

## Massachusetts Habitat Working Group Survey Results

Pat Field and Nate Lash



## **Survey Respondents**

- 17 responses
  - 6 environmental NGO
  - 4 developer
  - 3 state agency
  - 2 federal agency
  - 2 academic





### Q3 Where do you primarily work?

Answered: 17 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The Gulf of Maine	11.76%	2
Southern New England wind energy areas and surrounds	29.41%	5
Both	58.82%	10
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		17

# What do you find valuable about your participation in the HWG?

- A space to **provide input** to state agencies
- Information exchange about activities, research, ocean management, technology, and environmental initiatives related to OSW projects and habitat in MA and the region.
- Identifying and discussing issues and concerns about environmental issues and offshore wind at the local level with different Massachusetts-specific regulatory agencies, eNGOs, stakeholder groups and subject-matter expert.



# Is there anything you do not find valuable about the HWG?

- Lack of access and influence on state and procurement processes
- The HWG does not provide any outputs or guidance
- **Too many presentations** from developers
- Not enough engaging discussions
- The HWG **feels redundant** now that RWSC is in place



# Do you have any feedback about the groups and perspectives represented?

- Overall, there is a **good mix** of participants
- It's useful that representation is **focused on Massachusetts**
- Suggested additions to current membership: other state agencies and offices, scientists with benthic habitat expertise, the aquaculture industry, commercial and recreational fisheries interests, and developers
- More information exchanges with other working groups, states, and countries



# Q6 How often have you referenced meeting materials after a HWG meeting?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	6.25%	1
Usually	12.50%	2
Sometimes	37.50%	6
Rarely	25.00%	4
Never	18.75%	3
TOTAL		16

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# Q10 What do you think the primary purpose of HWG meetings should be? Select one or more.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Share updates and information about all that is going on on OSW	56.25%	9
Learn and understand better together about specific OSW topics and issues	56.25%	9
Problem solve around specific OSW science or operational topics	81.25%	13
Other (please specify)	18.75%	3
Total Respondents: 16		

# If there was one improvement you could make to the HWG, what would it be?

- Clarify HWG purpose, mission, and associated objectives
- Provide structured, meaningful input into state decision making processes
- Tackle focused work, perhaps via subgroups, on specific topics
- Limit developer presentations to habitat assessment updates
- Advertise upcoming meetings broadly and allow participation by larger community
- Revisit membership



# What topics or questions do you think are important for this group to discuss?

#### Monitoring and Reporting

- Monitoring, assessment, reporting, and mitigation strategies related to OSW impacts to wildlife at different life stages (including benthic habitat, marine mammals, turtles, fish, seabirds, etc.)
- The "Drive Act" provisions that call for monitoring and mitigation plans by developers

#### Information Sharing

- Regional study, survey, and information needs
- Regional project updates relevant for regional development and those with MA PPAs
- OSW issues specific to Massachusetts
- Lessons learned from other countries

#### OSW Development Processes

- Participatory decision making processes to engage stakeholders throughout OSW development processes
- Expenditure of mitigation funds (non-price criteria and metrics for evaluation of OSW procurements)

#### <u>Other</u>

- How developers can increase habitat opportunities into their designs
- How to evaluate OSW impacts given other habitat stressors like climate change and the beneficial impacts of OSW as a solution to climate change stressors

# What topics are particularly ripe for joint problem solving as a group?

#### Monitoring and Reporting

- Develop a regional monitoring, assessment, and reporting plan for the southern New England WEAs
- Should what extent should **aerial surveys** continue for marine mammals and sea turtles?
- Ensuring adequate systems and processes are in place to document potential impacts of construction activities

#### Wildlife, Habitat, and OSW Impacts

- Right whale habitat impacts
- "Quiet" foundations to avoid/minimize construction impacts on marine life
- Filling key gaps in data on offshore wildlife presence and activity patterns
- Collision detection technology development and deployment
- OSW Development Leasing and Procurement
  - **State procurement structure** (e.g., non-financial/habitat/fisheries PPA award criteria)
  - Review draft letters to OSW comment periods and discuss and suggest changes
  - Informing the state's position for upcoming Gulf of Maine OSW Task Force meetings

