

Port Profile Update

- On schedule for late-spring release
- Port profiles being redesigned for readability and accessibility
- Surveys & fisheries statistics data being analyzed and summarized for inclusion in port profiles
- Some profiles will have survey data broken out by harbor, if there are multiple harbors in a municipality



Port Profile Timeline

Draft Timeline

June 2025

- Meet with CFC Focus Group
- Begin fisheries statistics work

Summer 2025

- Begin work with Urban Harbors Institute
- Finalize survey*

Fall/Early Winter 2025/2026

- Distribute Harbormaster and Fisher Surveys
- Survey outreach*

Winter 2026 – Analyze results and write report

Spring 2026

- Release full report
- Report outreach*



Flounder Processing Focus Group Update

Focus group met on December 9, 2025

Marketing Progress

- Public relations firms identified – waiting on proposal
 - 3-month engagement
 - Chef ambassadors and media event

Processing and infrastructure

- Researching capacity and needs

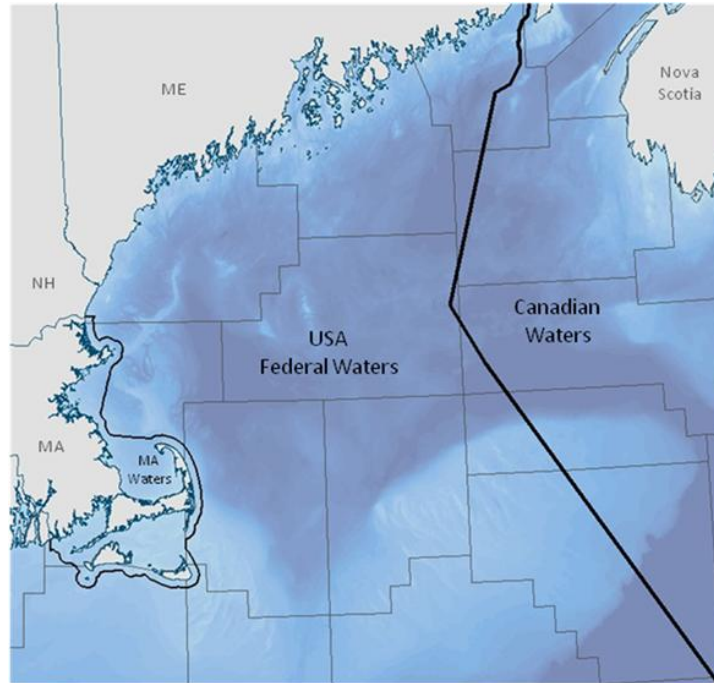
Next Meeting – Spring

- Discuss marketing plan



Massachusetts Seafood Industry

- Unique geographic location contributes to productive fishing grounds for a variety of species
- Massachusetts is a seafood processing and shipping hub
- Historic industry with a tourism component



2023 Seafood Industry Economic Impact

Massachusetts Seafood Industry Jobs

- 172,826 jobs
- 1st in the country

Sales Impacts (first sale through final sale)

- \$17,373,092,000
- 3rd in the country

Income Impacts (wages, salaries, earnings of all related sectors)

- \$4,180,824,000
- 3rd in the country

Value-Added Impacts (new economic value created at each state of the supply chain)

- \$6,556,310,000
- 3rd in the country

Source: Fisheries Economics of the United States 2023



2023 Ex-Vessel Landings & Value

Ex-vessel value highlights

- \$574 million ex-vessel value
- 3rd in total value behind Alaska and Maine
- New Bedford is the highest valued port in the U.S. at \$363 million, driven by sea scallops
- Top 3 valued species are sea scallop, lobster, and oyster

Ex-vessel landings highlights

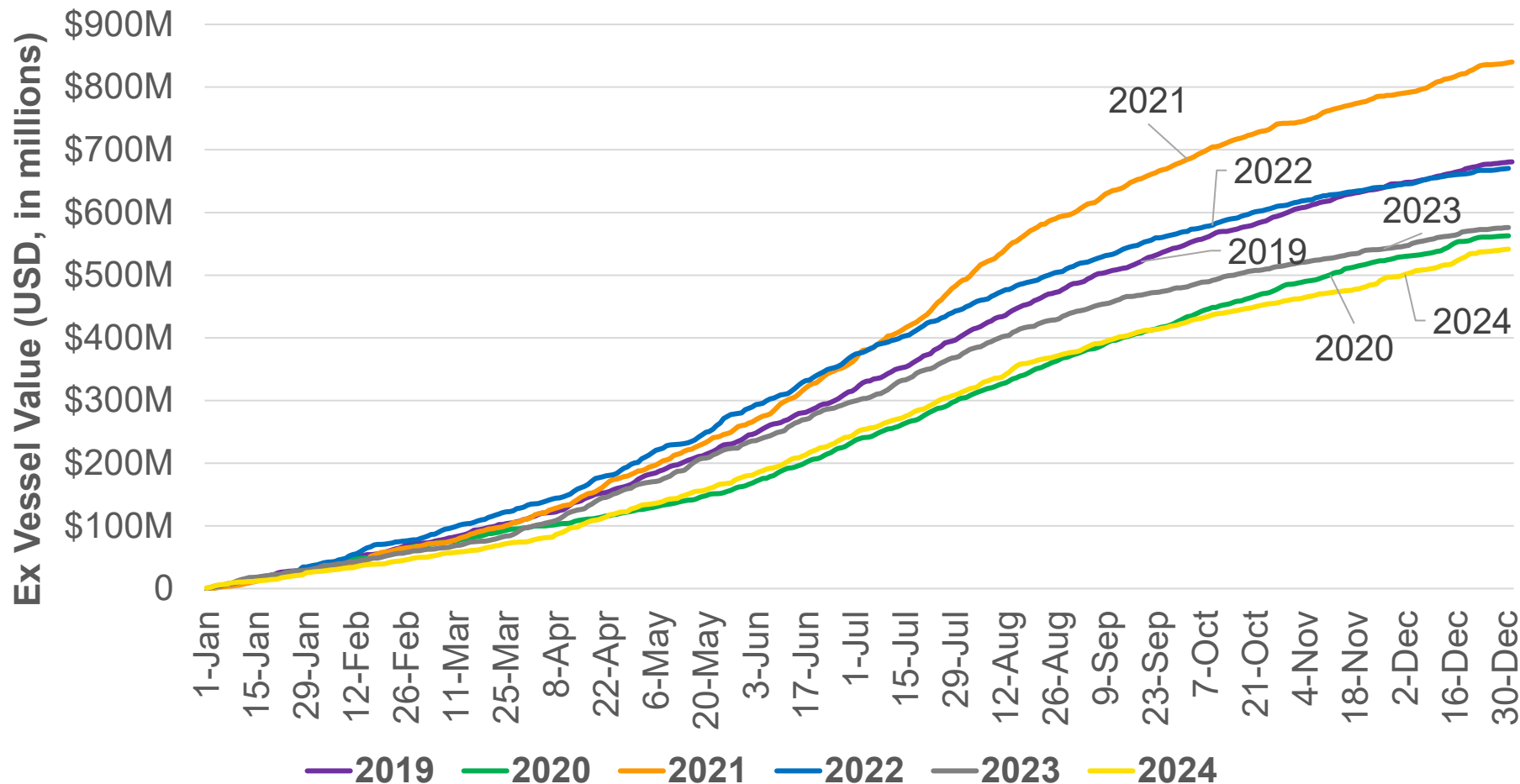
- Massachusetts landed 156 million lbs of seafood
- New Bedford is 16th ranked port in the country at 76.9 million lbs combined

