

Southern New England Offshore Wind Energy Science Forum
URI Narragansett Bay Campus, Narragansett RI
December 11-12, 2017
DRAFT Agenda

Major questions:

1. What have we learned from the Block Island Wind Farm (BIWF) 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 public concerns/questions from stakeholders.

December 11, 2017 (Monday)

9:00	Welcome – <i>Bruce Corliss, Dean URI/GSO and Jennifer McCann, URI/CRC/GSO</i>
9:10	Setting the Stage: Discussion <i>Moderator: Carol Grant, RI Office of Energy Resources</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Bennett, BOEM • Grover Fugate, RI Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) • Bill White, Mass. Clean Energy Center
9:30	The Block Island Wind Farm and Beyond: What have we learned? <i>Moderator: Jennifer McCann, URI/CRC/GSO</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff Grybowski, Deepwater Wind
10:00	Break
10:15	What Drives the Science? <i>Moderator: Tyler Studds, Mass. Clean Energy Center</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aileen Kenney, Deepwater Wind • Mary Boatman, BOEM • Bruce Carlisle, Office of Coastal Zone Management • Grover Fugate, CRMC <p><u>Description:</u> Panelists will discuss and provide specific examples of how science, research topics and methods are determined and how results are used in regulatory, management and construction/siting decisions.</p>
11:00	Stakeholder Observations <i>Moderator : Dave Prescott, Save the Bay</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash Shuman, Block Island Times • Scott Comings, The Nature Conservancy • Catherine Bowes, Senior Manager, National Wildlife Federation • Chris Brown, Commercial Fisherman • Edward Anthes-Washburn, Port of New Bedford <p><u>Description:</u> Panelists will share observations on existing wind farm planning and development efforts. Specifically, concerning birds and bats, marine mammals, fish and fisheries, how the process worked or didn't, issues of concern, and recommendations for improvement.</p>

12:00	Lunch
1:00	<p>Marine Mammals <i>Moderator: Amy Moses, CLF</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick Usher, A.I.S. • Scott Krauss, New England Aquarium • Jim Miller and Gopu Potty, URI Ocean Engineering • Julie Crocker, NOAA/NMFS <p><u>Description:</u> Panelists will respond to the stakeholder observations (above session) as well as present research and regulatory results from the BIWF and Southern New England. They will make recommendations for how research could be applied to future offshore wind development.</p>
2:00	Break
2:15	<p>Fish Science <i>Moderator: Kathryn Ford, Mass. Energy and Environmental Affairs (invited)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drew Carey, Inspire Environmental • Julia Livermore, RI Department of Environmental Management • Jeremy Collie, URI Graduate School of Oceanography • Kevin Stokesbury, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth (invited) • John King, URI Graduate School of Oceanography <p><u>Description:</u> Panelists will respond to the stakeholder observations (above session) as well as present research and regulatory results from the BIWF and Southern New England. They will make recommendations for how research could be applied to future offshore wind development.</p>
3:30	<p>Fisheries: <i>Moderator: Dave Beutel, RI Coastal Resources Management Council (invited)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick Bellavance, Priority Charters, LLC • Lanny Dellinger, CRMC Fisheries Advisory Board (invited) • Elizabeth Marchetti, Fisheries Liaison • Sue Tuxbury, NMFS • Ed LaBlanc, US Coast Guard <p><u>Description:</u> Panelists will respond to the stakeholder observations (above session) as well as provide their own perspectives of the BIWF process. Based on these lessons learned and concerns, they will make recommendations for how the process could be enhance for future offshore wind development.</p>
4:30	Adjourn to Reception

December 12 (Day 2)

8:30	Welcome and Thoughts from Yesterday <i>Moderator: Jennifer McCann, URI/CRC/RISG</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chris Brown (invited), Aileen Kenney, John King
9:00	Habitat <i>Moderator: Chris McGuire, TNC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drew Carey, Inspire Environmental• Monique LaFrance, URI Graduate School of Oceanography• Kevin Stokesbury, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth (invited)• Sue Tuxbury, NOAA/NMFS <p><u>Description:</u> Panelists will respond to the stakeholder observations as well as present research and regulatory results from the BIWF and Southern New England. They will make recommendations for how research could be applied to future offshore wind development.</p>
10:00	Break
10:15	Birds and Bats <i>Moderator: Jack Clark, Mass Audubon (invited)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steve Pelletier or Bob Roy, Stantec Inc.• Peter Paton, URI, College of Environment and Life Sciences• Dick Veit, College of Staten Island (invited)• Maria Tur, USFWS (invited) <p><u>Description:</u> Panelists will respond to the stakeholder observations as well as present research and regulatory results from the BIWF and Southern New England. They will make recommendations for how research could be applied to future offshore wind development.</p>
11:15	Social Observations <i>Moderator: Tiffany Smythe, URI Graduate School of Oceanography</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judy Grey, Block Island Resident• Jessica Willi, Block Island Tourism Council• Dave Monti, No Fluke Charter Fishing and Tours <p><u>Description:</u> Panelists will share observations on existing wind farm planning and development efforts. Specifically, for the Block Island resident, recreational, and tourism communities, how the process worked or didn't, issues of concern, and recommendations for improvement.</p>
12:15	Lunch
1:15	Tribal <i>Moderator: TBD</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bettina Washington, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)• John King, URI Graduate School of Oceanography• David Robinson, URI Graduate School of Oceanography <p><u>Description:</u> Panelists will share observations on existing wind farm planning and development efforts as well as discuss best practices for informing and assisting government in revising geophysical, geological, and archaeological guidelines.</p>

2:00	<p>Community Impacts <i>Moderator: Tracey Dalton, URI College of Environment and Life Sciences</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jamey Elliott, HDR • Amelia Moore, URI College of Environment and Life Sciences • David Bidwell, URI College of Environment and Life Sciences <p><u>Description:</u> Panelists will respond to the stakeholder observations as well as present research and regulatory results from the BIWF and Southern New England. They will make recommendations for how research could be applied to future offshore wind development.</p>
3:00	<p>Construction and Engineering Practices: Lessons Learned <i>Moderator: Nils Bolgen, Mass. Clean Energy Center</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John O’Keefe, Deepwater Wind • Chris van Beek, President, Deepwater Wind • Rain Byars, ABS Consulting <p><u>Description:</u> Through images and discussion, panelists will share the process of the construction of the BIWF, including lessons learned. They will make recommendations for these experiences and lessons learned could be applied to future offshore wind development.</p>
3:45	Wrap up
4:00	Adjourn