#### Communication and Collaboration

- Develop a multi-stakeholder engagement plan to improve communication and collaboration
- Feedback to developers on how to improve status quo processes



#### Q12 What's the best time(s) of day for HWG meetings?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
9-11am	31.25%	5
10am-12pm	50.00%	8
1-3pm	75.00%	12
3-5pm	37.50%	6
5-7pm	6.25%	1
Total Respondents: 16		



#### Q13 Would you prefer meeting on Zoom, in person, or some combination?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
On Zoom	12.50%	2
Primarily on Zoom with some in person	43.75%	7
Primarily in person with some on Zoom	31.25%	5
In person	0.00%	0
No preference	6.25%	1
Other (please specify)	6.25%	1
TOTAL		16

# Q14 If we meet in person, should we rotate locations up and down the coast or have them in a central location?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Rotate locations up and down the coast	31.25%	5
Host meetings in one or two more central locations	68.75%	11
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		16



# QUESTIONS?



# To think about for next meeting?

- How can we balance updates of which there are many with more focused topics for discussion, not presentation, while keeping everyone informed of all that is happening?
- What are 1 or 2 issues the HWG could "sink" its teeth into in the next 6 months -- focused on a deep dive, deliberation, and developing recommendations?
- Should we **formalize membership** more, while still being a forum where many can at least listen in?





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# **Gulf of Maine – Information Exchange**

February 9, 2023 Massachusetts Habitat Working Group

Zach Jylkka, Project Coordinator

# **Gulf of Maine – Draft Call Area Information Exchanges**

#### • In-Person Information Exchanges:

- January 17: Salem, MA; 4-7 pm (Salem State University)
- January 18: Portsmouth, NH; 5-8 pm (NH DES)
- January 19: Portland, ME; 5-8 pm (Holiday Inn, Portland-by the Bay)

#### • Virtual Information Exchanges:

- Shipping & Commercial Maritime: January 25; 2-4pm
- Fisheries Meetings
  - Maine Fisheries (Fixed Gear Focus): January 27; 10am-12pm
  - Mobile Gear: January 30; 10am-12pm
  - Recreational and HMS: January 30; 2-4pm
  - Fixed Gear (MA/NH Focus): January 31: 5-7pm
- Environmental NGOs: January 31; 10am-12pm



#### https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/gulf-maine-draft-call-area-engagement-meetings



## **Gulf of Maine Planning Process**







## **Draft Call Area**



 BOEM reviewed responses to RFI and worked with NOAA NCCOS to conduct spatial analysis to inform Draft Call Area

> 27% reduction from RFI Area





## Draft Call Area: Explained

Planning Area RFI Area RFI Area Call Area Proposed Area Area Area Area

Data Layer	Acres Constrained
Coastline (20nm setback)	2,470,690
Groundfish Closure Areas (Cashes Ledge Closure Area, Western Gulf of Maine Closure Area, and Closed Area II)	804,780
Habitat Management Areas (HMAs) and Coral Protection Areas (CPAs)	792,070
TSSs (2nm recommended buffer/setback from sides)	266,870
Closed Area I North	197,070
TSSs (5nm recommended buffer/setback from entry)	182,230
Gray Zone	155,190
Jeffreys Ledge (depths shallower than 120 m)	154,810
Jordan Basin Dedicated Habitat Research Area	26,960
Gulf of Maine Cod Spawning Protection Area	23,780
Radar Sites/Zones	20,950
EPA Ocean Disposal Sites	5,740
Danger and Restricted Zones	4,710
Environmental Sensors and Buoys	1,840
LNG Sites and Pipelines	1,150
All Constraints Combined*	3,684,090

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# **BOEM/NOAA NCCOS Partnership**

- On September 16, 2022, BOEM announced that it was enhancing its process to identify future Wind Energy Areas (WEAs).
  - Incorporation of the best available science and modeling, including application of NOAA NCCOS spatial modeling. To achieve this, leveraging much of the data in the NE Ocean Data Portal.
  - Commitment to providing draft
     WEAs for public comment prior to completion of Area ID.