Source: Fisheries of the United States 2023



Ex-Vessel Value

Running Total of Ex-Vessel Value Across All Species



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Spotlight on Lobster Fishery

Statewide in 2024

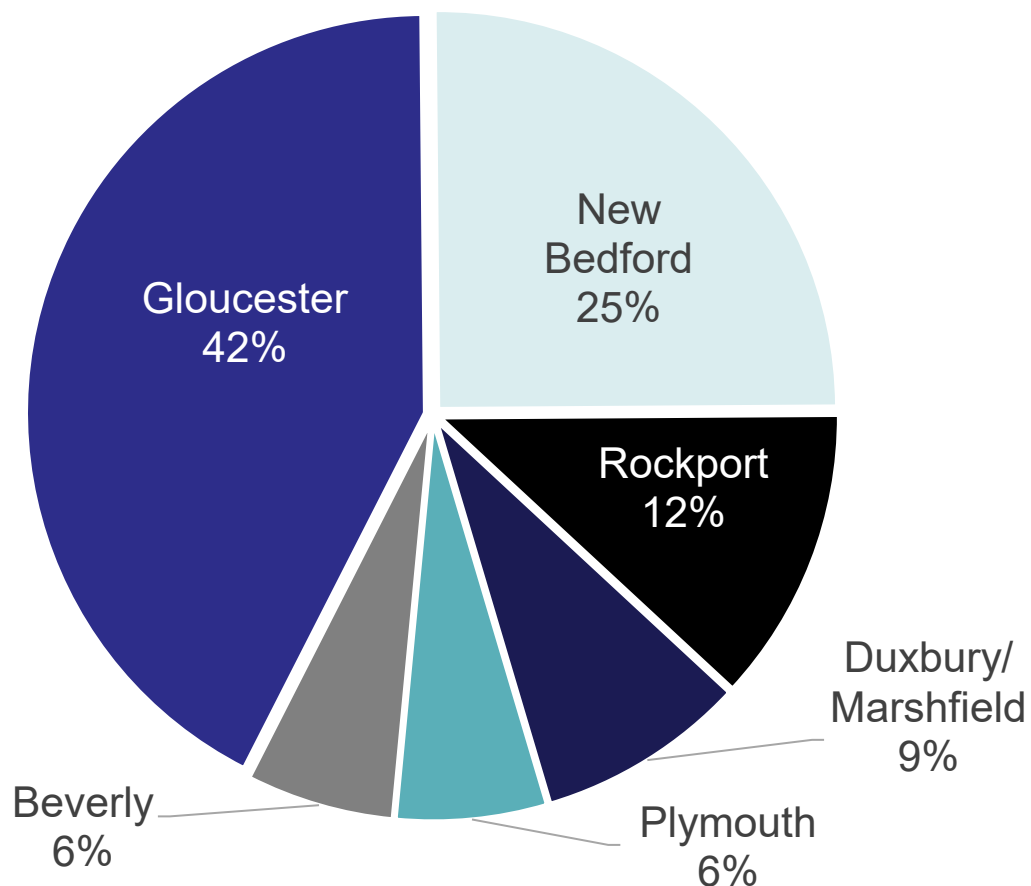
- 16,471,265 pounds landed
- Ex-vessel value of \$115,298,858
- ~600 active fishers
- Landing ports spread throughout the state

