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## Acronyms and Abbreviations

<b>ACHP</b>	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
<b>Bluepoint Wind</b>	Bluepoint Wind, LLC.
<b>BOEM</b>	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
<b>COP</b>	Construction and Operations Plan
<b>EDPR</b>	EDP Renewable
<b>eTWG</b>	Environmental Technical Working Group
<b>FCP</b>	Fisheries Communication Plan
<b>ftWG</b>	Fisheries Technical Working Group
<b>ft</b>	feet
<b>IHA</b>	Incidental Harassment Authorization
<b>km</b>	kilometers
<b>Lease Area</b>	Lease Area OCS-A 0537
<b>MAFMC</b>	Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council
<b>m</b>	meters
<b>NEFMC</b>	New England Fisheries Management Council
<b>nm</b>	nautical miles
<b>NJDEP</b>	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
<b>NYDEC</b>	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
<b>NYSDOS</b>	New York State Department of State
<b>NYSOGS</b>	New York State Office of General Services
<b>NYSERDA</b>	New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
<b>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
<b>NOAA Fisheries</b>	National Marine Fisheries Service
<b>OW</b>	Ocean Winds
<b>ROSA</b>	Responsible Offshore Science Alliance
<b>RWSC</b>	Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative
<b>USACE</b>	United States Army Corps. Of Engineers
<b>USCG</b>	United States Coast Guard
<b>USFWS</b>	United States Fish and Wildlife Service

## Executive Summary

Since the last progress report, Bluepoint Wind has continued to make strides in outreach and thoughtful planning with regards to community stakeholders, fisheries, and agencies. Through consistent meetings and both providing and attending bidirectional information sessions, Bluepoint Wind has endeavoured to remain a transparent resource for external parties as the Project has progressed and evolved.

Bluepoint Wind has been working closely with the New York Bight (NY Bight) Lessees to draft the Native American Communication Plan to guide its communication with Tribes/Tribal Nations. Bluepoint Wind is committed to being deliberate and thoughtful of all Tribes/Tribal Nation outreach and engagement to address concerns and questions.

Bluepoint Wind maintains ongoing coordination with BOEM on regulatory requirements and Construction and Operations Plan (COP) development. We have engaged with a number of other Federal and State agencies to discuss various assessment protocol designs to obtain feedback on the Bluepoint Wind project design envelope (PDE) for the lease area and export cable routing.

For local commercial and recreational fisheries, our Fisheries Liaison has attended relevant meetings with councils, working groups, and other relevant parties through port visits, academic seminars, industry events and other meeting channels. During the reporting period, the fisheries team has added an additional Fisheries Liaison (FL). The Project has updated its Fisheries Communication Plan to reflect the staff update and will continue to provide updates throughout the life of the Project to ensure interested parties can access to up-to-date information in an effective manner.

The Bluepoint Wind stakeholder team has continued to meet with local community groups, universities, and other groups to create open channels of communication and ensure their feedback is being accurately documented and considered. During the reporting period between May 1, 2023, and October 31, 2023 (Reporting Period), the team has conducted, attended, and sponsored meetings with relevant parties to serve as a resource to the community to provide general information and key updates. In the coming reporting period, Bluepoint Wind will continue to work with local groups to support their efforts and provide insight into the work of Bluepoint Wind.

## 1. Purpose and Background

### 1.1. Purpose

This Progress Report is prepared in accordance with Section 3.1 of the Lease OCS-A 0537, which requires that Bluepoint Wind, LLC (Bluepoint Wind) submit a semi-annual progress report (Progress Report) to the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) every six months from the date of the lease effective date by BOEM (May 1, 2022), through the approval of a Construction and Operations Plan (COP). This report covers the period from May 1, 2023, to October 31, 2023 (Reporting Period). The purpose of this Progress Report is to document overall Bluepoint Wind's progress and engagement activities undertaken with Tribes, parties, and stakeholders over the prior 6-month period. A list of Tribes/Tribal Nations, parties, and stakeholders that may be potentially affected by the Project activities are provided in Appendix A: Tribes and Other Parties Relevant to the Project. Relevant contact information is provided in Appendix B: Lessee and Liaison Contact Information, and Bluepoint Wind's Communication Plans can be found in Appendix C: Communications Plans.

Each Progress Report will be updated with Bluepoint Wind's progress and engagement activities completed during the reporting period and plans for continued engagement.

### 1.2. Lessee Information and Description

Bluepoint Wind is a partnership between Ocean Winds (OW), an international offshore wind energy company created by EDP Renewables and ENGIE (50:50), and New York-based Global Infrastructure Partners.

