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Executive Summary

Since the submittal of the previous Progress Report ending April 30, 2024, Community Offshore Wind (COSW) has continued the development of Lease Area Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)-A 0539 in a responsible manner. This includes continued engagement with Tribes/Tribal Nations, commercial and recreational fisheries, federal and state agencies, and all other stakeholders, to (re)introduce the COSW Project (Project) and Project team, to provide an overview and update on the development of the Project, and to solicit feedback.

A summary of the engagement activities held with Tribes/Tribal Nations is provided in Section 2, below. A summary of stakeholder engagement is provided in Section 3, with Fisheries engagement presented in Section 3.1, Agency engagement presented in Section 3.2, and other stakeholder engagement presented in Section 3.3. COSW also continued site characterization and survey activities, which will support the continued development of the Project, with additional information provided in Section 4.

For additional information on the Project, and to sign-up for our monthly newsletter, please visit our website: <https://communityoffshorewind.com/>.

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

ACP	American Clean Power Association
BOEM	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
COP	Construction and Operations Plan
COSW	Community Offshore Wind
COSW Project (Project)	the Community Offshore Wind Project
km	kilometers
m	meters
mi	miles
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NOAA Fisheries	National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service
nm	nautical miles
NJ	New Jersey
NY	New York
NYB	New York Bight
OCS	outer continental shelf
PDE	project design envelope
US	United States
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USCG	United States Coast Guard

1 Purpose and Background

1.1 Purpose

In accordance with Lease Stipulation 3.1, Community Offshore Wind (COSW) must submit a Progress Report to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) every six months, starting from the Effective Date on the Lease on through approval of the Construction and Operations Plan (COP). This report covers the fifth six-month period, from May 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024. The purpose of this Progress Report is to document overall project progress and engagement activities undertaken with Tribes/Tribal Nations, communities, ocean user groups, the general public, and other stakeholder groups throughout the reporting period, in addition to COSW's plans for continued engagement.

1.2 Lessee Information

Community Offshore Wind, LLC, a joint venture of RWE and National Grid, proposes to develop the COSW Project (COSW Project; Project), under the BOEM Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (Lease Area OCS-A 0539; Lease Area).

Additional information about COSW can be found on our website:

<https://communityoffshorewind.com/>.

1.3 Lease Description

Lease Area OCS-A 0539 encompasses approximately 125,964 acres (50,976 hectares) and is located approximately 64.2 miles (mi) (55.8 nautical miles [nm]; 103.4 kilometers [km]) from the closest point on land in New York (NY) and approximately 36.6 mi (31.8 nm; 59.0 km) from the closest point on land in New Jersey (NJ). Water depths within the Lease Area range from 98-171 ft (ft; 30-52 meters[m]) mean lower low water. The location of Lease Area OCS-A 0539 is shown on Figure 1, below.