Top Landing Ports: 2024

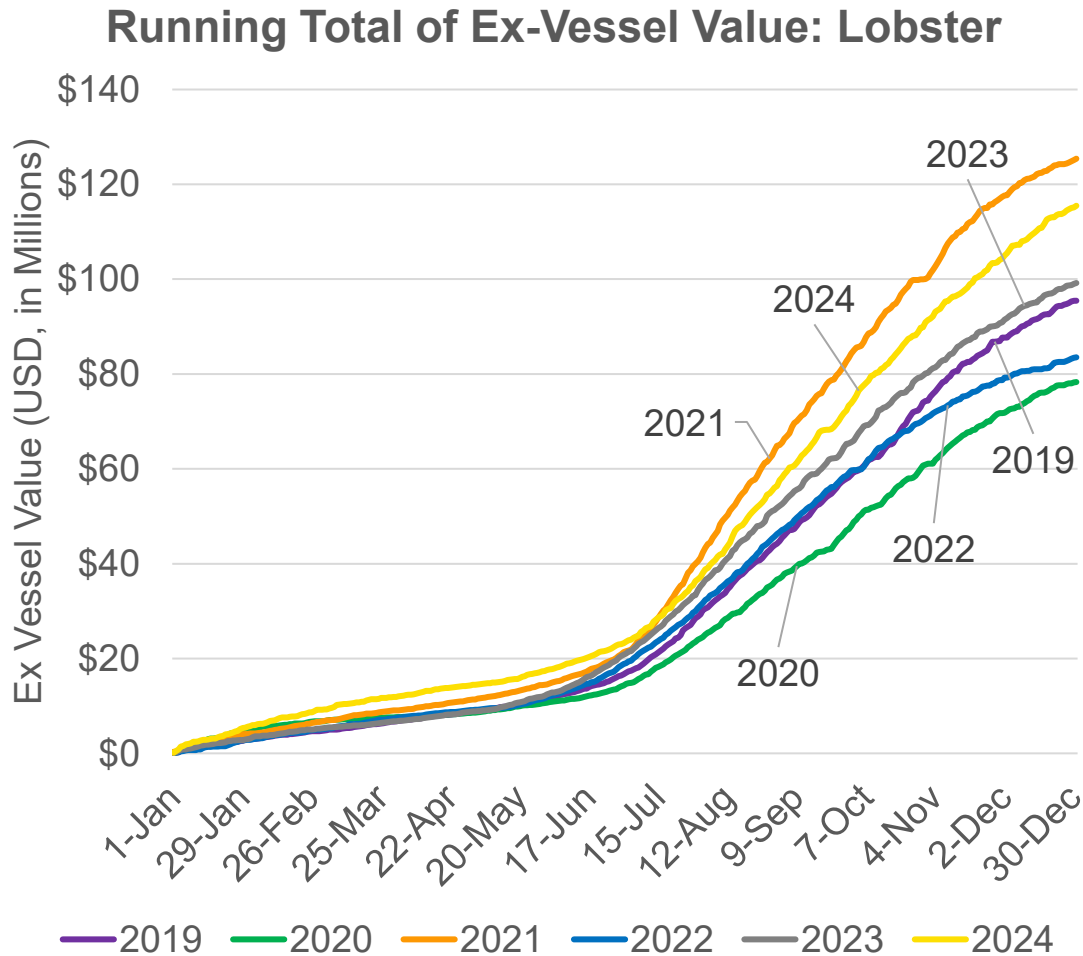
- 6 ports make up two thirds of the landings.
- Gloucester ranks highest with 4,363,532 pounds in 2024

Source: Trip-Level Reports, SAFIS Dealer Database

Top Two Thirds of 2024 Landings by Port



Spotlight on Lobster Fishery 2



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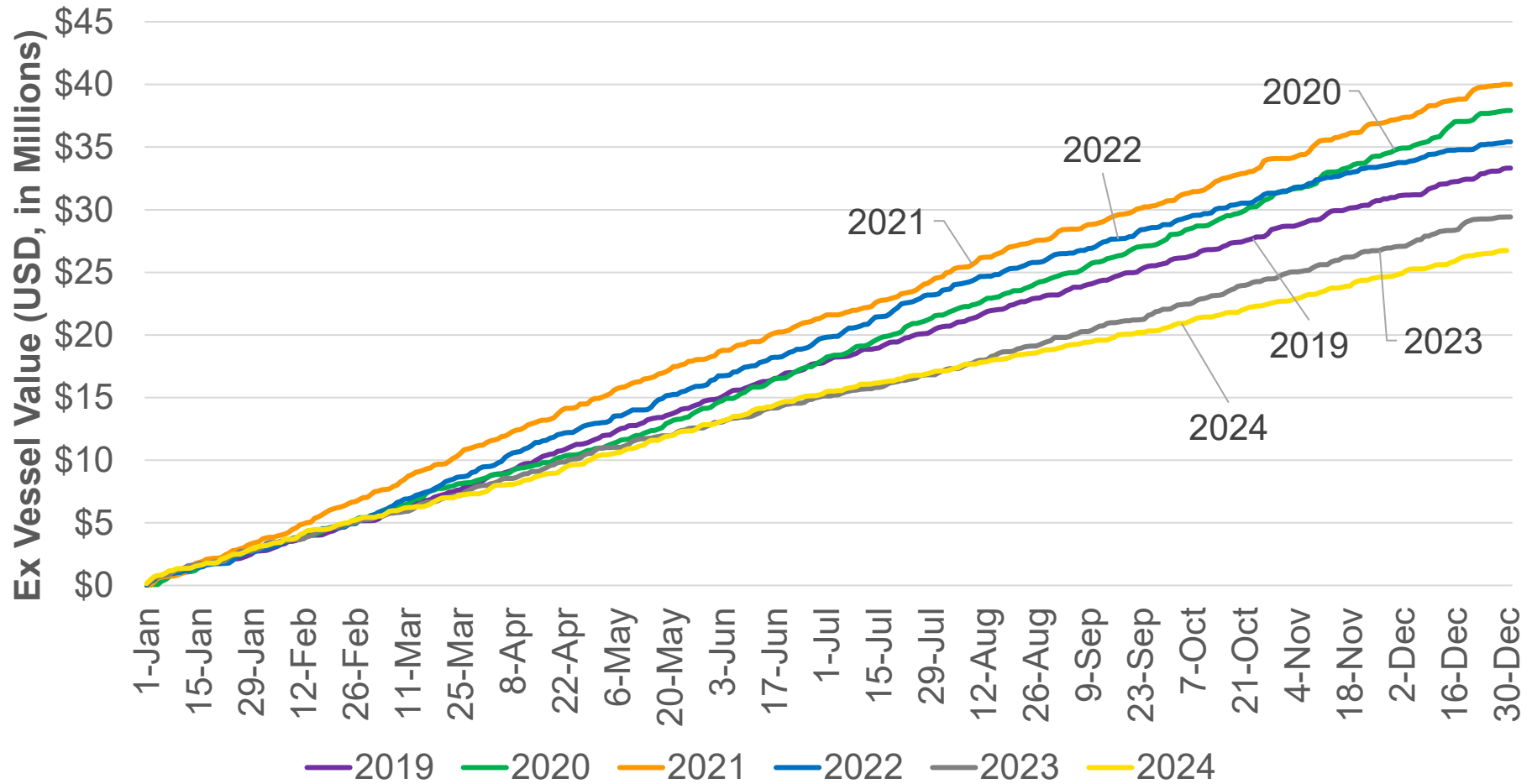
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Groundfish