Bluepoint Wind was awarded offshore lease area OCS-A 0537, herein referred to as the Lease Area, in February 2022 by BOEM in the New York Bight area (see Figure 1). Bluepoint Wind intends to develop a state-of-the-art offshore wind power project within the Lease Area, associated export cable route and onshore facilities, herein referred to as the Project. The Lease Area is located 38 nautical miles (nm) (70 kilometers [km]) off the coast of New York and 53 nm (107 km) off the coast of New Jersey and has an average water depth of 180 feet (ft) (55 meters [m]). Bluepoint Wind's lease area is not close in proximity to other New York Bight lease areas; it is also the New York Bight lease area that is furthest from the shores of New Jersey and New York as seen in Figure 1. More information about the Bluepoint Wind project can be found here: <https://bluepointwind.com/>.



Figure 1 Bluepoint Wind Lease Area (OCS-A 0537)

## 2. Tribal Engagement

Bluepoint Wind has and will continue to engage with Tribes/Tribal Nations as sovereign governments recognized by the federal government. The Tribes/Tribal Nations listed in Appendix A have been identified by BOEM in the lease stipulations as having cultural and/or historical ties to the Lease Area. Bluepoint Wind invites other interested Tribes/Tribal Nations to contact us directly.

### 2.1. Overall Engagement Progress Since Last Report

Tribes/Tribal Nations listed in Appendix A were invited to a New York Bight Lessee meeting on May 5, 2023, to provide feedback on the Joint Native American Tribal Communication Plan (NATCP) outline. All six NY Bight Lessees, BOEM representatives, and the Tribes/Tribal Nations members listed in Table 1 were in attendance. The same Tribes/Tribal Nations invitees were then asked to participate in New York Bight Lessee meetings on either September 20 or 21, 2023, to provide feedback on the Draft Joint NATCP. The revised Joint NATCP was submitted to Tribes/Tribal Nations and BOEM on October 16, 2023. Further follow-up actions and outcomes are listed below in Table 1.

As per an email from BOEM on May 25, 2023, the Shawnee Tribe requested to not be contacted regarding activities within or associated with the NY Bight projects until further notice.

Tribes/Tribal Nations listed in Appendix A were invited to Bluepoint Wind meetings on August 16, 2023, and September 14, 2023, to provide feedback on geoarchaeological core locations identified for a geoarchaeological survey. Follow-up actions and outcomes are listed below in Table 1.

**Table 1 Tribal Engagement During Reporting Period**

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s) Represented	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Provided NATCP outline to solicit feedback before drafting of the NATCP	Tribes/Tribal Nations represented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation</li> <li>Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe</li> <li>Shinnecock Indian Nation</li> <li>Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared Draft Joint NATCP with Tribes/Tribal Nations</li> <li>Incorporated feedback into the Joint NATCP</li> </ul>	Coordinated with all six NY Bight Lessees
Provided Draft NATCP to solicit feedback before submitting revised version to Tribes/Tribal Nations and BOEM	Tribes/Tribal Nations represented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delaware Tribe of Indians</li> <li>Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporated feedback into Joint NATCP</li> <li>Shared revised Joint NATCP with Tribes/Tribal Nations</li> </ul>	Coordinated with all six NY Bight Lessees

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s) Represented	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe</li> <li>Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standardized email communications</li> </ul>	
<p>Geoarchaeological Core Location Meetings (x2):</p> <p>Presented potential export cable routes and potential geoarchaeological core locations for feedback.</p>	<p>Tribes/Tribal Nations were represented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delaware Tribe of Indians</li> <li>Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided meeting summaries</li> <li>Provide Map of Hudson Valley Shelf Area</li> <li>Upon completion of the survey campaign, host viewing sessions of visual logging and lab analysis of geoarchaeological samples</li> </ul>	N/A

## 2.2. Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Tribal Interests

At the NY Bight Joint NATCP meetings, Tribes/Tribal Nations expressed concerns detailed in Table 2 related to communication (hosted on May 5, September 20, and September 21, 2023).

At the Bluepoint Wind geoarchaeological location meetings Tribes/Tribal Nations identified potential culturally sensitive areas (hosted on August 16, 2023, and September 14, 2023).

