheduled Engagement Activities

During the next reporting period, Community Offshore Wind anticipates the following engagement:

- Community Offshore Wind will continue outreach and coordination regarding upcoming survey activities with commercial and recreational fisheries stakeholders and participants, fisheries survey managers, fishery managers, and the USCG, particularly as the Project continues transmission planning.
- Community Offshore Wind will ccontinue to participate in the New York Bight fisheries workgroup of the industry trade association to increase coordination among lessees, which will enable more efficient engagement opportunities for fisheries stakeholders.
- Community Offshore Wind will continue to develop monitoring and research programs in collaboration with academic and research institutions and state and federal fisheries agency partners, that includes exploration of coordinated regional approaches with other developers.
- Community Offshore Wind will continue to engage with other developers and representatives of the recreational fishing industry to improve coordination and communication.
- Community Offshore Wind will be in attendance at the upcoming American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting symposium "Offshore Wind, Fish, and Fisheries Emerging Knowledge and Applications."

#### 3.2 Summary of Agency Engagement Activities

#### 3.2.1 Overall Engagement Progress Since Last Report

Since the submittal of the previous Progress Report on October 31, 2022, Community Offshore Wind updated our Agency Communications Plan based on feedback received and posted the latest version on the home page of our website: <u>https://communityoffshorewind.com/</u>

Community Offshore Wind also scheduled a standing bi-annual inter-agency meeting, which will provide a regular opportunity for the Agencies to hear from the Project team, receive an update on the Project, to provide any important information, and to provide feedback and recommendations. This meeting is intended to supplement regular engagement with individual Agencies.

Community Offshore Wind also regularly engaged with BOEM, meeting on an as-needed basis.

A summary of the engagement activities held with Agencies is provided in Table 3, below.



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
Notification of a revised Agency Communications Plan	Email sent to the following federal and state agencies: • USACE • NOAA • US EPA • USFWS • USCG • DoD • NPS • NYS • NJ	Community Offshore Wind sent an email which provided a revised copy of the Agency Communications Plan and noted that the plan would be posted on the Community Offshore Wind website.	Community Offshore Wind welcomed continued feedback on the Agency Communications Plan.
Regular Meetings held with BOEM to discuss the development of the Lease Area and relevant Lease Stipulations	BOEM	Community Offshore Wind discussed the status of the communications plans, survey planning and geophysical and geotechnical (G&G) requirements, anticipated Project timeline, among other items.	Community Offshore Wind to continue providing BOEM with regular Project updates.

#### Table 3Engagement with Agencies During Reporting Period

#### 3.2.2 Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Parties

N/A – potential effects related to the Project or Project activities were not raised by Agencies for Community Offshore Wind consideration during this reporting period.

#### 3.2.3 <u>Feedback from Parties on Transmission Planning</u>

Community Offshore Wind continued the development of the transmission routing required to connect the wind farm into the electric grid. As the routes were not at a stage to share, engagement with Agencies on transmission routing to solicit feedback and recommendations did not occur.

#### 3.2.4 Anticipated or Scheduled Engagement Activities

During the next reporting period, Community Offshore Wind anticipates the following engagement:

- Community Offshore Wind will host the first bi-annual inter-agency meeting to provide a general update on the Project.
- Community Offshore Wind intends to commence engagement with the Agencies on the preliminary draft transmission routing in Q3 2023, to solicit feedback and recommendations.



#### 3.3 Summary of Other Stakeholder Engagement Activities

As noted in Lease Stipulation 3.1.1, Community Offshore Wind also engaged with other stakeholder parties that may be potentially affected by the project activities on the OCS, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Coastal communities;
- Educational and research institutions;
- Environmental and public interest non-governmental organizations;
- Mariners and the maritime industry;
- Ocean users;
- Submarine cable operators; and
- Underserved communities, as defined in Section 2 of Executive Order 13985.

#### 3.3.1 Overall Engagement Progress Since Last Report

Since the submittal of the previous Progress Report on October 31, 2022, Community Offshore Wind has continued outreach to a variety of stakeholders across our Project geography. Engagement strategies included in-person meetings, phone and video calls, information distribution, small group meetings, large group virtual and in-person presentations with multiple participants, as well as attendance at events, trade shows, and tours of stakeholder facilities. The Project team continues to take a broad approach to engagement with stakeholders in order to meet them where they are, leveraging opportunities for sponsorship and participation in local workforce and labor, environmental, educational, community, business and industry, and volunteerism events.