Running Total of Ex-Vessel Value: Groundfish



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Discussion

- Additional available statewide metrics?
- Should we highlight other fisheries?
- Does this accurately depict regionality and unique characteristics of the seafood industry?



Initial Thinking on Economic Development Recommendations

Climate change adaptation

- Establish a low-interest loan program for independent owner-operators to purchase permits, gear, vessel upgrades etc. with terms that reflect the needs of the industry
- Further invest in working waterfront infrastructure to support commercial fishing businesses (e.g., harbor dredging, cold storage, seafood processing, pier internet upgrades, access)
- Dedicated grant to support fishing industry research collaborations with research institutions

Regulatory streamlining

- Mandatory periodic review of state regulations and sensitivity for how changes to state regulations impact small businesses of commercial fishing industry
- Streamline the requirements and permitting to allow fishermen to participate in processing, selling and or transporting seafood
- Provide grant to small biz for conversion of state/fed fishing gear to be compliant with new regs

Future of the industry

- State grants for training the next generation of harvesters
- State match 1:1 offederal grants received by NGPs for training the next gen of harvesters
- Incentives for food manufacturers and processors to buy MA seafood
- Support a robust MA seafood promotion campaign



Massachusetts Commercial Fisheries Commission

Offshore Wind Updates Brad Schondelmeier

March 26, 2026

CFC – March 2026

Offshore Wind Updates

- Federal Legal Action Updates
- Current Offshore Wind Project Status
- Recent Offshore Wind Milestones
- Fisheries Innovation Fund Progress
- Next Steps/Other Items



Sunrise Wind substation and foundation prior to departing Norway



Federal Offshore Wind Actions – Legal Updates

December 22, 2025 – Department of Interior Offshore Wind Lease Suspension Order

Developer Legal Arguments

- Projects are near completion, VW already generating
- DOD (and other) consultations had been conducted
- Suspension would cause irreparable harm
- Tight timelines for specialized install vessel contracts

Judicial Findings and Comments

- Rationale “pre-textual” for federal dislike for offshore wind
- Significant economic harm without an injunction
- Action is arbitrary and capricious
- Insufficient evidence of emerging threat or adversarial tech

Project	District Court and Decision	Decision Date	Days Down
Revolution Wind	DC - Preliminary Injunction	January 12, 2026	21
Empire Wind	DC - Preliminary Injunction	January 15, 2026	24
Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind	VA - Preliminary Injunction	January 16, 2026	25
Vineyard Wind	MA - Preliminary Stay	January 27, 2026	36
Sunrise Wind	DC - Preliminary Injunction	February 2, 2026	42

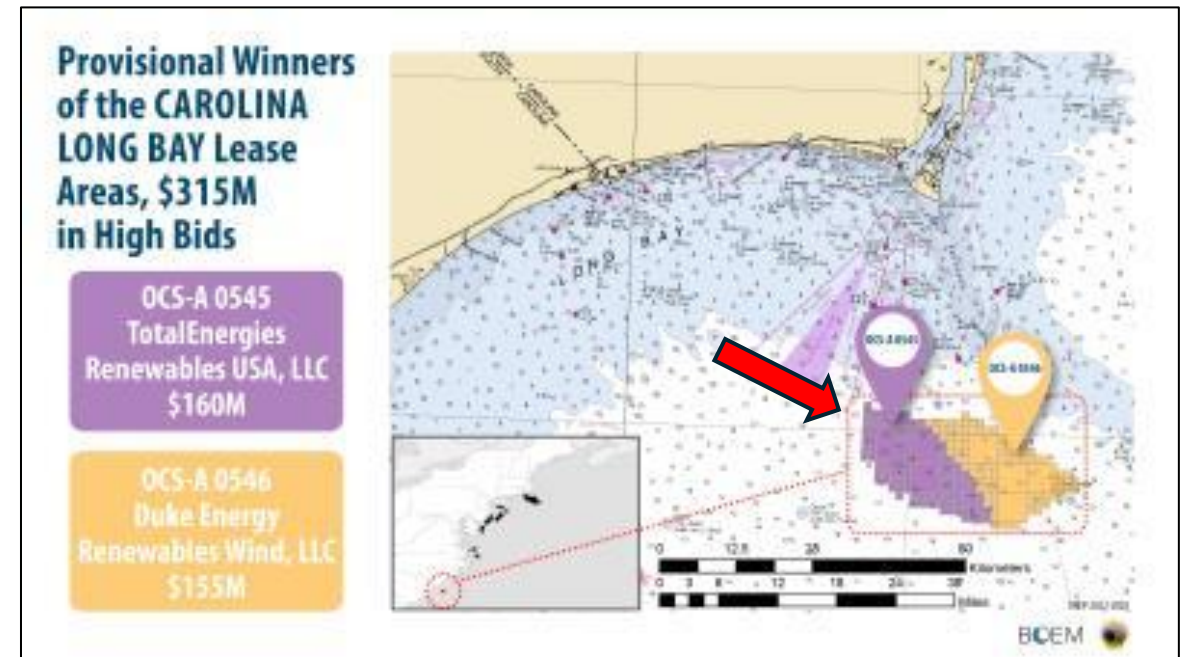
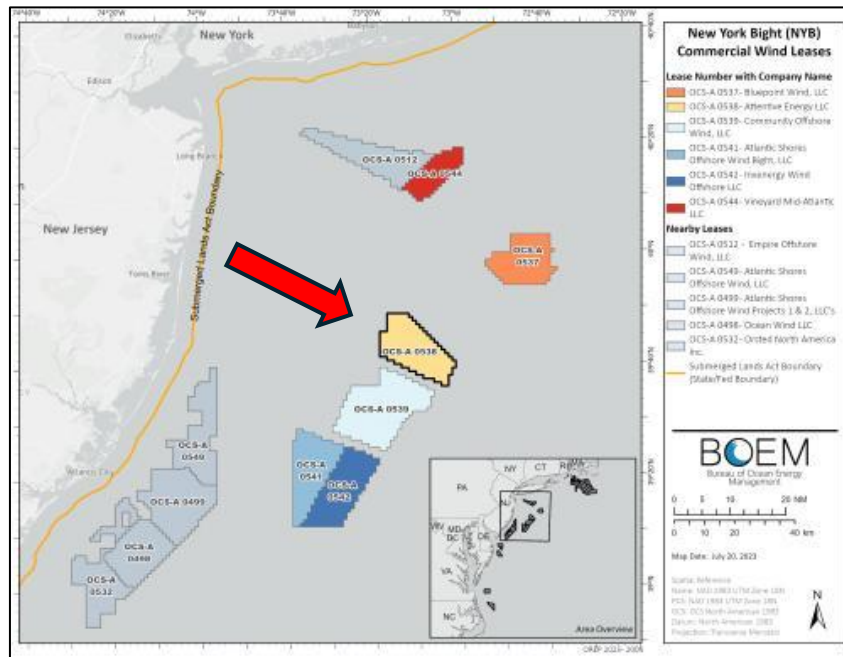


