

SouthCoast Wind Project (formerly Mayflower Wind Project)

# Potential Impacts to Commercial Fishing

## Construction

- Displacement of fishing vessels during installation of WTGs/OSPs and during cable laying
- Increased vessel traffic in ports and within offshore work areas

## Operations

The long-term presence of offshore wind structures in the Lease Area could result in:

- Long-term space use conflicts for fishing and transiting within the Lease Area
- Increased risk of allision or collision for fishing vessels in the Lease Area
- Habitat modification in the Lease Area and along submarine export cable corridors
- Potential for gear entanglement and loss due to interactions with exposed cables
- Artificial reef effect may increase density of structure-oriented fish



## Vessel Trip Report Fishing Effort by Gear Type (2011-2015)