**Table 2 Potential Effects and Tribal Input on Project Design or Implementation**

Potential Effect	Affected Tribe	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
<p>Bluepoint Wind Meetings:</p> <p>Geoarchaeological samples causing disturbance in culturally sensitive areas</p>	<p>Tribes/Tribal Nations represented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delaware Tribe of Indians</li> <li>Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The attendees noted areas of importance to them. Bluepoint Wind will be conducting geoarchaeological sampling in those areas</li> <li>Project QMA cleared each sample location before geoarchaeological survey</li> <li>Bluepoint Wind provided a map of noted areas of concern as requested</li> </ul>



Potential Effect	Affected Tribe	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
<p>NY Bight Joint NATCP Meetings:</p> <p>High quantity of communication from offshore wind industry</p>	<p>Tribes/Tribal Nations represented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delaware Tribe of Indians</li> <li>Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation</li> <li>Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe</li> <li>Shinnecock Indian Nation</li> <li>Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians</li> <li>Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standardized format email and post-meeting communications. For example, use standardized email subject line: OCS A-[0XXX], [NY Bight or Project Name], [TOPIC], [PROJECT PHASE].</li> <li>Send meeting summaries including itemized discussion points, next steps, and a copy of the agenda</li> </ul>

### 2.3. Tribal Feedback on Transmission Planning

To continue an open dialogue on transmission planning, Bluepoint Wind hosted meetings, as described in Table 3, with interested Tribes/Tribal Nations to discuss potential export cable routes (ECR) and ge archaeological locations along those routes. The attendees noted areas of importance to them. Bluepoint Wind will be conducting ge archaeological sampling in those areas.

### 2.4. Anticipated or Scheduled Tribal Engagement Activities

A revised NACTP has been submitted to Tribes/Tribal Nations and BOEM during this past Reporting Period. In the next Reporting Period, this communication document will serve as a tool to plan for substantive and meaningful engagement between Bluepoint Wind (and NY Bight Lessees as a whole) and Tribes/Tribal Nations.

For the Bluepoint Wind Project, near-term engagement with Tribes/Tribal Nations includes ge archaeological core processing viewing either in person or via webcam.

Bluepoint Wind anticipates future relationship building-focused conversations with Tribes/Tribal Nations either individually or with the NYB Lessees to provide project updates and address issues or concerns.

**Table 3 Anticipated Tribal Engagement Activities for the Next Reporting Period**

Future Anticipated Discussion / Engagement	Tribe(s)	Anticipated Timeframe	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Bluepoint Wind Project:	Tribes/Tribal Nations listed in Appendix A: Tribes and Other Parties Relevant to the Project	Q4 2023	N/A as survey activities are proprietary and confidential

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Future Anticipated Discussion / Engagement	Tribe(s)	Anticipated Timeframe	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Geoarchaeological core processing viewing	will be invited to participate by BOEM <sup>1</sup>		
NY Bight Lessees: Establish next steps in coordination with NY Bight Lessees	Tribes/Tribal Nations listed in Appendix A: Tribes and Other Parties Relevant to the Project will be invited to participate by BOEM <sup>2</sup>	Q1/ Q2 2023	Anticipated coordination with NY Bight Lessees as well as an individual Project

### 3. Engagement with Potentially Affected Parties

#### 3.1. Overall Engagement Progress Since Last Report

Bluepoint Wind has participated in various party meetings and engagement during the Reporting Period.

##### Agencies

Bluepoint Wind has participated in numerous agency meetings and engagement activities during the Reporting Period, including regularly scheduled engagements, meetings to discuss specific permits, surveys, or assessments, and meetings to discuss Bluepoint Wind's Project Design Envelope (PDE), and Construction and Operation Plan (COP) anticipated schedule. These agency engagements included the following:

- Regularly scheduled monthly or bi-weekly coordination meetings
- Survey permits, plans, and activities discussions
- Impact assessment approach or protocol discussions, and
- Project design and siting

Bluepoint Wind held multi-agency meetings with BOEM and other Federal agencies in order to reduce consultation burden and ensure coordinated feedback from agencies.

##### Fisheries

During the current Reporting Period Bluepoint Wind continued building upon fisheries engagements from the prior periods. These included updates to the Fisheries Communication Plan (FCP; Appendix C), continued outreach by our Fisheries Liaisons to commercial and recreational fishers, and attendance at management council meetings, working groups, academic seminars, and trade/industry events.

<sup>1</sup> Besides the Shawnee Tribe who requested no contacted regarding activities associated with NY Bight projects.

<sup>2</sup> Besides the Shawnee Tribe who requested no contacted regarding activities associated with NY Bight projects.

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Fisheries engagements during the reporting period increased significantly from the last (ex: increasing the number of marine stakeholders receiving survey update emails from 285 to 612).

