

Preparing for Offshore Renewable Energy in Rhode Island and Beyond

June 6, 2019, 8:30 am-5:30 pm

University of Rhode Island, Narragansett Bay Campus

Agenda

Purpose: Identify how URI can contribute to the appropriate growth of offshore renewable energy and enhance our marine industry.

- Identify information needs, technology questions and workforce gaps created by offshore renewable energy growth.
- Showcase URI's existing offshore renewable energy expertise.
- Learn how European academic intuitions have contributed to offshore renewable energy.

8:30	Coffee and Registration
9:00	Welcome and Purpose of the Day <i>Moderator: Jen McCann, Director, US Coastal Programs, URI/GSO Coastal Resources Center/RI Sea Grant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bruce Corliss, Dean, URI Graduate School of Oceanography
9:15	URI's Role and Value – Testimonials <i>Moderator: Chris Kearns, RI Department of Energy</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aileen Kenney, Head of Development and Permitting, Ørsted• Grover Fugate, Executive Director, RI Coastal Resources Management Council• Mary Boatman, Environmental Studies Chief, Office of Renewable Energy Program, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management• Ed LeBlanc, Chief, Waterways Management Divisions at U.S. Coast Guard• Curt Spalding, Professor of the Practice of Environment and Society, Brown University <p><i>Description: Panelists share their relationship with URI and recommend how URI should contribute to the appropriate growth of offshore renewable energy.</i></p>
10:15	Coffee Break
10:30	URI's Investment and Commitment <i>Moderator: JP Walsh, Director, URI Coastal Resources Center</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reza Hashemi, Assistant Professor, URI Department of Ocean Engineering• John King, Professor, URI Graduate School of Oceanography• David Bidwell, Assistant Professor, URI Department of Marine Affairs• Kate Venturini, Extension Program Administrator, URI Mallon Center• Peter Paton, Professor, URI Department of Natural Resources Science <p><i>Description: Panelists present URI's existing and potential engagement in offshore renewable energy issues and opportunities.</i></p>

11:45	<p>The European Experience Moderator: <i>Jen McCann, Director, US Coastal Programs, URI/GSO/CRC and RI Sea Grant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Andrew Gill, Principal Scientist, Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas).</i> <p><i>Description: Panelist will present how European academic and research institutions have sustainably engaged in responding to offshore renewable energy issues and needs.</i></p>
12:30	<p>Working Lunch <i>Donald De Hayes, URI Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assigned Breakout groups – see hand out for details
2:00	<p>Needs from the Stakeholders – A Role for URI Moderator: <i>Dennis Nixon, Director Rhode Island Sea Grant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Chris Waterson, General Manager, Waterson Terminal Services, LLC</i> • <i>Fred Mattera, Board President, RI Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation</i> • <i>Jessica Willi, Executive Director, Block Island Tourism Council</i> • <i>Erich Stephens, Chief Development Officer, Vineyard Wind</i> • <i>Scott Jensen, Director of Labor and Training, Rhode Island Department of Labor</i> • <i>Meg Kerr, Senior Director of Policy, Audubon Society of Rhode Island</i> <p><i>Description: Panelists report out on lunch break out groups – specifically recommendations for how URI should contribute to the appropriate growth of offshore renewable energy.</i></p>
3:30	<p>Words of Wisdom Moderator: <i>Alistair Pim, Vice President, Innovation & Partnerships, Northeast Clean Energy Council</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sam Eaton, Director, Business Development, Eversource</i> • <i>Janet Coit, Director, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management</i> • <i>Dave Monti, 2nd Vice President, RI Saltwater Angler’s Association</i> • <i>Carol Grant, Commissioner, Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources</i> <p><i>Description: Based on what they heard throughout the day, including their own opinions, panelists provide their perspective about how URI should contribute to the appropriate growth of offshore renewable energy.</i></p>
4:30	<p>Closing Comments and Adjourn <i>Jen McCann, Director, US Coastal Programs, URI/GSO/CRC/RI Sea Grant</i></p> <p><i>Cash Bar and Reception to follow</i></p>