Federal Offshore Wind Actions – Lease “Buyback”

March 23, 2025 – Department of Interior and TotalEnergies renounce two OSW leases

In 2022 TotalEnergies (France) was awarded:

- OCS-A 538 (New York Bight) for **\$795m**
- OCS-A 535 (now 545) (off North Carolina) for **\$133.3m**

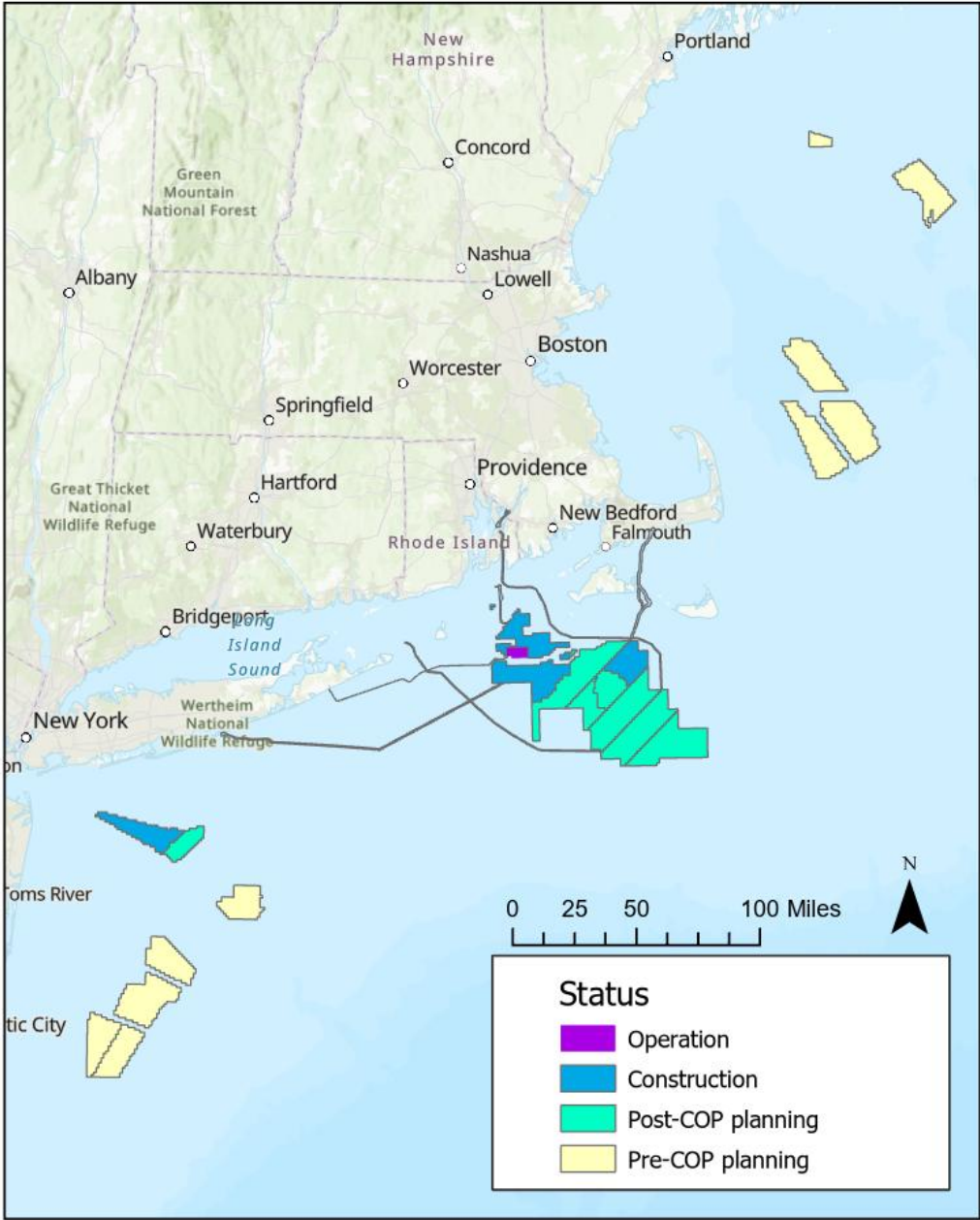


TotalEnergies will:

- Invest \$928m in two oil, Natural Gas and LNG projects in 2026
- Reimbursed up to \$928m by US Govt. for investments in US O&G projects
- Pledge no new OSW projects in the US
- Leases 538 and 535 terminated

Offshore Wind Project Status

Status	Projects	Activities on the water (lease area and cable routes)
Complete and Operational	South Fork	May see occasional: - post-construction surveys - maintenance operations
Under Construction	Vineyard Wind 1* Revolution Sunrise Empire Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW)	Likely to see one or more of: - seabed preparations (e.g., trenching, scour installation, cable protection) - cable-laying (IAC and Export) - bubble curtains - installation of foundations, monopiles, WTGs and OSSs - commissioning of WTG and OSS
Planning and Permitting (COP is published)	New England 1 & 2 SouthCoast Beacon Starboard Vineyard Northeast Vineyard Mid-Atlantic	May see occasional: - habitat/fisheries surveys - geophysical surveys - metocean buoys - new communications plans
Planning and permitting (pre-COP)	New York Bight (5) Gulf of Maine (5)	May see occasional: - habitat/fisheries surveys - geophysical surveys - metocean buoys - new communications plans

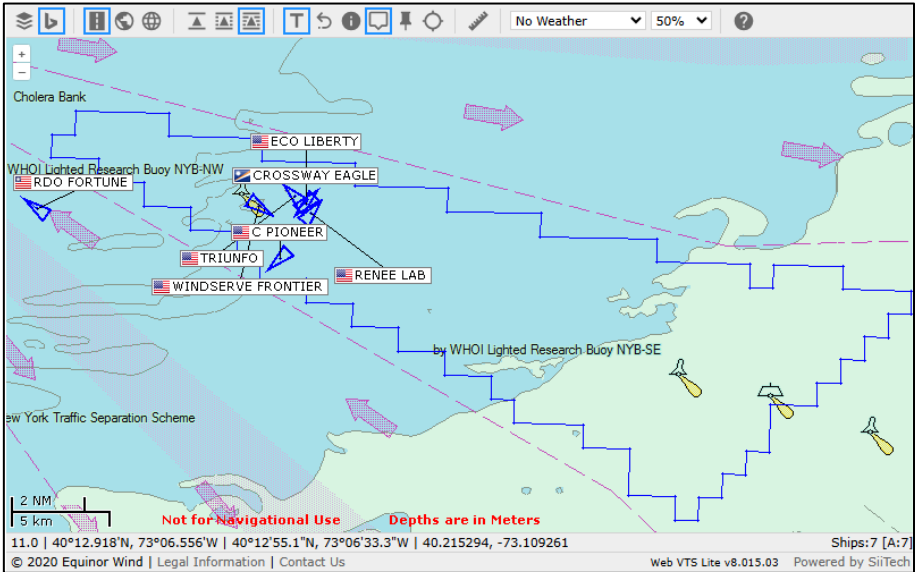


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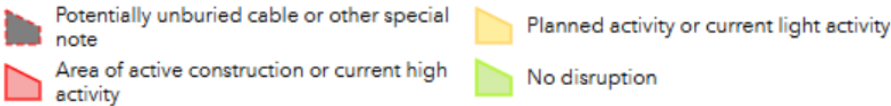
Project	Most recent update	Specific Activities on the water (lease area and cable routes)
Vineyard 1	March 13, 2026	- Installed final wind turbine blades (replacements) on Friday March 13, 2026. - Commissioning final WTGs - Safety Zones remain
Empire	March 18, 2026	- Export cable installation and protection, from New York Harbor seaward - Inter-array cable protection and subsea rock installation - Commissioning of OSS (delivered and installed mid-January) - Installation of WTGs to begin in 2026