Strategies used by Bluepoint Wind to execute our fisheries engagement activities during the reporting period included the following:

- Bluepoint Wind's Fisheries Liaisons conducted 11 port visits covering fishing ports from New Bedford, MA to Barnegat Light, NJ. These port visits resulted in at least 48 in person interactions with commercial fisheries stakeholders. These visits included Joint Offshore Wind Developer Port Hours in New Bedford, MA, Point Judith, RI, and Montauk, NY (in coordination with MA/RI OSW leaseholders)
- Notices of upcoming survey activities were emailed to over 612 fisheries stakeholders, including state and regional fisheries organizations, some of which forwarded the communication to their members.
- Other fisheries stakeholders were contacted by email, phone calls and text messages to create awareness of the Bluepoint Wind Project and keep them informed of upcoming survey activities.
- Attended two (2) regional Fisheries Management Council meetings. Bluepoint Wind maintained communications with the Fisheries Management Councils to ensure that all relevant fisheries Project information was readily available to council staff and updated on their offshore wind webpages.
- Bluepoint Wind funded an additional Fisheries Liaison (FL) to support engagement with both commercial and recreational fishing communities. Bluepoint Wind attended offshore wind and fisheries-related academic seminars.

Bluepoint Wind's fisheries deconfliction activities included the following:

- Pre-survey fisheries training for all survey vessels prior to deployment and at crew changes,
- Development of procedures for fisheries and gear interactions and development of gear loss claim procedures,
- Maintenance of real time group communication between survey vessels, Bluepoint Wind's survey managers, and the Fisheries Liaison,
- Involvement in shared communication channels with Fisheries Liaisons affiliated with projects in the New York Bight to distribute information on fixed gear locations provided by fishers, and
- Regular communication with fishers who may be impacted by survey activities and using their information to deconflict survey operations.

### Stakeholders

Bluepoint Wind stakeholder engagement has expanded significantly since the last progress report through continued stakeholder meetings, attendance at local events, and sharing of information through tabling sessions. Bluepoint Wind aims to serve as a resource for local organizations and

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individuals for any questions and to provide updates on our progress throughout the lifespan of the Project. Stakeholder meetings have increased with a focus on project updates as well as insight into the industry at large. Bluepoint Wind has continued to attend a number of community events (See Table 4). These stakeholder engagement activities included the following:

- Knowledge sharing, Q&A, open discussion, progress updates meetings
- Attended and sponsored local events
- Spoke and exhibited at local events

**Table 4 Engagement with Parties During Reporting Period**

Focus of Discussion or engagement	Party(ies)	Follow up Actions / Activities / Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with other NY Bight and Other Lessees
<b>Agencies</b>			
Monthly/bi-weekly Project updates	BOEM	Various	N/A
Geophysical Survey Plan Updates	BOEM	BOEM indicated they had no objections to this minor survey modification	N/A
NATCP	BOEM	Presented NATCP outline, draft plan, and incorporated feedback.	Coordinated with all six NY Bight Lessees
Project Design Envelope	BOEM, USACE, NOAA NMFS, NYC agencies	PDE for the lease area and offshore and onshore ECR options	N/A
Visual Impact Assessment (VIA)	BOEM	Presented VIA protocol and incorporated feedback	N/A
Benthic Survey Protocol	BOEM, NOAA NMFS	Protocol review and incorporated feedback	N/A
Avian Assessment Protocol	BOEM USFWS	Presented avian assessment protocol and incorporated feedback	N/A
NSRA Protocol, Wind farm and potential export cable routing siting	USCG	Presented NSRA protocol and incorporated feedback	N/A

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Focus of Discussion or engagement	Party(ies)	Follow up Actions / Activities / Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with other NY Bight and Other Lessees
Geotechnical Survey and potential export cable routing	USACE, NYS, NJ	Informed preparation of permit applications and follow-up	N/A
Hudson Canyon	NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS)	Selected for participation on the Hudson Canyon National Marine Sanctuary (NMS) Sanctuary Advisory C	N/A
<b>Fisheries</b>			
Meeting attendance	New Bedford Port Authority	Meetings with the executive staff of the New Bedford Port Authority to introduce the Project, fisheries liaison, fisheries representative.  The scallop fishery, port of New Bedford, and Bluepoint Wind project relationship/potential impacts were discussed.	Offshore wind developers from MA/RI leases already established relationships with New Bedford Port Authority; introduction to Bluepoint Wind builds on this coordination with the port authority
Meeting attendance (multiple meetings)	NEFMC	Scallop fishery update, offshore wind discussions	Multiple offshore wind developers are involved and active and the fisheries liaisons interact
Meeting attendance (regular standing call)	ACP Fisheries Subcommittee	Knowledge sharing and outreach coordination for fisheries topics	Multiple offshore wind developers are involved including the NY Bight Fisheries Working Group
Meeting attendance	ACP New York Bight Fisheries Working Group	Knowledge sharing and coordination for NY Bight specific efforts	Regularly scheduled interactions with other Fisheries Liaisons affiliated with NY Bight leases

