

AGENDA
STATE OF THE SCIENCE ONE DAY WORKSHOP
IN-PERSON
COMPENSATORY MITIGATION FOR OFFSHORE WIND

July 15, 2024, 9 to 5 PM
Stonybrook University
Union Ballroom

Goals for the Workshop

- Provide background on regulatory and policy frameworks
- Build a shared understanding of the stepped approach to compensatory mitigation
- Explore mitigation in the OSW space
- Explore how best to administer a program
- Consider principles and elements to inform a future BOEM Avian Mitigation Policy

Rules of the Road

- Engage actively
- Stay for the day
- On-line participants will have breakout groups too
- Explore and brainstorm; not making decisions, collective advice, or policy today
- Our starting point for today's discussion is once exempted take has been determined (i.e., not focusing on risk collision models today)

Agenda for the Workshop

- 9:00** **Welcome, Introductions at Small Tables, Overview of the day**
- 9:15** **Wildlife Mitigation Framework – an Overview**
Kyle Baker, BOEM, David Bigger, BOEM, and Stephanie Vail-Muse, FWS
- 9:45** **Getting Started**
- **Small Table Discussions:** what are your pressing questions for OSW and wildlife mitigation?
 - Short report outs
- 10:15** **Calculating Debits**
- *Melissa Phillips-Hagedorn and Peter Girgelis, FWS*
 - FWS Presentation on REAs for 3 currently listed avian species
 - Questions and Discussion

11:00 **Break**

11:15 **Ideas for OSW Mitigation Projects**

- A panel discussion about project ideas for mitigation of listed species
 - *Shauna Everett, FWS*
 - *Kimberly Peters, Orsted*
 - *Paul Phifer, Attentive Energy*
 - *Atma Khalsa, Avangrid*
 - *Joan Walsh, American Natural History Museum*
 - *Caleb Spiegel (International Partnership)*

12:15 **Lunch**

1:15 **Experience to Date**

- A panel discussion on existing programs for Eagles, Bats, Mitigation Banking and the experience in Europe/UK to-date
 - *The European Experience to Date: Carbon Trust – Ivan Savitsky*
 - *The On-Shore Wind Eagle Program –Kylan Frye, FWS*
 - *The On-Shore Wind Bat Program – Greg Good, Conservation Fund*
 - *Mitigation Banking – Doug Bruggemen, Ecological Services and Markets*
 - *Implementing Programs – Stephanie TomCoupe, NFWF*

2:30 **Break**

2:45 **Moving to a Regional Approach: Four Breakout Groups**

- How do we move from a project-by-project approach to a more joint, multiple OSW Wind project approach
 - How might we get started?
 - On what and who can collaborate now even if smaller steps?
 - Who and how do we incentivize this collective action?
 - What do you need from BOEM and FWS?
 - What are barriers to action?
 - What forum or place can this conversation continue to lead to action and impact? Who's the possible catalyst/broker to encourage, incentivize, or make this happen?

2:30 **Moving to a Regional Approach: Breakout Groups**

- How do we move from a Individual Permittee-Responsible Mitigation to a more joint, multiple OSW Wind project approach?

3:30 **Brief Report Outs**

3:45

Considering BOEM Compensatory Mitigation Guidance

- What are key elements you would want a BOEM Avian Compensatory Mitigation Guidance to include?
 - What do developers need?
 - What do federal agencies need
 - What do program managers and experts need?
 - What role can Tribes, states, and NGOs play

4:30

Brief Report Outs

4:45

Final Considerations

- Summary of the Day
- Final reflections and comments

5:00

Adjourn