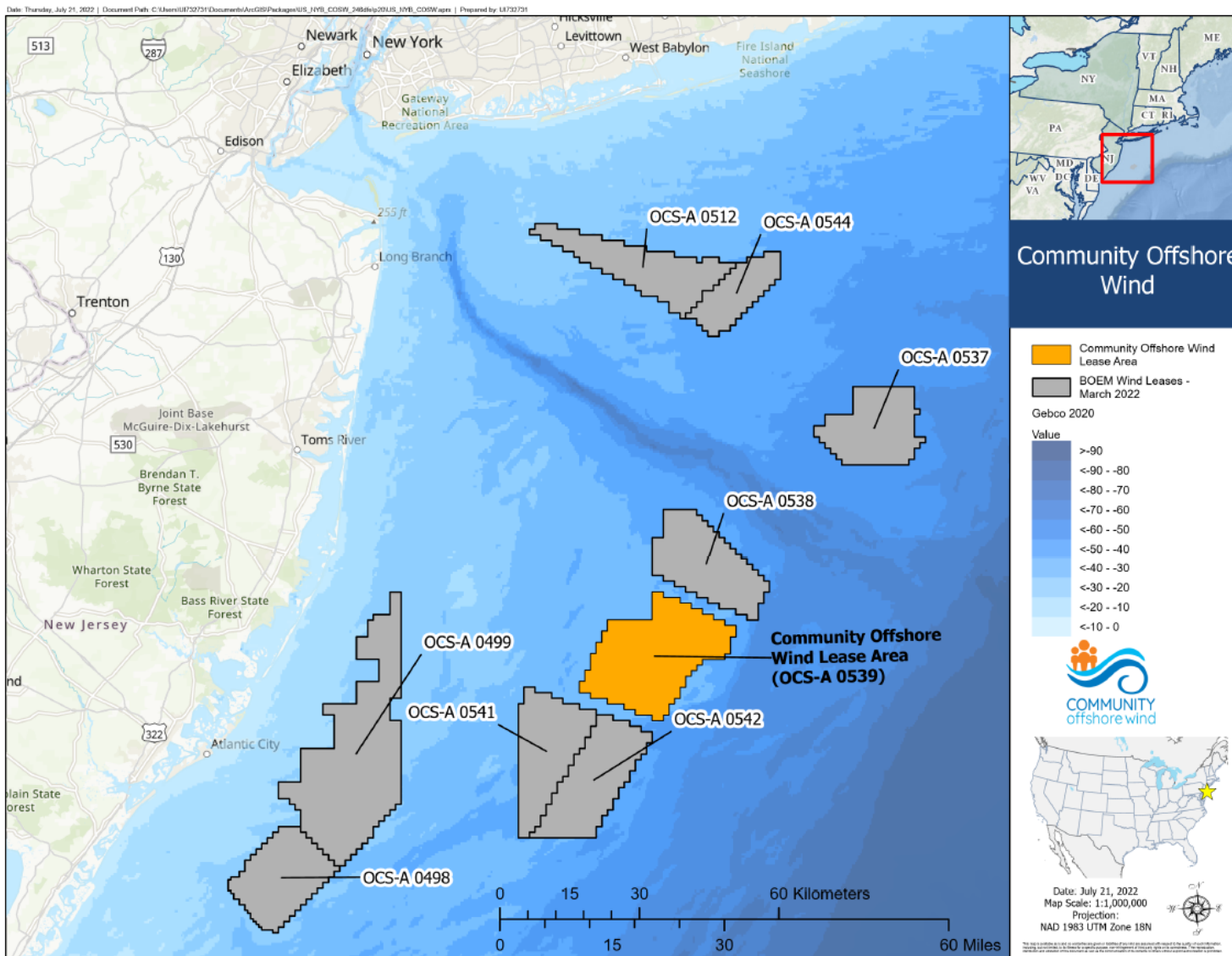


Figure 1 Lease Area OCS-A 0539

2 Tribes/Tribal Nations Engagement

COSW believes it is important to recognize Tribes/Tribal Nations as the original and continuing stewards of the lands and waters in which we work. We acknowledge and respect the enduring historical, cultural, and personal connections between Tribes/Tribal Nations to the region, both those Tribes/Tribal Nations currently residing in the region and those that were removed from it. We believe that the insights and knowledge of Tribes/Tribal Nations can and should play an important role in the clean energy transition, to help ensure that offshore renewable energy is developed in an environmentally, socially, and culturally sustainable manner.

A summary of engagement activities held and anticipated to be held over the next reporting period, with Tribes/Tribal Nations is provided in Section 2.1 through 2.4, below. These sections provide an overview of engagement with potentially affected federally recognized.

2.1 Overall Tribes/Tribal Nations Engagement Progress Since Last Report

Since the submission of the previous Progress Report, COSW has engaged with Tribes/Tribal Nations by sharing the results of the Phase IA terrestrial cultural resources investigation; offering Tribes/Tribal Nations the opportunity to comment on proposed additional terrestrial archaeological investigations; offering an opportunity to review and comment on geoarchaeological coring locations; and inviting representatives from Tribes/Tribal Nations to observe the analysis of geoarchaeological cores taken from ancient submerged landscape features within COSW's preliminary area of potential effect for marine archaeology.

A summary of the engagement activities held with Tribes/Tribal Nations is provided in Table 1, below.

Table 1 Tribes/Tribal Nations Engagement During Reporting Period

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)/Tribal Nations	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, and Outcomes
Phase IA Cultural Resources Assessment and Research Protocol for the Community Offshore Wind Project, New York	Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Delaware Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, Narragansett Indian Tribe, Shinnecock Indian Nation, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)	Email sent to representatives of Tribes/Tribal Nations to share the results of the Phase IA cultural resources study of potential onshore Project components conducted for COSW by SEARCH Inc for CW1. The document included a summary of the Phase IA survey and recommendations for future archaeological investigations. In the email, COSW asked if the representatives of Tribal Nations would like to review and comment on the document and/or would like COSW to hold a virtual meeting to summarize and discuss the results of the Phase IA and recommendations for additional investigations.	Ms. Rainbow Chavis, Cultural Resources Director for the Shinnecock Indian Nation, responded to the email asking COSW to add Ms. Rachel Valdez, the Shinnecock Nation THPO, to this and all future communications and provided an email. COSW responded to Ms. Chavis acknowledging we had received her email and apologized for not including the Shinnecock Indian Nation THPO on the original message. COSW email Ms. Valdez at the email provided, apologized for not including her office on the original message, provided the original transmittal email and Phase IA report, and committed to including her office on all future communications. COSW did not receive responses from Ms. Chavis or Ms. Valdez. COSW did not receive responses from any of the other Tribes/Tribal Nations.
Community Offshore Wind 2024 Geoarchaeological Investigations Information Packet	Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Delaware Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, Narragansett Indian Tribe, Shinnecock Indian Nation, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)	COSW emailed representatives of Tribes/Tribal Nations to share a PDF document providing more detailed information about geoarchaeological investigation coring activities that would be sampled during the 2024 geoarchaeological campaign. This information was shared as a follow-up to the March 2024 Geotechnical Campaign pre-survey meeting. In addition to providing the document, COSW offered to hold a virtual meeting with representatives from the Tribes/Tribal Nations to review the geoarchaeological survey document, answer questions, and listen to recommendations.	COSW did not receive responses from the Tribes/Tribal Nations in response to the offer of a meeting.
Invitation for Tribes/Tribal Nations to view and/or visit geotechnical core processing	Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Delaware Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, Narragansett Indian Tribe, Shinnecock Indian Nation, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)	On behalf of COSW, SEARCH emailed representatives from Tribes/Tribal Nations inviting them to observe and/or visit geotechnical core processing at Rutgers IODP Core Repository, Rutgers University from July 24 – August 1, 2024. The email included a link to an internet-based livestream of the core processing as well as an invitation to coordinate a visit to observe the core processing in person. The email also notified the Tribes/Tribal Nations that a second round of core processing would occur at the same location in early September 2024 for which a future notification will be provided.	The Shinnecock Indian Nation THPO responded to the email notification thanking COSW for the invitation and committed to contacting COSW if any Tribal citizens wished to attend. The Shinnecock Indian Nation Cultural Resources department also responded, acknowledging they had received the invitation. No other Tribes/Tribal Nations responded to the invitation, and the Shinnecock Indian Nation did not follow up to set up a visit. None of the invited Tribes/Tribal Nations accessed the livestream to observe the core processing activities.
Invitation for Tribes/Tribal Nations to view and/or visit the second round of geotechnical core processing	Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Delaware Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, Narragansett Indian Tribe, Shinnecock Indian Nation, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)	On behalf of COSW, SEARCH emailed representatives from Tribes/Tribal Nations inviting them to observe and/or visit geotechnical core processing at Rutgers IODP Core Repository, Rutgers University beginning on August 16, 2024. The email included a link to an internet-based livestream of the core processing as well as an invitation to coordinate a visit to observe the core processing in person.	Ms. Bettina Washington, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) THPO, responded and requested that SEARCH add Adahy Gonsalves, the Tribe's TCRM, to the email invitation. SEARCH forwarded the invitation to Adahy Gonsalves, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah). SEARCH did not receive a response from Adahy Gonsalves. None of the other Tribes/Tribal Nations responded to the invitation. None of the invited Tribes/ Tribal Nations accessed the livestream to observe the core processing activities.