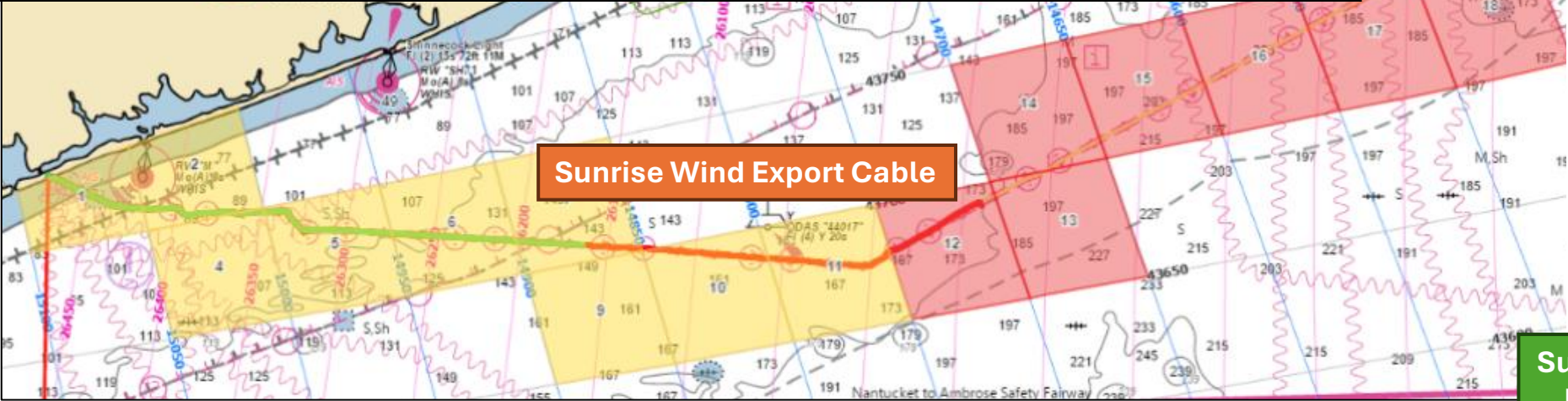
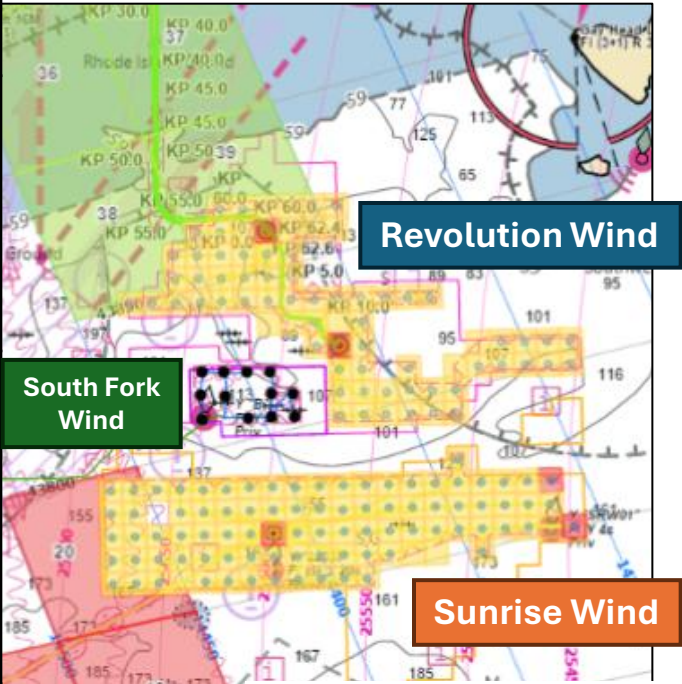
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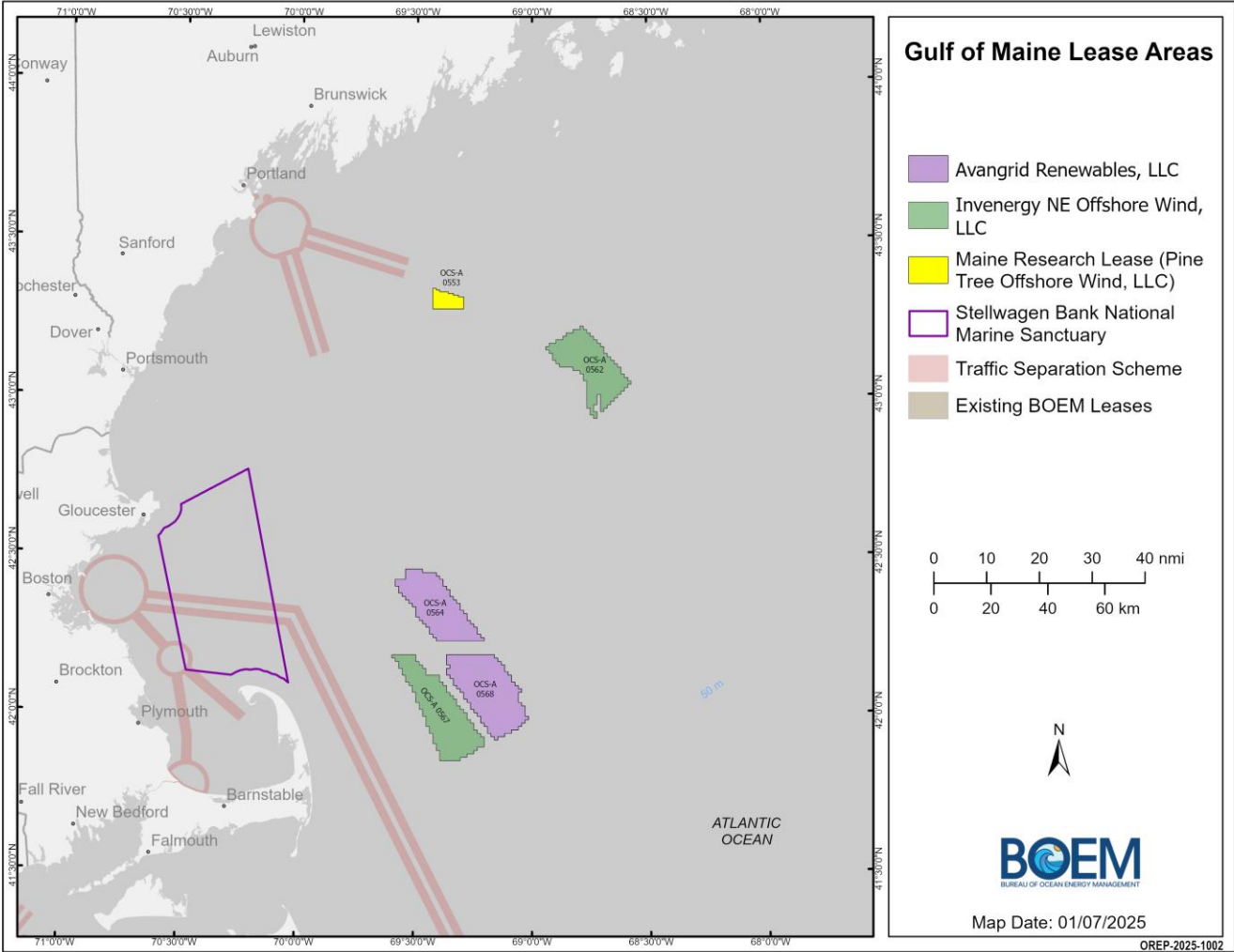
Project	Most recent update	Specific Activities on the water (lease area and cable routes)
Revolution	March 23, 2026	Began delivering power to RI on March 13, 2026 • WTG installation and commissioning (five WTGs installs remain) • Inter-array cable complete, cable protections continue • Commissioning of both Offshore Substation
Sunrise	March 23, 2026	• Commissioning of Offshore Converter Station • Export cable installation • Landfall site: Work through end of April • Nearshore: Complete, protections continue • Mid-shore: Continue laying, burial and protections • Monopile foundation installation to resume in 2026



