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Notice to Fishermen: Bay State Wind Survey

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has leased an area in the western-most portion of the Massachusetts Wind Energy Area to the company DONG Energy. The leased area begins approximately 12 miles due south of Martha's Vineyard and extending south. The project name is Bay State Wind.

For the next three years DONG Energy will collect data and perform detailed assessments of the physical, biological and economic characteristics of the lease area. As the first step of data collection DONG Energy will conduct a geophysical survey beginning August 15 and continuing through September. DONG Energy has engaged a Fishery Liaison Officer to work with fishing community leaders. Additionally, an experienced local fisherman will be on the survey vessel for the duration of the survey to ensure daily contact with vessels fishing in the area and to advise the survey captain to avoid gear conflicts. Fishermen will be requested to give wide berth to the survey vessel, but should not otherwise be inconvenienced.

Contact information for the research vessel bridge, survey location charts and survey details can be found in the following notices: <u>Notice to Fishermen (Full)</u> and <u>Notice to Fishermen (Summary)</u>.