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:
  o What is the Responsible Offshore Development Alliance?
  o What is happening in offshore wind to the south.
  o 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.