Notes:
 COSW = Community Offshore Wind
 IODP = International Ocean Discovery Program
 TCRM = Tribal Cultural Resources Manager
 THPO = Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

2.2 Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Tribes/Tribal Nations Interests

Tribes and Tribal Nations have previously expressed concerns to COSW about the limited time they typically have to review offshore wind project COPs and associated studies during BOEM's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) reviews. They have repeatedly requested that offshore wind project developers provide them with an opportunity to review and comment on COP supporting study reports and offer feedback well before BOEM initiates its NEPA and NHPA reviews. Tribes and Tribal Nations believe that receiving these documents earlier and holding virtual or face-to-face meetings with Tribal representatives, offshore wind developers, and the developers' technical consultants to discuss study results will help address their capacity issues. Accordingly, COSW plans to share COP supporting studies with Tribes and Tribal Nations concurrently with submitting the studies to BOEM.

2.3 Tribes/Tribal Nations Feedback on Export Cable Planning

COSW is still considering several export cable routes to connect the wind farm into the electric grid. As the routes were not at a stage to share, COSW was unable to share them with the Tribes/Tribal Nations during the reporting period to solicit feedback and recommendations from the Tribes/Tribal Nations. As cable routes, landfall sites, and grid connection points are identified, COSW will share information with the Tribes/Tribal Nations and solicit feedback.

2.4 Anticipated or Scheduled Tribes/Tribal Nations Engagement Activities

During the next reporting period, COSW anticipates the following engagement:

- Coordinating with Tribes/Tribal Nations to identify COP studies of interest to them;
- Provide a timeline for sharing study results prior to BOEM initiating NEPA and NHPA reviews;
- Provide the Tribes/Tribal Nations with COP study reports; and schedule virtual and/or face-to-face meetings with Tribes/Tribal Nations to review study results; and
- Solicit feedback/recommendations from Tribes/Tribal Nations.

3 Engagement with Potentially Affected Parties

COSW believes that coordination and engagement with all stakeholders is crucial to the success of an offshore wind project and is committed to an “early and often” approach to help ensure that the Project is developed in an environmentally, socially, and culturally sustainable manner for all. Starting prior to the effective date of Lease OCS-A 0539, COSW began to identify and engage with various types of stakeholders, identified as potentially interested in or affected by offshore wind and the Project. In support of the stakeholder engagement strategy, a list of stakeholders which are potentially applicable to the development, construction, and operations of an offshore wind farm in the New York Bight (NYB) was developed and can be found in Appendix A. This list is intended to be a “living” document and will be updated throughout the process, as additional stakeholders are identified.

COSW has continued to reach out to stakeholders to introduce the Project and Project team, to provide an overview of the Project, and to solicit feedback. A summary of the engagement activities held with Commercial and Recreational Fisheries, Maritime, and other marine users is provided in Section 3.1, a summary of agency engagement presented in Section 3.2, and a summary of other stakeholder engagement presented in Section 3.3.

3.1 Summary of Commercial and Recreational Fisheries, Maritime, and Other Marine Users Engagement Activities

3.1.1 Overall Engagement Progress Since Last Report

Since the submittal of the previous Progress Report dated April 30, 2024, COSW had 128 direct engagements with fishery participants and stakeholders, as well as other maritime users. COSW also increased capacity during this reporting period with the addition of a marine affairs liaison (see Appendix B, Table B-1). Engagements focused on development of the Project’s fisheries monitoring and research programs, coordination and accommodation of fishing, maritime, and other marine user activities with the Project’s survey operations, and development of the Project and the project design envelope (PDE) as it relates to these stakeholders. The team continues to take a broad approach to engagement with a full range of potentially interested parties as detailed in Table 2. Engagement strategies included in-person meetings, text messages, phone and video calls, information distribution, small group meetings, large group virtual and in-person meetings and presentations, as well as attendance at research symposia, regional trade shows and industry forums.

COSW’s two Fisheries Technical Advisors/Fisheries Representatives continue to play an important role in engaging with and communicating the concerns and perspectives of their respective fisheries to the Project and had an additional 290 direct engagements during the reporting period. Members of the Project team also virtually attended various regional fishery management council and other fisheries-related meetings to maintain awareness of issues of importance to fisheries participants and stakeholders.

COSW is aware of the engagement burden on fisheries participants and fisheries, maritime, and other marine stakeholders. The COSW team continues to balance the frequency of repeated outreach to individuals and groups with the need to understand and accurately convey fisheries, maritime, and other marine use characteristics, operations, and perspectives to the larger Project team, as well as

promote coordination between these stakeholders and site investigation activities. Exploring efficient and effective communication methods will remain a focus of our conversations throughout the lifetime of the Project.

COSW continues to participate with other developers in the NYB Fisheries Coordination Work Group, a sub-group of the American Clean Power Association (ACP) Fisheries Subcommittee. Together, this group is actively working to develop approaches for coordinated engagement and outreach to fisheries participants, managers, and agencies to promote efficient and effective engagement. The work group has continued initial discussions regarding monitoring program development, focusing on lessons learned from projects that are more mature. Recently, the group has been exploring questions related to regional monitoring, such as the challenges of permitting regional approaches, and whether such efforts might complement federal fisheries survey mitigation. COSW is also a member of ACP's Maritime Subcommittee, which meets regularly to discuss issues related to navigation, safety, and other maritime uses.

COSW and several other NYB fisheries work group developers continue to include one another's fisheries liaisons in electronic distribution of fisheries and mariners' notices to help improve coordination and awareness of adjacent survey operations, as well as fixed gear locations that fishermen have given permission to share among developers. Recently, some work group members have included in their notices information on locations of acoustic receiver deployments within lease areas by regional research programs. This is intended to promote awareness of these research efforts, particularly among mobile gear fleets.