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Focus of Discussion or engagement	Party(ies)	Follow up Actions / Activities / Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with other NY Bight and Other Lessees
Conference attendance	ACP Annual Offshore Wind Conference	Continue working with Fisheries Liaisons of other projects and researching emerging technology pertinent to fisheries and OSW	Interactions with other Fisheries Liaisons, state and federal agencies, ACP staff, and technology providers. ACP held a coordinated discussion of regional compensation funds
Meeting attendance	MAFMC	Collected information on amendments and rule changes	Interaction with other Fisheries Liaisons
Meeting attendance	NYSERDA F-TWG	Discussion of draft Master Plan 2.0 risk assessments and next steps for fisheries and government involvement	Involves state agencies, developers, commercial fishers, and fishing industry groups
Meeting attendance (multiple meetings)	Responsible Offshore Science Alliance (ROSA)	Discussion of ROSA priorities including research and development of Regional Monitoring Plans for fisheries	Involved regulators, fishing industry, OSW developers, and scientists
Conference attendance	ACP Annual Offshore Wind Conference	Continue working with Fisheries Liaisons of other projects and researching emerging technology pertinent to fisheries and OSW	Interactions with other Fisheries Liaisons, state and federal agencies, ACP staff, and technology providers. ACP held a coordinated discussion of regional compensation funds
<b>Stakeholders</b>			
Navigational Safety Risk Assessment (NSRA) outreach (multiple meetings)	Commerical Vessel Operators and Organizations	Held multiple meetings with commercial maritime stakeholder groups to support NSRA analysis	N/A
NY State/Regional Science	NYSERDA eTWG	Stakeholder discussions on measures to avoid,	Participation involves collaboration with research

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Focus of Discussion or engagement	Party(ies)	Follow up Actions / Activities / Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with other NY Bight and Other Lessees
Collaboration		minimize, and mitigate anticipated impacts on wildlife during OSW activities	scientists, eNGOs, wildlife agencies, and other developers for best science practices, data sharing & management, study design, new technology, and the identification of research priorities
Regional Science Collaboration	Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative (RWSC)	Knowledge sharing and participation in subcommittees: Avian & Bat, Marine Mammal, Habitats & Ecosystems, and Sea Turtles.	Collaborative working group with regional interest stakeholders
Local Non-Profit Meetings	Local Workforce Development, Wraparound Service, and various specialized organizations	Review proposals to support local initiatives, programs, and events	Various support mechanisms for local events in the short term, and long-term partnership opportunities
Higher Education Meetings	State Colleges, Universities, and University Affiliated Research Labs	Serve as an ongoing resource to provide updates and insight into the industry and relevant projects	Sponsor and participate in upcoming academic events and research presentations
Local Event Attendance	Various local events, networking sessions, and knowledge transfer events	Listen to local feedback, ideas, projects and concerns Also provide insight into the status of the industry and updates of various projects	Conduct follow up meetings with local groups and universities to give project updates and answer industry-related questions
Local Conference Attendance	Conferences/ symposiums run by local universities,	Serve as an on-site industry resource for individuals and groups and table, when possible, to share Bluepoint	Sponsorship and speaking engagements with local groups

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Focus of Discussion or engagement	Party(ies)	Follow up Actions / Activities / Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with other NY Bight and Other Lessees
	organizations, and interest groups	Wind project progress	



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### 3.2. Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Parties

Potential effects by the Project and how the Project plans to address these potential effects are listed in Table 5.

#### Agencies

Bluepoint Wind engaged with a number of Federal and State agencies during the Reporting Period to discuss various COP assessment approaches and Bluepoint Wind's PDE. These agencies have provided valuable feedback on visual impact analysis, avian assessment, benthic survey, NSRA, cable siting, and other useful information.

#### Fisheries

Bluepoint Wind's Fisheries Liaisons engaged with commercial and recreational fisheries often during the reporting period through Port visits, attendance at fisheries management council, government and industry-related working groups, and industry events (e.g., New Bedford Port Authority Open House), and direct outreach (e.g., email, phone calls) associated with Bluepoint Wind's geophysical and geotechnical survey activities. Through these engagement activities, Bluepoint Wind identified fisheries concerns and implemented procedures, communications, and vessel trainings to address potential effects. During this reporting period, Bluepoint Wind expanded the Fisheries Liaison team by adding a second liaison to aide in outreach and relationships with local groups.

#### Stakeholders

Bluepoint Wind has engaged with numerous local non-profits focused on workforce development, community priorities, and overall community interests, as well as state universities and colleges, research centers, and business partnership groups. Following these discussions, Bluepoint Wind discussed opportunities to support local programming and events to raise awareness about the project and the offshore wind industry as a whole.