## **Next Steps and Engagement Opportunities**





# **Gulf of Maine:** Commercial Leasing Milestones

Milestone*	Action	Target Date**
Publish Request for Interest	<b>Publish RFI</b> 45-Day Comment Period	Q3 2022
Publish Call for Information & Nominations	<b>Publish Call</b> 45-Day Comment Period	Q1 2023
Area Identification	Designate Wind Energy Areas (WEAs)	Q3 2023
	Proposed Sale Notice (PSN)	Q4 2023
Lease Sale	Final Sale Notice (FSN)	Q2 2024
	Hold auction	Q3 2024

\* Task Forces are incredibly valuable tools in the leasing process and **additional meetings** can be expected, likely to be scheduled around significant process milestones.

\*\* Dates of planning/leasing milestones are all tentative.





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## Project Update to MA Habitat Working Group

February 9, 2023

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## SouthCoast Wind - Overview

- Lease Area
  - 127,388 acres
  - Up to 149 wind turbine/offshore substation platform positions
  - 51 nautical miles from the RI coastline
  - 1 x 1 nautical mile grid layout
- Generation Potential
  - Estimated 2,400 MW+ total generating capacity
- Two points of interconnection
  - Brayton Point, Somerset, MA
  - Falmouth, MA



# VINEYARD WIND

Habitat Working Group on Offshore Wind Energy

Vineyard Wind 1 Project Status Update February 9, 2023

Elizabeth Marsjanik, Manager of EnvironmentalAffairs

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# **Vineyard Wind 1**



VINEYARD WIND 1

#### **Overview**

- Capacity: 800 MW
- Lease Area: OCS-A 0501
- Federal Permitting: Complete
- State Permitting: Complete
- Point of Interconnection: Barnstable Substation (MA)
- **Power Purchase Agreements:** 20-year PPAs with Massachusetts utilities (approved)
- COD: 2024
- **Construction Activities:** Offshore export cable installation activities ongoing; scour protection installation to begin Q1 2023

Learn more at: <u>https://www.vineyardwind.com/offshore-</u> wind-mariner-updates

# **Environmental Studies**



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#### **Archival Passive Acoustic Monitoring**

- **Objective:** Record biological and anthropogenic sounds in Lease Area OCS-A 0501
- **Frequency:** Pre- (30 days), during-, and post-construction (three years) periods
- **Methods:** Multi-channel PAM system capable of continuous monitoring; deployed on lander

Press Release: <u>https://www.vineyardwind.com/press-releases/2022/4/20/vineyard-wind-and-the-university-of-new-hampshire-partner-on-acoustic-monitoring-for-marine-mammals</u>





# **Environmental Studies**





### Water Quality Monitoring



- **Objective**: Conduct in-situ water quality monitoring near Cape Poge eelgrass habitat during offshore export cable installation in Muskeget Channel
- **Frequency:** Throughout offshore export cable construction
- Methods: Bottom mounted YSI EXO multiparameter sondes



Photo Credit: David Walsh

# **Environmental Studies**



VINEYARD WIND 1

### **Pre-Construction Avian Surveys**



- Objective: Monitor occurrence and assess behavior of birds/wildlife within the Vineyard Wind 1 Wind Development Area
- **Frequency:** One survey per month for one year prior to construction
- **Methods:** Boat-based avian surveys following BOEM's Avian Survey Guidelines







Photo credit: BRI

# Wind & Whales Fund

### **Artificial Intelligence & Thermal Imaging Camera Project**



Video credit: Ross Eaton, Charles River Analytics

Press release: https://www.vineyardwind.com/press-releases/2022/11/17/vineyard-wind-partners-withlocal-tech-firm-on-enhanced-marine-mammal-detection





# **Environmental Initiatives**

### **Environmental Initiatives**

• **Go Energize:** Partnership with Greentown Labs and MassCEC aimed at 1) advancing offshore turbine monitoring and ecological data collection and 2) digital solutions to improve turbine efficiency and longevity

#### Application Deadline: April 4, 2023

Press Release: <u>https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/greentown-labs-deepens-</u> partnership-with-vineyard-wind-announces-go-energize-2023-supported-by-masscec-<u>301717199.html?tc=eml\_cleartime</u>

### **Industry Advisor**

- Project WOW Wildlife and Offshore Wind
- Wind Forecast Improvement Project 3
- Wind Turbine Radar Interference Mitigation

### VINEYARD WIND 1








## Questions

### Thank you





## Habitat Working Group on Offshore Wind Vineyard Offshore Update

**February 9, 2023** 

### **Our Projects and Lease Areas**



Combined with the Vineyard Wind 1 project, Vineyard Offshore will develop enough clean, renewable and costeffective energy to power at least 2.4 million homes.