COSW also participates in the ACP Association's Fisheries Subcommittee biweekly virtual meetings, which serve as a broader forum for discussion and coordination on fisheries topics relevant to multiple regions. Additionally, COSW is an active participant in a recently-convened work group of the Fisheries Subcommittee focused on improving recreational fisheries engagement.

COSW has continued active participation as the first offshore wind developer to join the membership of the Science Center for Marine Fisheries, a National Science Foundation Industry/University Cooperative Research Center. The goal of this collaborative is to provide academic research products that address scientific needs and enhance fisheries management through engagement with industry partners. COSW is currently sponsoring a project exploring the costs, logistical constraints, and policy implications of surfclam hatchery and nursery siting. The team participates in monthly planning calls. COSW has continued working with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) to advance the objectives of their joint Cooperative Research and Development Agreement through regular meetings to identify monitoring priorities and research questions that will support important elements of the NOAA Fisheries/BOEM Federal Survey Mitigation Strategy.

A summary of the engagement activities held with commercial and recreational fisheries participants and fisheries, maritime, and other marine stakeholders is provided in Table 2, below. Please note that the majority of engagement activities cover multiple topics and do not have a single focus.

3.1.2 Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Parties

COSW continues to discuss potential Project effects raised by fisheries participants and fisheries, maritime, and other marine stakeholders during this reporting period:

- **Ecological:** Potential effects of repeated and geographically overlapping survey activities on fish and invertebrate behavior/movement, potential effects of construction and operation on fisheries habitats and structure-oriented species, effects of construction on fisheries-independent resource surveys, and opportunities to mitigate those effects.
- **Safety and Navigation:** Potential effects of turbine spacing and orientation, cable burial, and radar clutter on operation of commercial and recreational fisheries within and transits through the Lease Area, effects on United States (US) Coast Guard (USCG) Search and Rescue operations, effects on maritime transit, and strategies for mitigation.
- **Access and Economics:** Ability of recreational and commercial vessels to fish within the Lease Area during and post-construction, potential social and economic effects of Project development on fishing communities and methods to track those effects, and equitable eligibility across fishing sectors for regional compensation programs.

The Project team continues to integrate fisheries participant and stakeholder feedback into the overall Project development and is actively working to incorporate concerns identified during this and previous reporting periods into Project design and development.

3.1.3 Feedback from Parties on Export Cable Planning

COSW continued the development of the export cable routing required to connect the wind farm into the electric grid. The Project team has incorporated local knowledge of important fishing areas and fisheries habitats from engagements with area fishing captains into the export cable planning process. COSW has conducted outreach to subsea cable owners with assets in the offshore export cable planning area and engaged port authorities, pilot associations, and other maritime users in the nearshore export cable planning area to identify concerns and inform development and future construction of export cable routes.

Table 2 Engagement with Commercial and Recreational Fisheries Participants and Stakeholders During Reporting Period^a