**Table 5 Potential Effects and Input from Parties on Project Design or Implementation**

Potential Effect	Affected Party(ies)	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
<b>Agencies</b>		
Project components are not shared with agencies in an early fashion.	Federal Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed project design and siting</li> <li>Discussed assessment approaches and survey plans to identify potential effects</li> <li>Will host inter-agency meeting in Q4 2023</li> </ul>
<b>Fisheries</b>		
Fishing gear loss	Commercial fishers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-survey fisheries training for vessel crew</li> <li>Fisheries liaison port visits and stakeholder</li> </ul>

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Potential Effect	Affected Party(ies)	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
		engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-survey reconnaissance</li> <li>• Gear Loss Compensation procedure</li> <li>• Discussion and review of fishermen's questions about possible gear loss related to surveys</li> <li>• Presentation created for fishermen about technical aspects of OSW survey</li> <li>• Participation in shared communication channels between Fisheries Liaisons of NY Bight projects to distribute fixed gear locations with permission from fishermen</li> </ul>
Temporary displacement during surveys	Commercial and recreation fishers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear communication in advance and following the completion of survey activity</li> <li>• Proactive dissemination of survey information, time of operation, equipment types</li> <li>• Utilize fishing area closures to complete activities when fishers are absent, to extent feasible</li> </ul>
<b>Stakeholders</b>		
Economic development and job opportunities	Local Workforce Development Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequent meetings to discuss training and future job opportunities</li> <li>• Open discussions around wraparound services</li> <li>• Bidirectional conversations to understand workforce development programming that can be expanded through industry investment</li> </ul>
Knowledge sharing and transparency	Local community organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open channels of communication for progress updates</li> <li>• Frequent meeting opportunities for questions and concerns</li> </ul>

### 3.3. Feedback from Parties on Transmission Planning

Bluepoint Wind engaged with a number of Federal agencies during the Reporting Period to discuss PDE and Project development, as noted above, and has incorporated agency feedback to the extent practicable. Bluepoint Wind has also discussed siting with Tribes/Tribal Nations and the Maritime Industry. Bluepoint Wind will continue to work with these Parties and others, as the Project PDE evolves. Bluepoint Wind will be able to provide more information and seek input about its export cable routing from other stakeholders as it moves beyond the early pre-development stage.

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## 4. Anticipated or Scheduled Engagement Activities

Table 6 describes anticipated engagement activities Bluepoint Wind plans to initiate/attend during the next reporting period (November 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024).

### Agencies

Bluepoint Wind will continue to meet individually or jointly with agencies to provide updates on Project development, discuss Project design and assessment approaches, and understand potential concerns and critical points of engagement as Bluepoint Wind advances its COP development.

### Fisheries

Continuing forward, Bluepoint Wind will maintain the current level of fisheries engagement and communication, seek out additional opportunities to share information regarding activities, and further develop trusting relations with fishers. Bluepoint Wind will also continue to participate with other developers within the NY Bight and nearby wind energy areas to coordinate fisheries-related activities in a manner beneficial to fishers.

#### *Direct Interaction with Fishers*

Bluepoint Wind's Fisheries Liaisons will continue conducting individual and joint developer Port Hours visits and dialogue with fishers at New York and New Jersey ports as well as other relevant ports in the region (New Bedford, MA and Port Judith, RI). The Fisheries Representative position will continue to be funded by Bluepoint Wind to provide fishers with a contact for conveying project-related concerns to Bluepoint Wind.

#### *Fisheries Management, Research, and Industry Group Meetings*

Bluepoint Wind's Fisheries Liaison and other representatives will continue to attend the MAFMC and NEFMC meetings, fisheries research-related seminars sponsored by regulatory agencies (BOEM, NOAA Fisheries), and fisheries working group meetings such as the NYSERDA F-TWG, ROSA, ACP Fisheries Subcommittee, and ACP New York Bight Fisheries Working Group. Attendance and participation in these activities will keep Bluepoint Wind up to date on important regulatory changes, new research and emerging technologies, and fisheries stakeholder comments and concerns.

#### *Fisheries Communications*

Bluepoint Wind's Fisheries Liaisons and other staff will continue communications with fishers through website updates, e-mail, phone, and text messages regarding survey activity progress, timing, and conclusion for the season. Bluepoint Wind will be engaging in additional efforts as new activities are planned or as new needs or concerns associated with fisheries are identified.

### Stakeholders

Bluepoint Wind recognizes the importance of engaging with its stakeholders and values their input in the development of our offshore wind project. We continue to engage with stakeholders to provide updates and insight into the Project and the industry. We strive to maintain a conducive environment of collaboration and transparency.

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*Stakeholder Meetings*

The intention of these meetings is for our team to hear the concerns and answer questions from local organizations about the Project and to raise awareness around the offshore wind industry. We continue to hold meetings to hear the concerns of stakeholders as the Project progresses, to ensure we are making thoughtful decisions with input from the groups that our Project impacts.