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## **Vineyard Northeast**

#### **Overview**

- Lease Area OCS-A 0522
- Located in the Massachusetts Wind Energy Area, 29 miles south of Nantucket
- Approximately 132,370 acres in size
- Abuts Mayflower Lease Area OCS-A 0521 along the northwestern edge
- Acquired in 2018



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### Lease and Cable Corridor Activities

#### FLiDAR Buoy Deployment

- Update: Vineyard Northeast FLiDAR weather buoy is deployed
- **Duration:** Approximately 1 to 2 years
- Purpose: The buoy will collect weather data, including wave height and direction, surface current, and air temperature. The buoy is equipped with an acoustic receiver to track the movement of Highly Migratory Species





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# VINEYARD OFFSHORE





# Massachusetts Habitat Working Group

Lease Area OCS-A 0534 Update

**AVANGRID** RENEWABLES

February 9, 2022

## Permitting Update



#### **Federal Permitting**

- Lead Federal Agency: BOEM (Bureau of Ocean Energy Management)
  - New England Wind (comprised of Park City Wind and Commonwealth Wind) Construction and Operations Plan (COP) submitted July 2, 2020
  - Draft Environmental Impact Statement released Dec. 19, 2023
    - 60 day comment period open (through Feb. 21, 2023)
    - Public Meetings held Jan. 27, Feb. 1, and Feb. 6, 2023

#### **State Permitting**

- New England Wind 1 Connector: Encompasses the portions of Park City Wind's offshore export cable located in state waters and onshore infrastructure in Massachusetts
  - MEPA Review Complete
  - EFSB Review underway
  - State and local permitting underway
- New England Wind 2 Connector: Encompasses the portions of Commonwealth Wind's offshore export cable located in state waters and onshore infrastructure in Massachusetts
  - MEPA ENF Certificate Received December 9, 2022
  - EFSB Petition filed November 2022
  - State and local permitting underway



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#### MA HWG Avangrid Q1 2023 Update

## **Environmental Surveys**



#### **Highly Migratory Species Study**

Purpose

- Document presence, residency time, and movement patterns of high migratory species across the MA and RI/MA Wind Energy Areas
- Monitor baseline residency and movement metrics over time to evaluate impacts

Partners

- New England Aquarium
- Offshore wind developers
- Recreational fishermen

Status

• All receivers have been successfully deployed in Lease Area OCS-A 0534 and tagging efforts are ongoing



#### MA HWG Avangrid Q1 2023 Update

## **Environmental Surveys**



#### **Channeled Whelk Study**

Primary objectives:

- Estimate the size (shell width) at which 50% of whelks reach sexual maturity. Maturity will be assessed macroscopically and verified histologically.
- Determine if there is a significant difference in whelk size between locations
- Estimate age in relation to size
- Compare statolith aging to operculum aging
- Determine the sex ratio for each size class

Partners

- SMAST
- Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation's whelk study fleet
- Quahog fishery
- Massachusetts Conch Association
- Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association

#### Status

• Multiple sample collections, the development of protocols, dissections, and preliminary analysis completed.





## **Geotechnical Surveys**



#### **Geotechnical Surveys**

- Commonwealth Wind deep geotechnical surveys on-going
  - Cone Penetration Test
  - Borings



# Thank you

Questions?



## **Beacon Wind**

EEA Habitat Working Group February 9, 2023



#### Beacon Wind | Agenda



- Beacon Wind Timeline
- Survey Program
- Monitoring Program
- NYSERDA PSA Monitoring Plan Regional Research for Fish and Wildlife
- Metocean Facilities



Questions?