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, and Outcomes
Planned survey activities within Lease Area and potential export cable corridors	<u>All Parties</u> Commercial and Recreational fisheries participants and stakeholders; academic and research institutions and programs; state and federal agencies; resource survey managers; fisheries liaisons and representatives; regional fishery management councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic distribution of fisheries notices and Lease Area maps. • Direct communication regarding seasonal patterns of commercial mobile and fixed-gear fishing operations and transits, seasonal and port-specific for-hire and private recreational fishing/transit patterns, and potential overlap with survey activities. • Direct coordination with resource survey managers and communication with researchers and agency staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates to contact list for distribution of future fisheries notices and coordination of fishing and survey activities. • Provided information on potential overlap of commercial and for-hire fishing activities and transits to survey crew and scientific party during survey campaign kickoff meetings and daily briefings. • Communications with fisheries resource survey managers to coordinate any co-occurring operations.
Navigational safety and recreational use Fisheries research and monitoring	<u>Recreational</u> Recreational fishermen; tackle or recreational industry; charter/for-hire fishermen; recreational fishing association	Direct communication and/or discussion of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreational fisheries use of lease area, including fishing and transit patterns. Lack of spatially-explicit recreational fisheries data and recent research efforts to address using existing data sets and local knowledge. • Navigational safety concerns (e.g. radar clutter, nighttime navigation, transit times, autopilot use) and potential fishery accommodations (e.g., AIS on turbines, lighting, turbine orientation/layout, transit lanes, turbine locations on chart plotters). • Effects of turbines and export cables on distribution and movement of important recreational species and options to track changes (e.g., acoustic telemetry, conventional tagging). • Broad focus areas for project research and monitoring framework, and specific questions regarding effects of different scour protection materials, evaluation of reef effect of turbines, and protected species detection. • Role of BSEE in enforcement of permit conditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate feedback on navigational safety into Project and COP development. • Incorporate feedback regarding research questions and recreational data needs into development of Project’s fisheries monitoring and research plan.
Fishery-specific coordination of survey operations with fisheries Navigational safety and fishery accommodations Fisheries research and monitoring	<u>Commercial</u> Commercial fishermen; fleet owners/managers; fishing associations; seafood processors	Direct communication and discussion of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns regarding potential effects of survey activities on fish movement and catch rates, and ability of vessels to continue operating within lease area. • Location and timing of geotechnical survey operations along potential export cable routes and coordination with lobster and gillnet fishermen. • Navigational safety considerations and concerns (e.g., turbine spacing, cable burial depth, seabed movement, prevailing wind patterns relative to turbine orientation) and potential fishery accommodations (e.g., AIS on turbines, transit lanes, turbine orientation/layout, cable burial monitoring). • Opportunities for commercial industry participation in offshore wind support services and collaborative research and monitoring efforts. • Review of broad focus areas for project research and monitoring framework, and opportunities for fishermen to participate in future research and monitoring efforts. • Development of a comprehensive regional fisheries compensatory mitigation fund. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated feedback on seasonality and location of lobster and gillnet fleet activities into survey operations planning. • Provided area-specific GPS coordinates to fishermen to promote accommodation and coordination of survey and fishing activities. • Incorporate feedback on navigational safety into Project and COP development. • Integrate roles for industry into ongoing development of monitoring and research programs. Participate in regional initiatives to co-develop research ideas with industry. Continue to support development of Project’s vessel assurance process.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, and Outcomes
<p>Monitoring and research plan development</p> <p>Federal survey mitigation</p> <p>Regional fisheries compensation</p> <p>Navigational safety and fishery accommodations</p>	<p>State and federal agencies</p>	<p>Regular calls and other meetings with agency staff to share information and discuss topics including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site investigation activity updates. • Federal fisheries survey mitigation plans and potential for development of regional mechanism to coordinate mitigation across projects/developers. • Objectives and priorities for Project’s monitoring and research plan, potential survey technology/methods, and integration with federal survey mitigation strategies. • Socioeconomic effects of offshore wind development and approaches to monitoring. • Project-specific and regional/programmatic approaches to permitting for fisheries monitoring, relative to protected species considerations. • Regional fisheries compensation fund development and administration, and roles for commercial and recreational industry participation during implementation. • Regional research and monitoring funding priorities, opportunities to update existing information and fill data gaps. • Federal suitability analysis tool used by BOEM in evaluation of areas for future offshore wind development. • Review of project design elements relevant to navigational safety and layout, potential fishery accommodations to address industry concerns, and approaches to stakeholder engagement on the issue. • Use of existing federal survey datasets to inform benthic characterization. • Participation in collaboration efforts supported by states like NYSERDA’s F-TWG meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration of feedback into ongoing development and permitting of Project’s fishery resource monitoring and research programs. • Continued exploration of both regional fisheries monitoring opportunities and regional mechanisms for federal survey mitigation with other developers. • Continued participation in regional fisheries compensation fund development through ACP Fisheries Subcommittee. • Incorporate feedback on navigational safety into COP development and vetting of Project layout options. • Engaged with area researchers to encourage development of proposals for agency-administered regional funding opportunities.
<p>Existing monitoring approaches, research, and extension initiatives</p> <p>Monitoring plan design, methods, and tools</p> <p>Federal survey mitigation</p> <p>Opportunities for collaboration and partnerships</p>	<p>Academic or research institutions and programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in working group and advisory body meetings of regional research collaboratives (Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative, ROSA). Discussed evolution of regional monitoring guidance, development of ROSA’s Fish FORWRD database to categorize and track fisheries-related offshore wind research and monitoring, and summer intern projects. • Discussed analysis of potential increases in vessel traffic due to offshore wind development, research regarding aquaculture and offshore wind coexistence. • Discussed existing offshore wind monitoring methods to evaluate shellfish resources, regional applicability, and options for COSW Project area. • Discussed status of existing non-extractive monitoring methods and advances in technology, opportunities for instrumentation of offshore wind structures for ecological monitoring, • Discussed design and permitting of monitoring plans, ability of programs to detect change, challenges in identification of control sites. • Discussed socioeconomic monitoring guidance, development of approaches/metrics to evaluate effects of offshore wind development on fishing communities. • Discussed federal fisheries survey mitigation potential for project and/or regional monitoring to contribute to federal survey mitigation including potential regional strategies for monitoring efforts among developers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate feedback from discussions into ongoing development of COSW monitoring and research programs. Schedule follow up conversations with potential research and monitoring partners. • Continued exploration and development of future collaborative opportunities with commercial and recreational fishing industries. • Consideration of SCMFIS proposals for future funding at annual Industry Advisory Board meeting.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, and Outcomes
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed ongoing offshore wind collaborative research initiatives, potential for expansion across projects, and opportunities for future partnerships. • Discussed advances in marine mammal and protected species detection/monitoring, drivers of large whale strandings. • Participated in regular meetings of SCEMFIS industry/university research cooperative. Coordinated with primary investigator regarding progress of current COSW-supported shellfish project. • Discussed partnership support for regional seafood marketing initiatives. 	
Offshore wind-related research and monitoring;	Regional fishery management council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated with MAFMC staff regarding offshore wind regional research and monitoring topics and programs of potential interest to the Council and the Council's SSC during scheduled offshore wind sessions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion of NJ Research and Monitoring Initiative, ROSA Fish FORWRD presentations on MAFMC Scientific and Statistical Committee September 2024 meeting Offshore Wind Session. • Inclusion of NJ Research and Monitoring Initiative presentation October 2024 MAFMC meeting agenda during offshore wind updates session.
Survey activities Navigational safety and fishery accommodations Monitoring and research plan development	Fisheries liaisons; fisheries representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team calls to discuss survey activities and Project development. Discussed industry feedback and concerns on offshore wind development and Vineyard Wind blade incident. • Discussed general fishery conditions and operations, upcoming management actions, status of scallop fishery after NYB reopening and potential outlook for industry in 2025. • Review of navigational safety, layout design elements, and potential fishery accommodations to address concerns. • Discussion of research and monitoring approaches and methods, review of Project's draft research themes and priorities, and opportunities for industry participation and collaboration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporation and communication of feedback to Project site investigation team and survey crews. • Incorporate feedback on navigational safety into Project and COP development. • Integrate feedback into ongoing development of Project's research and monitoring plan, and roles for industry. Continue to support development of Project's vessel assurance process.
Navigational safety and project design elements Cable routing and burial	Marine commercial operators; subsea cable asset owners; pilots associations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed navigational safety, layout design elements and potential fishery accommodations. • Discussed cable routing relative to existing shipping lanes and transit fairways, concerns regarding burial depths, practices for deconflicting cable-laying activities during construction. • Discussed concerns regarding radar clutter and electro-magnetic fields. • Discussed identification of cable assets, and coordination during survey activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate feedback into Project and COP development. • Developed mapping resources to illustrate cable routing constraints and considerations. • Provided information on existing National Academies study on offshore wind impacts on marine radar.
Federal Survey Mitigation Implementation Strategy Peer Review Workshop	Federal agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person attendance at three-day peer review (May 22-25, 2024) of draft federal survey mitigation plans for Northeast Fisheries Science Center surveys • Discussed draft survey mitigation plans with other attendees and opportunities for developers to contribute to the effort. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate feedback from peer-reviewers into development of Project's monitoring and research plan. • Share peer review panelist perspectives with other developers.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, and Outcomes
ICES WGOWF	Federal agencies; academic or research institutions and programs; developers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance at annual meeting of ICES working group as member. Discussed fisheries interactions with offshore wind and methods to mitigate impacts of offshore wind, assess habitat effects, review data gaps, and identify opportunities for cross-cutting communication within ICES. Evaluate regional impacts on fishery operations and communities from offshore wind. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider and incorporate international research findings into development of Project’s fisheries research and monitoring program. Integrate feedback into Project’s participation in U.S. regional research entities (e.g., ROSA, RWSC) and working groups (e.g., NYSERDA F-TWG).
NYSERDA State of the Science Workshop	State and federal agencies; academic or research institutions and programs; commercial fishery participants and stakeholders; developers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance at three-day workshop hosted by NYSERDA focused on research specific to offshore wind, and special sessions dedicated to fisheries research and monitoring. Participated in ROSA-facilitated invitation only workshop on surfclam stock enhancement with industry representatives. Team member served on panel focused on regional fisheries monitoring coordination and evolution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration and integration of research results and panel discussions into ongoing development of Project’s research and monitoring plan. Communication with other developers regarding workshop information and feedback.
American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting 2024	Academic or research institutions and programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in two-day session on Offshore Wind, Fish, and Fisheries – Emerging Knowledge and Applications. Presented three talks focused on incorporating fisher concerns in the development of offshore wind, advancing regional science through an ecosystem approach, and planning for successful biodiversity outcomes. Discussed federal fisheries survey mitigation planning and implementation, including analytical approaches and alternative (and non-extractive) survey methods and potential for integration with existing surveys. Discussed potential socioeconomic and ecological effects of offshore wind development with researchers and policymakers. Discussed offshore wind development in other regions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration of non-extractive methods and federal survey mitigation approaches in development of research and monitoring plan. Follow-up discussions with researchers regarding implementation and coordination of various survey and monitoring methods and associated logistics.