*Informal Discussions*

While attending local events, we will continue to hold discussion with individuals and representatives from local organizations to serve as a resource for any questions or concerns related to Bluepoint Wind or offshore wind in general. While at these events we plan on hosting a space to share updates, information, and hold informative discussions around the Project.

*Local Events*

Attending and sponsoring local events is important to create awareness around offshore wind and our Project. During these events, we plan to serve as an open resource for networking, information sharing, and answering any questions that may arise. Additionally, we plan to participate in more speaking engagements on relevant topics in the industry such as workforce development and building an inclusive supply chain.

*Conference Attendance*

Participating in and supporting local conferences hosted by universities, non-profits, or other community groups on sustainability, climate, and energy is a crucial area for engagement. Bluepoint Wind will aim to be present in and contribute to relevant academic and industry discussions, research sharing, and general networking on renewable energy. At these conferences, Bluepoint Wind will plan to exhibit or present as speakers to provide insight into the industry and the progress of our Project and offshore wind in the local region.

**Table 6 Anticipated Engagement with Parties for the Next Reporting Period**

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement
<b>Agencies</b>		
PDE development	BOEM, USFWS, NOAA NMFS, USACE, USCG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multi-agency meeting to be held Q4 2023</li> </ul>
NY Bight meetings	BOEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All meetings are held with six NY Bight Lessees</li> </ul>
<b>Fisheries</b>		
Survey coordination on lease area and potential	Commercial and recreational fishermen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilize ACP’s NY Bight Fisheries Working group to continue developing</li> </ul>

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Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement
export cable routes		coordinated engagement strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint developer port hours</li> <li>• Joint developer information sessions at fisheries council meetings</li> </ul>
Multiple fisheries concerns with offshore wind (e.g., monitoring needs)	Commercial and recreational fishers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance at regional science groups and academic institutions focusing on fisheries issues (NYSERDA F-TWG, ROSA)</li> </ul>
<b>Stakeholders</b>		
Project Introductions	Local Non-Profits, State Colleges, Universities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings to introduce the Project, offshore wind, and the landscape of renewable energy</li> </ul>
Project Updates	Local community organizations, university research centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet and serve as a resource for project progress updates as well as answer questions as to the timeline for offshore wind projects</li> </ul>
Local Event Sponsorship	Local community groups, business partnership groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued event sponsorship to raise awareness for local organizations to promote workforce development, wraparound services, and overall community development</li> </ul>
Local Conference Attendance	Universities, local government, research centers and community groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serve as a resource for students, faculty, and other interested parties for offshore wind, research opportunities, and overall renewable energy progress</li> </ul>

## 5. Survey Plan Activities

This section provides a summary of survey and development activities conducted during the Reporting Period. See Table 7 and Table 8 for survey activities underway or are planned. During this Reporting Period, Bluepoint Wind has received authorizations for the following survey activities:

- Nationwide Permit (NWP) #6 authorization for geotechnical activities in New Jersey state waters from USACE on June 2, 2023
- General Permit #23 authorization from NJDEP for geotechnical activities in New Jersey state waters on July 24, 2023

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- Waterfront Development Individual Permit authorization for geotechnical activities in New Jersey state waters from NJDEP on August 18, 2023.
- New York and USACE Joint Permit Application authorizations:
  - NYC Waterfront Revitalization Program on June 1, 2023
  - Water Quality Affirmation on June 20, 2023
  - Nationwide Permit #6 on June 26, 2023
  - Coastal Consistency General Concurrence on July 11, 2023

Survey activities have been and will be conducted in accordance with the approved plans/permit received thus far.

**Table 7 Survey Plan Activities Under BOEM Review or Underway**

Type of Survey	Survey Activity Date	Purpose (i.e., what it will inform)	Location Description
Geophysical Surveys	Surveys initiated on March 7, 2023 and are continuing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COP development</li> <li>• Site characterization /ground model development</li> <li>• Siting and engineering design</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lease Area</li> <li>• Along potential export cable routes in federal and state waters</li> </ul>
Geotechnical Surveys	Surveys initiated on July 26, 2023, and are continuing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Siting and engineering design</li> <li>• Site Characterization / ground model development</li> <li>• COP development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lease Area</li> <li>• Along potential export cable routes in federal and state waters</li> </ul>

**Table 8 Anticipated or Modified Survey Plan Activities**

Type of Survey	Proposed Date	Purpose (i.e., what it will inform)	Location Description
Geophysical and geotechnical surveys	Nearshore survey activities continuing into Q4 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COP development</li> <li>• Site characterization /ground model development</li> <li>• Siting and engineering design</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Along potential export cable routes in state waters</li> </ul>

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## Appendix A: Tribes and Other Parties Relevant to the Project