### Beacon Wind | Timeline Update



2019 – Lease Acquired

2020 – Aerial Wildlife and Marine Survey Commencement

2021 – Deployment of Metocean Buoys

2022 – Federal & State Permit Submission

2024 – Permits Approved

2025 – Construction and Fabrication



#### FAST-41 (Federal)

https://www.permits.performance.gov/permitting-project/beacon-wind

Beacon Wind 1 Article VII (New York)

https://www.beaconwind.com/environment-sustainability/article-vii/

## Beacon Wind | Survey Program Update



#### **Beacon Wind has no active surveys**

Completed Surveys	Lease Area	Submarine Export Cable Corridor
High Resolution Geophysical		
Geotechnical		
Benthic		
Geoenvironmental		

## Beacon Wind | Monitoring Program Update



High-resolution aerial wildlife surveys	<ul> <li><u>https://remote.normandeau.com/eqn22_ov</u> <u>erview.php</u></li> <li><u>https://seamap.env.duke.edu/dataset/2192</u></li> <li><u>https://seamap.env.duke.edu/dataset/2187</u></li> </ul>
Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Passive Acoustic Telemetry	<ul> <li>Deployed May – December 2021</li> <li>Deployed May – December 2022</li> <li>Planned May – December 2023</li> <li>Receivers also located on Beacon Wind metocean LiDAR and current moorings since November 2021</li> </ul>
Metocean buoy Motus 434 MHz stations	<ul> <li><u>https://motus.org/data/project?id=538</u></li> </ul>

Beacon Wind | NYSERDA Purchase and Sale Agreement



## Support for Monitoring of Key Commercial Fish Stocks and Wildlife of Conservation Concern

- To support regional monitoring of key regional commercial fish stocks to better understand how offshore wind energy development is potentially altering the biomass and/or distribution of these stocks;
- To support regional monitoring of wildlife of conservation concern to better understand how offshore wind energy development effects distribution and abundance of sensitive species;
- To advance the responsible development of the offshore wind energy industry

Monitoring Plan was submitted to NYSERDA for approval January 13, 2023. Stay tuned for more information!

#### **Metocean Buoys and Moorings**

1 LiDAR, 2 current moorings, 2 wave/met buoys

- Deployed November 2021
- Service visit #1 June 2022
- Service visit #2 November 2022
- Service visit #3 planned for May 2023
- Decommissioning planned for November 2023







#### **Metocean Buoys and Moorings**

Historical and near-real time data

• Wind speed, wind direction, air temperature, relative humidity, barometric pressure, directional waves, current velocity, water temperature, salinity, depth sensor

are now publicly accessible on

- MARACOOS OceansMap
- ERDDAP Search (maracoos.org)

LiDAR wind profile data are not publicly available





#### Equinor Stations

<u> •</u> This dataset contains observations to support the development of the Beacon Wind Offshore Wind Project and to further understanding of 8 metocean conditions off the coast of Massachusetts. The Beacon Wind Site  $\approx$ Assessment Plan approved by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management can be found at Beacon Wind | Bureau of Ocean Energy Ð Management (boem.gov) Data is collected from one Floating LiDAR Buoy, two Wave/Met Buoys, and two Current Meter Moorings. The dataset includes measurements of sea temperature, current speed, current direction, waves, air 23 temperature, atmospheric pressure, relative humidity, wind speed, and wind direction. <u>@</u>

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#### Data Access

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# Ørsted Offshore North America

Northeast Program Update



MA EEA Habitat Working Group Meeting on Offshore Wind February 2022

#### Ørsted Offshore North America portfolio Awarded over 4,000 MW of offshore capacity on the East coast



#### **In Operation**

Block Island Wind Farm (BIWF): 30MW

#### Awarded

Revolution Wind (REV): 50/50 JV w/ Eversource, 704MW (400MW to RI, 304MW to CT) South Fork Wind (SFW): 50/50 JV w/ Eversource, 132MW Sunrise Wind (SRW): 50/50 JV w/ Eversource, approximately 924MW Ocean Wind 1 (OCW1): 75/25 JV with PSEG, 1,100MW Ocean Wind 2 (OCW2): 1,148MW Skipjack Wind 1 (SJW1): 120MW Skipjack Wind 2 (SJW2): 846MW