A summary of the engagement activities held with stakeholders is provided in Table 4, below. The primary focus of most meetings is to introduce Community Offshore Wind and provide regular updates on our progress.

#### 3.3.2 Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Parties

Community Offshore Wind has identified several categories of potential Project effects raised by stakeholders during this reporting period:

- <u>Ecological</u>: Potential effects of cable electromagnetic fields (EMF); effects of survey equipment and construction on marine wildlife
- <u>Workforce</u>: Raised the need for wraparound services to support workforce development
- <u>Traffic</u>: Raised concerns over the impacts to traffic during onshore construction associated with offshore wind projects



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
Introductory emails sent	<ul> <li>Numerous emails and meetings with entities within the following sectors have been sent:</li> <li>Workforce Development Agencies</li> <li>Universities and Educational Institutions</li> <li>Environmental ENGOs</li> <li>Community based organizations</li> <li>Environmental Justice groups</li> </ul>	Community Offshore Wind Project and Lease Area.	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities and to keep lines of communication open as project progresses.
ACE NY	Engaged with multiple attendees.	Discussed Lease Area, Project, and timeline.	Follow-up meetings were set up with interested attendees.
Nassau Suffolk School Boards Assoc. - OSW Manufacturing Public Education Expo – Speaking role	Engaged with multiple community members.	Discussed Lease Area, Project, and timeline.	Follow-up meetings were set up with interested attendees.
OSW/EJ Introductory Webinar with NYSERDA	Listening mode	EJ/ OSW	Continue to join calls.
BOEM EJ Forum	Listening mode	EJ/ OSW	Continue to join calls.
COSW beach clean up with Atlantic Marine Conservation Society in Kings Park, NY	Cleaned beach at Sunken Meadow Park	Cleaned beach and discussed Community Offshore Wind with other attendees	Will continue to support AMSEAS.
Winter Coat Donation	Made donation of 900 winter coats to 9 NGOs throughout NYS	n/a	Follow up meetings were set up

# Table 4Engagement with Other Parties During Reporting Period



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
Supply Chain team attended event at the Buffalo Niagara convention center	Engaged with multiple attendees	Supply chain	Follow up meetings and conversations.
Statewide Seafood Donation	Donated 30k seafood meals to multiple food banks throughout NYS	Engaged multiple NGO partners and community members	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
Attended ABNY Power Breakfast with Governor Kathy Hochul and Mayor Eric Adams	Sponsor	Engaged multiple attendees	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
Attended Power with Breakfast Speaker Adams at ACE Hotel in Brooklyn	Attendee	Engaged multiple attendees	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
Riverkeeper event at Hearst in NYC	Attendee	Engaged multiple attendees	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
OFFSHORE WIND LUNCH & LEARN – Solo Trattoria Freehold NJ	Attendee	Engaged multiple attendees	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
NYSABPRHAL conference in Albany	Attendee	Engaged multiple attendees	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
DEIJ EJ BUS TOUR & SUMMIT, DREAM HOTEL	Attendee & Sponsor/Booth	Engaged multiple attendees	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
Engineering Week – multiple museum visits donated to CBO's downstate NY	Sponsor	n/a	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
BROOKLYN ALBANY NIGHT & LOBBY DAY	Sponsor	Community Offshore Wind Project and Lease Area	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
STEM Weekend: Maritime/Saltwater Stories at LICM	Booth	Community Offshore Wind Project and Lease Area	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
MRV Wind & Drinks in Brooklyn	Booth	Engaged multiple attendees	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
Renew NJ – Harrah's in AC	Booth	Community Offshore Wind Project and Lease Area.	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
Employees volunteering at Fulfill Food Bank Volunteer event	Volunteer event	n/a	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
SIEDC Forum for a Sustainable Future – Wagner College	Speaking opportunity and booth	Community Offshore Wind Project and Lease Area	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
RETI Center: NYC Water Week Boat Tour	Attendee	Engaged multiple attendees	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
IPF Conference in Baltimore, MD.	Sponsor and Booth	Community Offshore Wind Project and Lease Area	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
Spoke to students at the RETI Center in Red Hook, Brooklyn.	Speaking opportunity	Community Offshore Wind Project and Lease Area	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
Congressional delegation for New York and New Jersey	Continued virtual and in-person meetings	Introductory and maintained outreach	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
New York State elected officials	Continued virtual and in-person meetings	Introductory and maintained outreach	Continued regular engagement with stakeholders
Local elected officials	Continued virtual and in-person meetings	Introductory and maintained outreach	Continued engagement with stakeholders
NJ Wind Institute Research Symposium	Engage with multiple attendees	Discuss Lease Area, Project, and timeline.	Follow up meetings with interested attendees
Multiple Earth Day Events in NY & NJ	Engage with multiple ENGOs to volunteer at beaches in NY & NJ	Discuss Lease Area, Project, and timeline	Follow up with interested attendees
We Are the Future Summit organized by Minority Millennials and City & State	Engage with multiple attendees	EJ/ MWBE/ OSW	Follow up meetings with interested attendees
Numerous emails, meetings, conferences and events.	<ul> <li>NYS AFL-CIO</li> <li>NYS Building &amp; Construction Trades Council</li> <li>Climate Jobs NY</li> <li>Long Island Federation of Labor</li> <li>Hudson Valley Building &amp; Construction Trades Council</li> <li>Other local affiliate unions</li> </ul>	Discussed Lease Area, Project timeline, and training/workforce needs	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities and to keep lines of communication open as project progresses
Numerous emails, meetings, conferences and events.	<ul> <li>NJ AFL-CIO</li> <li>NJ Building &amp; Construction Trades Council</li> <li>Other local affiliate unions</li> </ul>	Discussed Lease Area, Project timeline, and training/workforce needs	Continuing conversations and engagement to determine partnership opportunities and to keep lines of communication open as project progresses



