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Subject: Concerns Over Docket No. BOEM-2010-0038
RFI for and area on the OCS off the Maryland Coast

Dear Sirs,

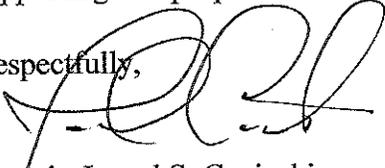
I currently sail as Master of a commercial chemical tanker that transits the east coast of the United States including waters in the area of Chesapeake Bay and Delaware Bay. I have been passed the information about the Request for Interest for an area off the Delaware deep water route Traffic Separation Scheme. This area off the Maryland coast is being explored for the use of future wind turbine farming for electricity. Though personally I agree with green electricity, the area of interest is of great concern to me.

These waters are heavily used for commercial traffic. The areas you have highlighted are the only deep water routes used by heavily laden vessels. The area is also used heavily by north and south bound tug and barge traffic. This essentially leads to an intersection on the sea for these types of vessels. Along with quite numerous fishing vessels this can lead to traffic situations of collision situations whereas vessels need the sea room to maneuver. Large ships may need up to 10 miles of deviation to alter courses for traffic situations.

With this in mind, I strongly suggest anything east of blocks 6624, 6674, 6724, and anything south of 6724 should not be utilized. Having fixed structures in these waters could lead to collisions with other vessels and/or fixed wind turbines. Anything of the sorts could lead to loss of life and environmental pollution.

Please consider the men on the sea and our commitment to safety and environment before supporting this proposal.

Respectfully,


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