Notes:

^a The engagement activities listed within this table are from May 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024. The next Progress Report will include engagement activities from October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.

ACP = American Clean Power Association
 AIS = Automatic Identification System
 BSEE = Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
 BOEM = Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
 COP = Construction and Operations Plan
 COSW = Community Offshore Wind
 F-TWG = Fisheries Technical Working Group

GPS = global positioning system
 ICES = International Council for Exploration of the Sea
 MAFMC = Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
 NJ = New Jersey
 NY = New York
 NYB = New York Bight
 NYSERDA = New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

ROSA = Responsible Offshore Science Alliance
 RWSC = Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative
 SCEMFIS = Science Center for Marine Fisheries
 SSC = Scientific and Statistical Committee
 WGOWF = (ICES) Working Group on Offshore Wind and Fisheries

3.1.4 Anticipated or Scheduled Engagement Activities

During the next reporting period, COSW anticipates the following engagement:

- COSW will continue outreach and coordination regarding future survey activities with fisheries stakeholders and participants, fisheries survey coordinators, fishery managers, subsea asset owners, maritime industry operators, and the USCG, as the Project continues offshore export cable planning and lease area development.
- COSW will continue to participate in the NYB fisheries workgroup and the recreational work group of the industry trade association to increase coordination among lessees, which will enable more efficient engagement opportunities for stakeholders.
- COSW will continue to develop monitoring and research programs in collaboration with academic and research institutions and state and federal fisheries agency partners, that includes exploration of coordinated regional monitoring and federal survey mitigation approaches with other developers and development of opportunities for interested fisheries participants.
- COSW will continue to engage with other developers and representatives of the commercial and recreational fishing industries to improve coordination and communication.
- COSW will continue to support development of a comprehensive regional fisheries compensatory mitigation fund through its participation in the ACP Fisheries Subcommittee and other relevant entities.
- COSW plans to attend the Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society Mid-Atlantic Chapter, ACP's annual WINDPOWER conference, the Science Center for Marine Fisheries Semi-annual Industry Advisory Board meeting, the Oceanic Network's International Partnership Forum, NOAA Fisheries Cooperative Research Summit, upcoming trade shows, fishing tournaments, and regional research symposia as appropriate.

3.2 **Summary of Agency Engagement Activities**

3.2.1 Overall Engagement Progress Since Last Report

Since the submittal of the previous Progress Report dated April 30, 2024, COSW held two inter-agency meetings, which provided an opportunity for the agencies to hear from the Project team, receive an update on the Project, to provide any important information, and to provide feedback and recommendations. This meeting was intended to supplement regular engagement with individual agencies.

COSW also held a series of meeting with federal and state agencies to solicit feedback and recommendations on the methodologies and preliminary results of various assessments being done in support of the COP, in addition to offshore export cable routing. COSW also regularly engaged with BOEM, meeting on an as-needed basis.

A summary of the engagement activities held with agencies is provided in Table 3, below.