In accordance with the lease stipulation 3.1.1, Bluepoint Wind has identified Tribes/Tribal Nations and other parties in which are relevant to the Project, see Table A-1 and Table A-2. Tribes/Tribal Nations and other parties include, but are not limited to:

- Coastal Communities
- Commercial and Recreational Fishing Industries
- Educational and Research Institutions
- Environmental and Public Interest Non-Governmental Organizations
- Federal Agencies
- State Agencies
- Local Agencies
- Federally recognized Tribes (see 5.3.3)
- Mariners and the Maritime Industry
- Ocean Users
- Submarine Cable Operators
- Underserved Communities, as defined in Section 2 of Executive Order 13985

### A-1. Federally Recognized Tribes Relevant to the Project

Name of Tribe/Tribal Nations
• Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
• Delaware Tribe of Indians
• Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
• Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation
• Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
• Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut
• Shawnee Tribe <sup>3</sup>
• Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians
• The Delaware Nation
• The Narragansett Indian Tribe
• The Shinnecock Indian Nation
• Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)

**Table A-2 Parties Relevant to the Project**

Name of Party	Party Type
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisory Council on Historic Preservation</li> <li>• National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service</li> </ul>	Federal Agencies

<sup>3</sup> Shawnee Tribe requested no contact by NY Bight Lessees regarding project activities on May 25, 2023.

Name of Party	Party Type
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• United States Army Corps. Of Engineers</li> <li>• United States Coast Guard</li> <li>• United States Department of Defense</li> <li>• United States Environmental Protection Agency</li> <li>• United States Fish and Wildlife Services</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection</li> <li>• New Jersey Board of Public Utilities</li> <li>• New York State Department of Environmental Conservation</li> <li>• New York State Department of State</li> <li>• New York State Department of Transportation</li> <li>• New York State Office of General Services</li> <li>• New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation</li> <li>• New York State Public Service Commission</li> <li>• New York State Energy Research and Development Authority</li> </ul>	State Agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County governments</li> <li>• Municipal governments</li> </ul>	Local Agencies and Coastal Communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Universities and Colleges</li> <li>• Local Universities</li> <li>• University Research Labs</li> <li>• Non-Profit Education Organizations</li> </ul>	Educational and Research Institutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chambers of Commerce</li> <li>• Non-Profit Workforce Development Organizations</li> </ul>	Economic Development Organizations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Non-Profit Organizations</li> <li>• Wraparound Service Groups</li> <li>• Community Based Organizations</li> </ul>	Underserved Communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-Profit Environmental Organizations</li> <li>• Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative</li> <li>• Responsible Offshore Science Alliance</li> <li>• New York State Energy Research and Development Authority Environmental Technical Working Group (e-TWG)</li> </ul>	Environmental Organizations and Working Groups
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishing vessel operators, owners, and crews</li> <li>• Commercial fishing organizations, associations and NGOs</li> <li>• Port Managers and Port Authorities</li> <li>• Fishermen’s Cooperatives</li> <li>• Seafood Processors</li> <li>• Regional Fisheries Management Councils</li> <li>• NOAA Port Agents</li> <li>• Regional Fisheries offices e.g., Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NOAA</li> </ul>	Commercial Fishing Industry



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Name of Party	Party Type
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vessel owners and captains</li> <li>• For hire charter and “party fishing boats”</li> <li>• Marinas and similar facilities</li> <li>• Recreational fishing associations</li> <li>• Fishing Expo and trade show organizers</li> </ul>	Recreational Fishing Industry
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Port Managers and Port Authorities</li> <li>• Marine Pilots</li> <li>• Maritime Associations</li> <li>• Tug and barge operators</li> <li>• Cargo and Tanker operators</li> </ul>	Maritime Industry/Mariners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submarine cable operators through Lease Area</li> <li>• Submarine cable operators crossing potential ECR in New York Bight area</li> </ul>	Submarine Cable Operators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research Institutions</li> <li>• Aquariums</li> <li>• Marine tour agencies (bird and whale watching tours)</li> <li>• Recreational boaters</li> <li>• Other Offshore Wind developers</li> </ul>	Ocean Users

## Appendix B: Lessee and Liaison Contact Information

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## Appendix C: Communications Plans

Please find the following Communications Plans status/location listed below.

- 1) Native American Tribes Communication Plan (NATCP). To reduce the burden to Tribes/Tribal Nations, BOEM has asked NY Bight Lessees to draft a single NACTP document (Joint NACTP) rather than present six separate documents for input. The Joint NATCP was submitted to Tribes/Tribal Nations and BOEM October 16, 2023.
- 2) Fisheries Communication Plan is located [here](#).
- 3) Agency Communication Plan is located [here](#).