#### 3.3.3 Feedback from Parties on Transmission Planning

Community Offshore Wind continued the development of the transmission routing required to connect the wind farm into the electric grid. The Project team is actively engaging with stakeholders as part of its transmission route investigation and survey planning and is working to incorporate feedback and recommendations into the transmission planning process. At this stage in development, Community Offshore Wind has heard concerns from stakeholders centered around the potential traffic impacts for any potential onshore routes.

#### 3.3.4 Anticipated or Scheduled Engagement Activities

During the next reporting period, Community Offshore Wind anticipates the following engagement:

- Community Offshore Wind will continue to release monthly newsletters via email.
- Community Offshore Wind will continue outreach and coordination with all stakeholder groups, included but not limited to federal, state, and local government stakeholders, labor unions, community, and environmental groups.
- Community Offshore Wind will continue to participate in conferences, community forums, stakeholder events and activities/events to educate stakeholders and communities.
- Community Offshore Wind will continue to develop relationships within the communities our Project will impact.



## 4 Survey Plan(s) Activities

Since the submittal of the previous Progress Report on October 31, 2022, Community Offshore Wind submitted an application to NOAA Fisheries for an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) on November 17, 2022. The IHA application was posted on NOAA Fisheries website on April 21, 2023 and is available for public review and comment through May 22, 2023. The IHA application is for the use of geophysical survey equipment (i.e., sparker) to support site assessment and characterization activities within the Lease Area and export cable routes; as the export cable routes were not finalized at the time of application submittal, an export cable study area was shown to provide the general location of where survey activities are proposed.

Preliminary geophysical survey activities approved under the 2022 High-Resolution Geophysical Survey Plan commenced in January 2023 and are anticipated to go through the remainder of 2023. Survey activities occurred only within the Lease Area, with work along the export cable routes is anticipated to commence during the next reporting period.

Community Offshore Wind also submitted our 2023 High-Resolution Geophysical and Geotechnical Survey Plan to BOEM on February 21, 2023. The 2023 Survey Plan proposes additional geophysical and preliminary geotechnical survey activities within the Lease Area and export cable routes. Activities under the 2023 Survey Plan are anticipated to commence in June or July 2023 and are anticipated to last one year. Community Offshore Wind will provide notice 2-weeks prior to the commencement of survey activities to applicable ocean users, in accordance with Lease Stipulation 3.1.2.1, in addition to providing notice in the Local Notice to Mariners. In accordance with Lease Stipulation 5.3.3, a Tribal Pre-Survey Meeting was held on April 14, 2023. A pre-survey meeting was held with BOEM on April 25, 2023. Approval of the 2023 Survey Plan and commencement of activities described within is expected during the next reporting period.