## Orsted Northeast Program 50/50 JV with Eversource

#### **South Fork Wind**

- Lease Area OCS-A 0517
- Deliver power to the East Hampton, NY
- NY Article VII approved March 2021
- COP Approval January 2022
- Onshore: Construction Commenced
- Offshore: Pre-construction Fall 2022, Construction Spring 2023

#### **Revolution Wind**

- Lease Area OCS-A 0486
- Interconnect to the existing Davisville Substation, RI
- RI EFSB Order Issued July 2022
- RI CRMC/RIDEM permit applications December 2022
- DEIS September 2022, FEIS June 2023

#### **Sunrise Wind**

- Lease Area OCS-A 0487
- Proposed interconnection at Holbrook Substation, NY
- CECPN Nov 2022, EMCP Nov 2022
- NY Article VII Settlement meetings Sept 2022
- **DEIS December 2022, FEIS July 2023**



#### **Northeast Program Update** FISHERIES SURVEYS

- SFW (ongoing)
  - Beam Trawl
  - Gillnet Survey
  - Fish Pot Survey
  - Ventless Trap Survey
  - Cod Spawning Monitoring (PAM)
  - Trawl Survey (Inshore, NY State)
- REV/SRW (delayed by permitting)
  - Bottom Trawl Survey
- REV
  - Ventless Trap Survey (delayed by permitting)
  - Cable Route Ventless Trap Survey (Jan 2023)
- SRW (ongoing)
  - HABCAM survey (Aug 2022)

#### ACOUSTIC TELEMETRY SURVEYS (ongoing)

- Highly Migratory Species (SFW/REV/SRW- 32 receivers deployed)
- Export Cable (SFW-underway/SRW-array deployed and ~80 sharks tagged to date)

#### **BENTHIC SURVEYS (planned)**

- Soft and Hard Bottom Habitats (SFW/REV)
- Soft Bottom Habitats (SRW)



#### **Northeast Program Update**

#### MARINE MAMMAL LONG TERM PAM

- SFW: Two Long Term archival recorders (Sept 2022)
- **REV:** Long Term recorder deployments anticipated in 2023/24
- SRW: Long Term recorder deployments anticipated in 2023/24

#### **MARINE MAMMAL & SEA TURTLE VOLUNTARY STUDIES**

- REV
  - **Mystic Aquarium/Dr. Tracy Romano**: studies commencing include laboratory e-DNA and stress studies and seal and ST tagging
- SRW
  - PINNI-POD (AMSEAS/Rob DiGiovanni): 6 tags deployed to date on harbor and gray seals
  - Syracuse U/Susan Parks: acoustic density estimation study using Cape Cod data and Opportunistic Focal data collection of large whales
  - ECO-POD (Stony Brook U/Joe Warren and Lesley Thorne): Desktop zooplankton studies underway, Three field surveys completed to date
  - Thermal Imaging A.I. (Stony Brook, Lesley Throne): Developing and evaluating benchmarking criteria to test thermal imaging systems and autodetection of cetaceans



## Northeast Program Update Bird and Bat Monitoring

#### Post Construction Monitoring Plan

- SFW
  - MOTUS receiving stations & funding Roseate Tern movement study
  - Continued outreach and coordination with USFWS for onshore MOTUS station refurbishment
  - Ship-based avian point count behavioral surveys
  - Acoustic monitoring for nocturnal migratory birds and bats
  - Worker Incidental Reporting System for dead/injured birds & bats
  - Adaptive monitoring
  - Reporting

#### REV/SRW

- MOTUS receiving stations & funding avian tagging study(ies) in coordination with BOEM/USFWS focus on ESA species
- Bat acoustic monitoring
- Radar monitoring (both horizontal and vertical are under consideration)
- Worker Incidental Reporting System for dead/injured birds & bats
- Adaptive monitoring
- Reporting



Vessel-based observers

#### Roseate tern





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# Thank you

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