



Maine Fishermen's Forum Wind Energy Seminar Agenda for Thursday March 5

9:30 am – 9:45 am —Introduction and agenda

9:45 am – 11:15 am: Fisheries and Offshore Wind in the Gulf of Maine

- Renewable energy goals:
 - What are our overall regional energy needs?
 - Maine's (and New England's) renewable energy goals.
 - Gulf of Maine wind resource, vs. land-based wind or other renewables.
 - Overview of current development status (Bureau of Ocean Energy Management task force, Maine Offshore Wind Initiative).
- Fisheries and wind co-existence:
 - Overview of fishery issues
 - New England Fishery Management Council's role, perspective, and participation
- Floating technologies :
 - Construction.
 - Siting—installation, space occupied, mooring systems, fixed vs. floating turbines.
 - Cabling—likely points of landfall, dredging/routing issues, potential “backbones.”
- 15-minute Q&A

11:15 am – 11:30 am —Break

11:30 am – 1:00 pm: What is coming and where can the fishing industry engage?

- What's happening in Maine related to offshore wind?
 - Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Task Force:
 - Identifying the best ocean sites for wind energy platforms.
 - Coordination among states.
 - Maine's Aqua Ventus project: status update, future plans.
- Permitting for Offshore Wind – State and federal:
 - Federal BOEM process:
 - How NMFS is engaged in consultation.
 - State Process:
 - State vs. federal waters:
 - Aqua Ventus/Maine process, and how it differs from federal process.
 - Cable routes from sea to shore - into Maine, or not into Maine.

- Progression of wind energy development in southern New England and the mid-Atlantic:
 - What is the Responsible Offshore Development Alliance?
 - What is happening in offshore wind to the south.
 - Impacts and concerns of fishermen in those regions.
- Role of Fisheries Liaisons.
- 15-minute Q&A

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm: Lunch

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm: What can we learn from experiences in other areas?

- Several panelists will speak of their experience with wind energy projects and firms. They'll relate the most important lessons, from a fisheries perspective, in how to engage in the development process.
- The last hour of this session will be a moderated Q&A for the audience to ask questions of any of the entire day's panelists.