Table 3 Engagement with Agencies During Reporting Period

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, and Outcomes
Regular Meetings held with BOEM	BOEM	Regularly scheduled meetings were held with BOEM to discuss the development of the Lease Area and relevant Lease Stipulations. Specifically, COSW discussed the status of the communications plans, survey plans, COP strategy, NOI checklist, anticipated Project timeline, and the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, among other items.	COSW to continue providing BOEM with regular Project updates.
Cable Routing Update Meetings	BOEM, USCG, UCACE, NOAA Fisheries, NYSDPS, NYSDEC, NYSDOS	COSW provided updates on COP strategy and project design envelope including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cable routing; • offshore converter station/mesh offshore substation configuration; • routing avoidance; • landfall locations; • lease area layout/spacing; • cable burial/collocation; and • HARS disposal site designation process and status. 	COSW to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • confer with their technical team what buffer from HARS disposal sites around the offshore cable routes would be. • share export cable routing data with agencies.
OCS Air Permitting	BOEM, USEPA, USFWS	Discussed Project overview, air impact analysis protocol, and other items relevant to OCS air permitting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COSW to schedule a follow-up meeting with USEPA on prognostic data for metocean sources.
Biannual Interagency Meeting	BOEM, NOAA, NPS, USACE, USCG, USEPA, USFWS, NJDEP, NYSDEC, NYSDOS, NYSDOT, NYSDPS	COSW shared an update on the COSW Project, including COP submittal strategy and schedule, activities completed since last biannual interagency meeting, upcoming Project activities, PDE updates, survey updates, and fisheries engagement updates, per BOEM’s NOI Checklist requirements.	COSW to coordinate with NOAA Fisheries and BOEM on a follow-up call to discuss design and cable routing. (Follow-up call held on July 1, 2024.)
Project Overview/Introductory Meeting	New York City Department of City Planning	COSW introduced the Project and discussed concerns about the New York City Waterfront Revitalization Program.	No action items from this meeting.
Benthic Results Meeting	BOEM, NOAA Fisheries	Discussed Project update and shared benthic mapper results/overview.	No action items from this meeting.
Introductory Meeting	USCG Headquarters Office of Navigation	Discussed offshore wind and built relationships to support follow-up project-specific discussions with the COSW team.	COSW to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss a way forward regarding AIS development/testing. • follow up with USCG for spatial orientation requirements. • communicate with project-specific colleagues as needed.
Terrestrial Archaeological Resources Assessment/Historic Resources Visual Effects Analysis	BOEM	Discussed streamlined approach to providing the required historic resources reporting for non-eligible resources to SHPOs. With hundreds of resources in New York and New Jersey, COSW is suggesting to present the required information for non-eligible resources in tabular form, and individual narratives can be provided upon request.	No action items from this meeting.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, and Outcomes
Introductory and NSRA	USCG Districts 1 and 5 WWM Divisions	Introduced D1 WWM to the COSW Project and got their feedback while also noting any changes between the current COP strategy and where the strategy resided when the NSRA was compiled for their informal review.	COSW to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide D1 with a large-scale chart with cable survey routes going into D1 waters. • Provide an indicative project timeline to D1/5. • Provide updated shapefile of Lease Area layout.
Interagency Project Meeting	BOEM, BSEE, NJBPU, NJDEP, NOAA, NPS, NY Parks, NYSDEC, NYSDOS, NYSDPS, USACE, USCG, USEPA, USFWS	COSW shared an update on the COSW Project, including COP submittal strategy and filing schedule, PDE updates and phased development approach, activities completed since the June 2024 biannual interagency meeting, upcoming Project activities.	COSW to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • schedule a follow-up meeting with NOAA Fisheries to discuss MMPA LOA consultation. • schedule a follow-up meeting with NPS to discuss National Historic Landmarks and Land and Water Conservation Fund Sites in proximity to the proposed Project. • schedule a follow-up meeting with NJDEP to discuss permitting timelines.

Notes:

BOEM = Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
 BSEE = Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
 COP = Construction and Operations Plan
 COSW = Community Offshore Wind
 District = D
 LOA = Letter of Authorization
 MMPA = Marine Mammal Protection Act
 NOAA = National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration

NOI = Notice of Intent
 NJBPU = New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
 NJDEP = New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
 NPS = National Park Service
 NY = New York
 NYSDEC = New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
 NYSDOS = New York State Department of State
 NYSDOT = New York State Department of Transportation

NYSDPS = New York State Department of Public Service
 PDE = project design envelope
 POI = point-of-interconnection
 USACE = United States Army Corps of Engineers
 USCG = United States Coast Guard
 USEPA = United States Environmental Protection Agency
 USFWS = United States Fish and Wildlife Service
 WWM = Waterways Management

3.2.2 Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Parties

Potential effects related to the Project or Project activities were not raised by agencies for COSW consideration during this reporting period. Potential effects discussed as it relates to the Project export cable routing are discussed in Section 3.2.3, below.

3.2.3 Feedback from Parties on Export Cable Planning

COSW continued the development of the Project wind farm layouts and export cable routing. Individual agency meetings were held to review wind farm layouts and export cable routing and receive feedback. Feedback included:

- As practicable and feasible, maintain two lines of orientation at the wind farms. Micrositing due to existing subsea cables will cause slight deviations from straight lines in some circumstances;
- Coordinate with mariners and the Department of Sanitation and Transfer Station regarding horizontal directional drilling at landfall;
- Coordinate with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) about the NY Harbor deepening project which will be occurring at a similar timeframe as the COSW Project;
- USACE encouraged COSW to discuss with the US Environmental Protection Agency the Historic Area Remediation Site nearing capacity dredge material;
- NY State Department of Environmental Conservation indicated that their preference would be that, where possible, there is no sand wave leveling; and
- NY State Department of State indicated that the alternatives analysis is a critical item in their review and suggested that COSW document as much detail as possible from previous engagements, consultations, surveys, etc. in the routing analysis, especially in regard to collocating the offshore export cables.

Where applicable, feedback was incorporated into the WF layout and offshore export cable routing. Updating routing will be shared with the agencies when available to provide an overview of the changes made and to solicit further review and feedback.

3.2.4 Anticipated or Scheduled Engagement Activities

During the next reporting period, COSW anticipates the following engagement:

- COSW will continue to meet regularly with BOEM to provide Project updates.
- COSW will host a regular bi-annual inter-agency meeting in December 2024 to provide a general update on the Project.
- COSW will continue engagement with the agencies on the offshore export cable routing, to solicit feedback and recommendations.

- COSW will continue engagement with the agencies to discuss protocols and methodologies for resource assessments to be developed in support of the COP.