Data collected under both the 2022 Survey Plan and the 2023 Survey Plan will support the development of the Construction and Operations Plan (COP) and associated appendices (including the Marine Archaeological Resource Assessment), and the technical and engineering design of the Project.

Additional information on Community Offshore Wind's survey activities can be found on the fisheries page on our website: <u>https://communityoffshorewind.com/fisheries</u>

A summary of Community Offshore Wind's anticipated survey activities is provided in Table 5, below.



Type of Survey	Survey Activity Date or Proposed Date	Location Description
Preliminary geophysical survey (2022 Survey Plan)	January 2023	Lease Area and export cable routes
Additional geophysical survey (2023 Survey Plan)	June/July 2023	Lease Area and export cable routes
Preliminary geotechnical survey (2022 Survey Plan)	Q3 2023	Lease Area and export cable routes
Additional geotechnical survey (TBD)	TBD	Lease Area

# Table 5Survey Plan Activities under BOEM Review or Underway



# Appendix A Tribes and Other Parties Relevant to the Project

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Name of Tribe	Party Type(s)
Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma	FTribe
Delaware Nation	FTribe
Delaware Tribe of Indians	FTribe
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma	FTribe
Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation	FTribe
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe	FTribe
Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut	FTribe
Narragansett Indian Tribe	FTribe
Shawnee Tribe	FTribe
Shinnecock Indian Nation	FTribe
Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians	FTribe
Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head-Aquinnah	FTribe
Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation	STribe
Powhatan Renape Nation	STribe
Ramapough Lenape Nation	STribe
Unkechaug Nation	STribe



# Table A-2Parties Relevant to the Project

Name of Party	Party Type(s)
Commercial and Recreational Fishing	
Commercial Scallop Fishery	CFish
Commercial Surfclam Fishery	CFish
Commercial Gillnet Fishery (Monkfish, Dogfish)	CFish
Commercial Lobster Fishery	CFish
Commercial Trawl Fishery	CFish
Commercial Longline Fishery (Tilefish)	CFish
Commercial Fishing Associations	CFish
Commercial Seafood Processors	CFish
Commercial Industry Services	CFish
New York For-hire Headboat Fisheries	RFish
New Jersey For-hire Headboat Fisheries	RFish
New York For-hire Charter Boat Fisheries	RFish
New Jersey For-hire Charter Boat Fisheries	RFish
New York Private Recreational Anglers	RFish
New Jersey Private Recreational Anglers	RFish
New York Recreational Fishing Organizations	RFish
New Jersey Recreational Fishing Organizations	RFish
New York Recreational Bait & Tackle Shops or Industry	RFish
New Jersey Recreational Bait & Tackle Shops or Industry	RFish
Regional Fishery Management Councils	RFMC
New England Fishery Management Council	RFMC
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council	RFMC
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission	RFMC
Academic and Research Institutions or Programs	AR
Responsible Offshore Development Alliance (RODA)	CFish
Federal and State Agencies	
BOEM	FA
BSEE	FA
USACE	FA
NOAA	FA
US EPA	FA
USFWS	FA
USCG	FA
DoD	FA
NPS	FA



Name of Party	Party Type(s)
NYSDOS	SA
NYSDEC	SA
NYSDPS	SA
NYSDOT	SA
NJDEP	SA
CT DEEP	SA
RI DEM	SA
MADMF	SA
MD DNR	SA
DE DNREC	SA
NCDMF	SA
VMRC	SA
Other Ocean Users	· · ·
New York Bight Subsea Cable Owners and Operators	SCO
North Atlantic Submarine Cable Association	SCO
National Environmental NGOs	NGO
New York Environmental NGOs	NGO
New Jersey Environmental NGOs	NGO
Oceana	NGO
Citizens Campaign for the Environment	NGO
The Nature Conservancy	NGO
Defenders of Wildlife	NGO
National Wildlife Federation	NGO
Sierra Club	NGO
Natural Resources Defense Council	NGO
National Audubon Society	NGO
Surfrider Foundation	NGO
Wildlife Conservation Society	NGO
New York League of Conservation Voters	NGO
New Jersey League of Conservation Voters	NGO
Scenic Hudson	NGO
Riverkeeper	NGO
Waterfront Alliance	NGO
RETI Center	NGO
LISC NY	NGO
Environment New Jersey	NGO
Sustainable New Jersey	NGO
CERES	NGO