Sunrise Wind Export Cable Protection Coordinates

For GOM projects currently planning and permitting, activities include:

Project	Specific Activities
Avangrid OCS-A 0564 OCS-A 0568	<u>Communications Plans</u> • Agency • Native American Tribal • Fisheries <u>Project Websites</u> • www.ocs-a0564.com • www.ocs-a0568.com
Invenergy OCS-A 0562 OCS-A 0567	<u>Communications Plans</u> • Pending <u>Project Website</u> • www.gulfofmaine.invenergy.com/
Maine Research Array OCS-A 0553	Conducting survey and monitoring work



Recent Offshore Wind Milestones – Q1 2026

With the wind at its back, Vineyard Wind crosses the finish line

A crew installed blades on the offshore wind farm's 62nd and final turbine on Friday.

By Anastasia E. Lennon
March 13, 2026



<https://newbedfordlight.org/wind/>

Friday March 13

We've got the power: Revolution Wind begins delivering electricity to regional grid

704 MW project expected to reach full capacity by the end of the year

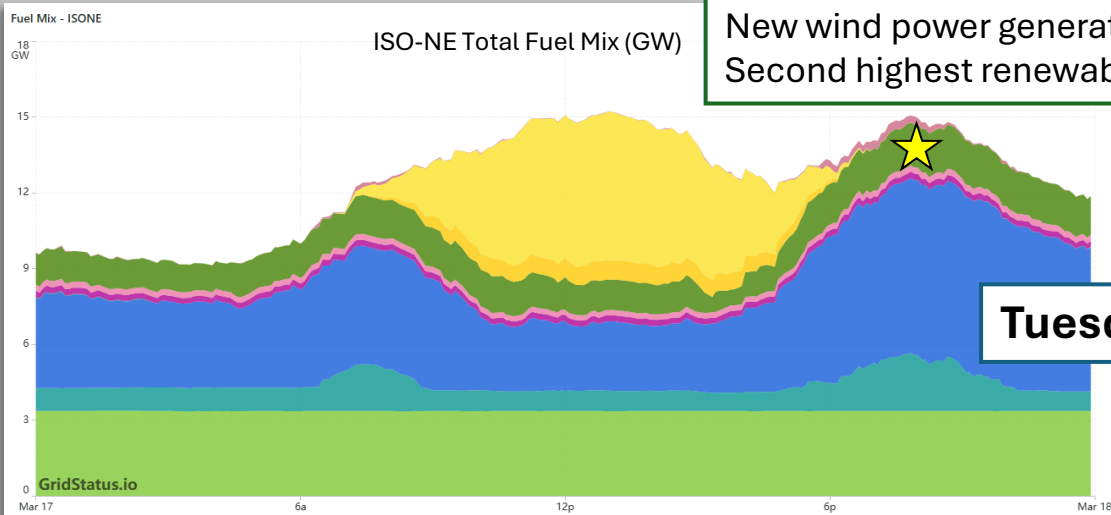
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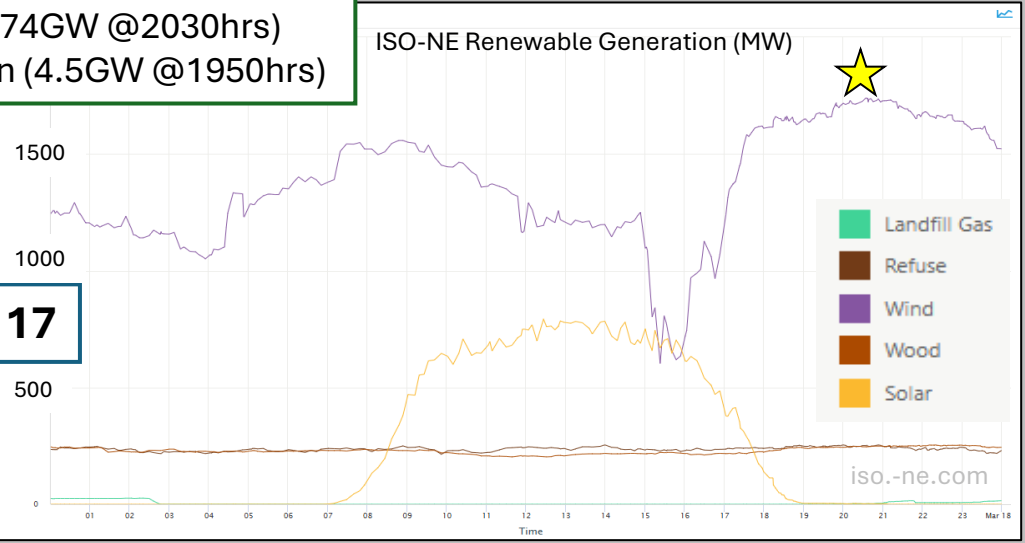
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New England Electric Grid Statistics

New wind power generation record (1.74GW @2030hrs)
Second highest renewables generation (4.5GW @1950hrs)



Tuesday March 17



A wide-angle photograph of a vast blue ocean under a clear sky with scattered white clouds. On the horizon, several offshore wind turbines are visible on the left, and a large offshore oil or gas platform is on the right. The water in the foreground is dark blue with small, choppy waves.

Questions?