

# SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY SCIENCE FORUM

University of Rhode Island · Graduate School of Oceanography  
December 11-12, 2017

## MAJOR QUESTIONS:

1. What have we **learned** from the Block Island Wind Farm research?
  2. What relevant information do we know for the Southern New England region?
  3. How do we **apply** what we have learned to future development?
  4. Discuss/respond to **concerns/questions from stakeholders**.
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## Monday, December 11

- 9 a.m.                    **Welcome and Setting the Stage**  
Moderator: Jennifer McCann, University of Rhode Island Coastal Resources Center (CRC)/Rhode Island Sea Grant
- James Bennett, Chief of the Office of Renewable Energy Programs, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)
  - Grover Fugate, Executive Director, Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC)
  - Bill White, Senior Director, Offshore Wind Sector Development, Massachusetts Clean Energy Center
  - Carol Grant, Commissioner, Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources
- 9:30 a.m.                **The Block Island Wind Farm and Beyond: What have we learned?**  
Moderator: Jennifer McCann, CRC/Rhode Island Sea Grant
- Jeffrey Grybowski, CEO, Deepwater Wind
- 10 a.m.                   **What Drives the Science? A Discussion**  
Moderator: Tyler Studds, Senior Manager, Offshore Wind Sector Development, Massachusetts Clean Energy Center
- Mary Boatman, Science Coordinator for the Office of Renewable Energy Programs, BOEM
  - Grover Fugate, Executive Director, CRMC
  - Bruce Carlisle, Director, Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management
  - Aileen Kenney, Vice President of Permitting and Environmental Affairs, Deepwater Wind
- 10:45 a.m.               **Break**
- 11 a.m.                   **Stakeholder Observations**  
Moderator: Dave Prescott, South County Coastkeeper, Save the Bay
- Cash Shuman, Staff Reporter and Web Editor, The Block Island Times
  - Scott Comings, Associate State Director - Rhode Island, The Nature Conservancy
  - Catherine Bowes, Senior Manager, National Wildlife Federation
  - Chris Brown, Commercial Fisherman
  - Edward Anthes-Washburn, Director, Port of New Bedford
- 12 p.m.                   **Lunch**

- 1 p.m.**                    **Marine Mammals**  
Moderator: Amy Moses, Vice President and Director of Conservation Law Foundation Rhode Island
- Rick Usher, Operations Manager, and Lauren Wahl, Project Manager, A.I.S. Observers, Inc.
  - Scott Kraus, Vice President and Senior Adviser, Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life at the New England Aquarium, Chief Scientist, Marine Mammals
  - Jim Miller, Professor, and Gopu Potty, Associate Research Professor, URI Ocean Engineering
  - Julie Crocker, Acting Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, Greater Atlantic Region, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries
- 2:15 p.m.**                    **Fish Science**  
Moderator: Kathryn Ford, Fisheries Habitat Program Manager, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries
- Drew Carey, Principal Scientist/Managing Partner, Inspire Environmental
  - Julia Livermore, Principal Marine Biologist, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
  - Jeremy Collie, Professor, URI Graduate School of Oceanography
  - Kevin Stokesbury, Professor of Fisheries Oceanography, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
  - John King, Professor, URI Graduate School of Oceanography
- 3:30 p.m.**                    **Fisheries**  
Moderator: Dave Beutel, Aquaculture and Fisheries Coordinator, CRMC
- Rick Bellavance, President, Rhode Island Party and Charter Boat Association
  - Lanny Dellinger, Fishermen's Advisory Board, CRMC
  - Elizabeth Marchetti, Fisheries Liaison, Block Island Wind Farm
  - Sue Tuxbury, Fishery Biologist, NOAA Fisheries
  - Edward LeBlanc, Chief of the Waterways Management Division for Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England
- 4:45 p.m.**                    **Adjourn to Reception**
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**Tuesday, December 12**

- 8:30 a.m.**                    **Welcome and Thoughts from Yesterday**  
Moderator: Jennifer McCann, CRC/Rhode Island Sea Grant
- 9 a.m.**                        **Habitat**  
Moderator: Chris McGuire, Marine Program Director - Massachusetts, The Nature Conservancy
- Drew Carey, Principal Scientist/Managing Partner, Inspire Environmental
  - Monique LaFrance Bartley, URI Graduate School of Oceanography
  - Kevin Stokesbury, Professor of Fisheries Oceanography, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
  - Sue Tuxbury, Fishery Biologist, NOAA Fisheries
- 10 a.m.**                      **Break**
- 10:15 a.m.**                    **Birds and Bats**  
Moderator: Jack Clarke, Director of Public Policy & Government Relations, Mass Audubon
- Peter Paton, Professor, URI College of the Environment and Life Sciences
  - Dick Veit, Professor, College of Staten Island, City University of New York

- Pam Loring, Biologist, and Scott Johnston, Chief of Populations Branch, Division of Migratory Birds, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bob Roy, Senior Project Manager, Stantec

11:15 a.m.

### Social Observations

Moderator: Tiffany Smythe, Coastal Research Associate, CRC; Extension Specialist, Rhode Island Sea Grant

- Judy Gray, Vice President, Block Island Maritime Institute
- Jessica Willi, Executive Director, Block Island Tourism Council
- Dave Monti, Captain, No Fluke Charter Fishing and Tours
- Chris Willi, Captain, Block Island Fishworks & Sandy Point Fly Leaders

12:15 p.m.

### Lunch

1:15 p.m.

### Tribal

Moderator: Teresa Crean, Coastal Research Associate, CRC; Extension Specialist, Rhode Island Sea Grant

- Bettina Washington, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
- John King, Professor, URI Graduate School of Oceanography
- David Robinson, Marine Archaeologist, URI Graduate School of Oceanography

2:10 p.m.

### Community Impacts

Moderator: Tracey Dalton, Professor, URI College of the Environment and Life Sciences

- Amelia Moore, Assistant Professor, URI College of the Environment and Life Sciences
- David Bidwell, Assistant Professor, URI College of the Environment and Life Sciences
- Gordon Perkins, Senior Project Manager, EDR

3:05 p.m.

### Engineering, Construction, Operations and Maintenance: Lessons Learned

Moderator: Nils Bolgen, Program Director, Offshore Wind, Massachusetts Clean Energy Center

- John O'Keefe, Manager of Operations & Maintenance and Marine Affairs, Deepwater Wind
- Chris van Beek, President, Deepwater Wind
- Rain Byars, Principal Engineer and Project Manager for Block Island, ABS Group

3:50 p.m.

### Wrap up

Moderator: Jennifer McCann, CRC/Rhode Island Sea Grant

- James Bennett, Chief of the Office of Renewable Energy Programs, BOEM
- Grover Fugate, Executive Director, CRMC
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### Adjourn