Name of Party	Party Type(s)
New York Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
Long Island Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
Brooklyn Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
New York Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
Staten Island Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
New Jersey Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
Monmouth County Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
Ocean County Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
WE ACT	EJG
UPROSE	EJG
Academic and Research Institutions or Programs	ERI
New York Community Colleges	ERI
New Jersey Community Colleges	ERI
State University New York	ERI
Stony Brook University	ERI
Cornell University	ERI
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	ERI
Monmouth University	ERI
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)	ERI
New Jersey Research and Monitoring Initiative (RMI)	ERI
Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative (RWSC)	ERI
Responsible Offshore Science Alliance (ROSA)	ERI
National Offshore Wind Research and Development Consortium	ERI
New York Marine Rescue Center	ERI
New York Aquarium	ERI
Industry Groups	IG
American Clean Power	IG
Business Network for Offshore Wind	IG
Maritime Industry/Mariners	М
American Waterways Operators	М
World Shipping Council	М
State Working Groups	SWG
NYSERDA Environmental Technical Working Group (E-TWG)	SWG
NYSERDA Fisheries Technical Working Group (F-TWG)	SWG
NYSERDA Maritime Technical Working Group (M-TWG)	SWG
New Jersey Environmental Resources Offshore Wind Working Group	SWG
Chambers of Commerce	CCom
New Jersey Chamber of Commerce	Ccom



Name of Party	Party Type(s)
Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce	Ccom
Staten Island Chamber of Commerce	Ccom
Long Beach Chamber of Commerce	Ccom
New Jersey African American Chamber of Commerce	Ccom
New Jersey Sustainable Business Council	Ccom
Orange County Partnership	Ccom
Workforce Development Agencies	WDA
New York Community Based Organizations	CG
Spin The Yard	CG
Billion Oyster Project	CG
NYC Parks Stewardship	CG
BOC Network, Inc.	CG
Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation	CG
Long Island Progressive Coalition	CG
The Wilkins Group	CG
New Jersey Community Based Organizations	CG
New York Coastal Communities	CC
Long Island Coastal Communities	CC
Brooklyn Coastal Communities	CC
New York City Coastal Communities	CC
Staten Island Coastal Communities	CC
New Jersey Coastal Communities	CC
Monmouth County Coastal Communities	CC
Ocean County Coastal Communities	CC
New York Underserved Communities	UC
Long Island Underserved Communities	UC
Brooklyn Underserved Communities	UC
New York City Underserved Communities	UC
Staten Island Underserved Communities	UC
New Jersey Underserved Communities	UC
Monmouth Underserved Coastal Communities	UC
Ocean County Underserved Communities	UC
New York Labor Unions	LU
New Jersey Labor Unions	LU
New York State Building and Construction Trades Council	LU
New Jersey State Building and Construction Trades Council	LU
New York State AFL-CIO	LU
New Jersey State AFL-CIO	LU



Name of Party	Party Type(s)
Long Island Federation of Labor	LU
Hudson Valley Building and Construction Trades	LU
Western NY Area Labor Federation	LU

Party types:

CC = Coastal Community Ccom = Chambers of Commerce CFish = Commercial Fishing Industry CG = Community Group EJG = Environmental Justice Groups **ERI = Educational and Research Institutions** FA = Federal Agency FTribe = Federally Recognized Tribe IG = Industry Group LU = Labor Union M = Maritime Industry/Mariners NGO = Environmental and Public Interest Non-Governmental Organizations RFish = Recreational Fishing Industry RFMC = Regional Fishery Management Councils and Commissions SA = State Agency SCO = Submarine Cable Operators STribe = State Recognized Tribe SWG = State Working Group

UC = Underserved Community

WDA = Workforce Development Agencies



# Appendix B Lessee and Liaison Contact Information

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# Table B-1Community Offshore Wind Points of Contact



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## **Appendix C** Communications Plans

#### Native American Tribes Communication Plan:

Confidential, submitted to BOEM under separate cover.

#### **Fisheries Communications Plan**:

https://communityoffshorewind.com/-/media/Project/RWE/COffshoreWind/fisheries/COSW-fisheries-communications-plan-v2-2023-04-25.pdf

#### Agency Communication Plan:

https://communityoffshorewind.com/-/media/Project/RWE/COffshoreWind/documents/agencycommunications-plan-20230331.pdf