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ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

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To: Dr. Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill #2, Newburyport, MA 01950

Subject: Update on Progress and Expected Timeline for the Regional Fund Administrator for Offshore Wind

We are writing to share an update on the work of the Regional Fund Administrator (RFA) and to make you aware of upcoming opportunities to provide feedback on the draft fisheries compensation framework.

The RFA team has continued to make steady progress in developing a fisheries compensation framework for financial losses associated with offshore wind development across the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. Over the past several months, the team has held regular caucus meetings with fisheries, developers, and state representatives on the Design Oversight Committee (DOC), as well as ongoing coordination with the federal agencies.

Key areas of progress include further refinement of draft concepts for how to define loss and causation, continued development of example scenarios to test how different compensation approaches may work in practice, and iterative feedback cycles across the various caucuses to identify areas of convergence and remaining questions. These discussions are helping to clarify key design choices while ensuring transparency and responsiveness to DOC input.

In parallel, the RFA team has continued to plan for upcoming engagement opportunities, including future public webinars and planned engagement with regional fishery organizations to provide broader visibility into the work and opportunity for public feedback on the draft RFA framework . **Please see below an outline of the engagement plans for the remainder of 2026.** Specific dates on a summer webinar will be circulated shortly, alongside other opportunities to hear more and engage.

Additional information on the RFA, including meeting summaries, FAQs, and background materials, is available at www.rfainfo.com. If you have questions or would like to share comments, please contact the RFA team at Contact@RFainfo.com.

We appreciate your continued engagement and constructive feedback.

Kind regards,

The RFA Team

DRAFT: Engagement Plan: Three-Phase Timeline 2026

Goal: Stronger cross-caucus information sharing through structured DOC engagement and additional external input.

PHASE 1 | MAY - JULY

Streamline caucuses, build cross-caucus sharing

- **Focus:** Emphasis on preparing for group DOC meetings

DOC/caucus

- Proposal for 1 DOC meeting (July)
- Caucus meetings used to prepare for the group DOC meeting rather than discussing new input

Public

- Email blast to provide an update on progress and preparing for public comment period
- Public pre-comment period webinar
- F-TWG meeting hosted by NYSERDA/CBI

PHASE 2 | JULY - SEPT

Public comment period

- **Focus:** Engaging with non-DOC members (wider stakeholder network)

DOC/caucus

- Main communication over email rather than meetings and waiting for input from the public consultation

Public

- Public webinar to present draft framework and encourage public comment
- Email blast to provide a reminder on input
- Potential for 1 week of in-person dockside meetings and/or attendance at MAFMC & ASMFC (Aug)
- Engagement with community leaders

PHASE 3 | SEPT - DEC

Post public comment integration

- **Focus:** Digest, consider and integrate feedback from public comment

DOC/caucus

- 1 DOC meeting (virtual or in-person) to summarize feedback and share any changes in final framework

Public

- Email blast to share final framework and encourage attendance for webinar
- 1 webinar on the delivery of final compensation
- Collaborate with states to identify ways to disseminate final framework across region