

Fisheries Research and Monitoring Questionnaire

(Questionnaire can also be completed online at: <http://dwwind.com/information-for-mariners/>)

Why it is important to complete this questionnaire?

South Fork Wind Farm (SFWF) wants to ensure that we conduct sound, credible science to help prevent or mitigate any negative project impacts. That requires close coordination with fishing (commercial and recreational) industries, state and federal agencies, and interested research organizations to develop the **SFWF Research and Monitoring Plan**. (See the Map and description of SFWF for more information about the project.)

This questionnaire is one way you can give us your feedback on research topics and fisheries resources that we should monitor within the SFWF project area, including the cable route. We will use the input we receive to create a responsive and transparent research and monitoring plan for SFWF, which we will launch in the first half of 2019.

What do we want to know from you?

We have heard about some general issues and concerns from speaking with stakeholders over the past several years. We would like to know if you think these issues need to be included in the Research and Monitoring Plan and what other topics, if any, SFWF should consider.

1. Please rank from 1 to 7 the following resources¹ that are most important to monitor (1 being the most important). Use a 0 to indicate you do not think it is important at all.

- _____ Bottom fish, e.g., flounder, monkfish, Atlantic cod
- _____ Pelagic fish, e.g., herring and mackerel, tuna, bluefish, sharks
- _____ Structure-associated species, e.g., black sea bass, scup, tautog and benthos
- _____ Sea scallops
- _____ Lobster
- _____ Spawning Activities of relevant fish and shellfish
- _____ Hard and soft benthic habitat in the project area

2. What other resources would you like to see considered for monitoring in the project area?

3. Please rank from 1 to 3 the following research topics you think should be investigated further:

- _____ Potential impact of electromagnetic fields on fish behavior
- _____ Potential impact of noise from pile driving on fish behavior during construction
- _____ Potential impact on fish from alterations in the benthic habitat, like scouring or sedimentation

¹ Resources identified by the fishing industry and agencies through stakeholder outreach to date.

4. What other research questions would you like to see answered in the project area?

5. Do you have any other knowledge of the area you would like to share?

About You

What type of gear do you use? Check all appropriate boxes:

☐ Gillnets ☐ Traps/pots ☐ Longlines ☐ Trawl ☐ Dredge ☐ Hook and line

☐ Other _____

What species do you fish for? _____

Where is your home port? _____

Please check all regions where you fish. ☐ New England ☐ Long Island/NY Bight ☐ Mid-Atlantic

Get Involved and Stay Informed

Please provide your contact information to:

- ☐ Be added to our list of parties interested in conducting research and monitoring surveys
☐ Receive project updates

Name _____

Email _____

Phone no. _____

If you prefer to mail your response, please send it to: C. O'Mara; 56 Exchange Terrace, Providence, RI 02903

THANK YOU!

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