3.3 Summary of Other Stakeholder Engagement Activities

As noted in Lease Stipulation 3.1.1, COSW also engaged with other stakeholder parties that may be potentially affected by Project activities on the OCS, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Coastal communities;
- Educational and research institutions;
- Environmental and public interest non-governmental organizations;
- Ocean users;
- Submarine cable operators; and
- Underserved communities, as defined in Section 2 of Executive Order 13985.

3.3.1 Overall Engagement Progress Since Last Report

COSW has continued outreach to a variety of stakeholders across our Project geography. Engagement strategies included in-person meetings, phone and video calls, information distribution, small group meetings, large group virtual and in-person presentations with multiple participants, as well as attendance at events, trade shows, and tours of stakeholder facilities. The Project team continues to take a broad approach to engagement with stakeholders in order to meet them where they are, leveraging opportunities for sponsorship and participation in local workforce and labor, environmental, educational, community, business and industry, and volunteerism events.

A summary of the engagement activities held with stakeholders is provided in Table 4, below. The primary focus of most meetings is to introduce COSW and provide regular updates on our progress.

3.3.2 Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Parties

COSW has identified several categories of potential Project effects raised by stakeholders:

- **Ecological:** Potential effects of cable electromagnetic field; effects of survey equipment and construction on marine wildlife.
- **Workforce:** Raised the need for wraparound services to support workforce development, and access to job and contract opportunities, including for the justice-involved and formerly incarcerated.
- **Traffic:** Raised concerns over the impacts to traffic during onshore construction associated with offshore wind projects.

Table 4 Engagement with Other Parties During Reporting Period

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Date(s)	Role / Purpose	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, and Outcomes
Nontraditional Employment for Women – Luncheon	May 1, 2024	Sponsor	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
Innovation Day with BK Cyclones	May 2, 2024	Sponsor and booth	Engaged with students	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
Brooklyn Public Library Kick-off Event	May 3, 2024	Donated books to NYCHA residents	Engaged with residents	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
NYLCV Gala at Pier 60	May 6, 2024	Sponsor	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
A Taste of Hope Gala sponsor Prince George Ballroom	May 14, 2024	Sponsor	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
NYC Immersion Week VR – City College	May 15, 2024	Sponsor	Engaged students	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
RETI Mussel party	May 16, 2024	Sponsor	Donated tickets to stakeholders	Continuing conversations and engagements with RETI Center
Island Beach State Park with the Veteran Beginners Surf Fishing	May 18, 2024	Donated food and sling bags to veterans	Donation	Continuing conversations with NJDEP

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Date(s)	Role / Purpose	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, and Outcomes
Waterfront Alliance Corporate Council Breakfast and Conference at Museum of Jewish Heritage	May 21, 2024	Sponsor and panel speaker	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
What's Brewin Offshore Strong Rope Brewery	May 29, 2024	Sponsor	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
Minority Millennials Summit – Nassau Coliseum	May 31, 2024	Sponsor and panel speaker	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
Brooklyn Pride opening ceremony	June 3, 2024	Sponsor	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
RETI Center volunteer event	June 5, 2024	RWE leadership volunteer event	Volunteer event	Continuing conversation with RETI Center/ HSE discussions to improve safety at RETI
New Jersey League of Conservation Voters Gala	June 10, 2024	Sponsor with a table of eight	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
WCS Gala at the Central Park Zoo	June 12, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversation with WCS
Brooklyn Greenway Gala	June 12, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversation with BK Greenway
BWI – BK Workforce Innovation Spring Celebration event	June 13, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversation with interested attendees

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Date(s)	Role / Purpose	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, and Outcomes
AACCNJ Black Business Expo	June 13, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
Global Wind Day with the Sierra Club in NJ at Liberty State Park Jersey City	June 15, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
Donated 100 Hygiene packs to United Way of Monmouth & Ocean County for Day of Action	June 17, 2024	Donation	Donation	Continuing engagements with United Way
NYSERDA Open House at Jones Beach Energy Center	June 18, 2024	Booth	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
BK Chamber Energy Summit	June 20, 2024	Sponsor and table	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
Night for Nature at The View at Battery Park Natural Areas Conservancy	June 25, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
Joseph Shimko Foundation – fundraiser for autism in NJ	July 11, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
Waterfront Alliance City of Water Day Events with Red Hook Museum and Perth Amboy Library	July 13, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversation with interested attendees

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Date(s)	Role / Purpose	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, and Outcomes
NYSERDA workshop State of the Science 2024 at Stony Brook	July 16, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
Whymaker Educators Institute NYC	July 18, 2024	Panel speaker	Engaged teachers	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
Summer Youth at Stony Brook - SBU Taste of the Trades	July 24, 2024	speaker	Engaged students	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
Whymaker educators Institute Northland – Buffalo	July 25, 2024	Panel speaker	Engaged teachers	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
LIA Golf Classic honoring John R. Durso, President of the Long Island Federation of Labor	July 29, 2024	Two tickets to attend reception	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
Southampton Library NYSERDA Open House	July 31, 2024	Booth	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Community Day – at Stony Brook University Research and Development	August 1, 2024	Booth	Engaged students	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
Tools and Tiaras Camp at NEW Center in Brooklyn	August 5, 2024	Sponsor	Engaged students	Continuing conversation with Tools and Tiaras

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Date(s)	Role / Purpose	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, and Outcomes
National Night Out 1. Linden Walt Park 2. BK Bridge Pier5 with Borough President 3. Hempstead	August 6, 2024	Sponsor	Engaged residents	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
Salvadori tour at NYCHA Penn-Wortman Houses (895 Pennsylvania Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11207)	August 8, 2024	Toured program	Engaged students and organization to learn more about their STEM work	Continuing conversation with interested attendees
Sent kids to Brielle for a fishing trip from ATAP at Bogans Bay	August 15, 2024	Sponsor	Engaged students	Continuing conversation with ATAP
MLK fundraiser brunch	August 17, 2024	Attendee	Engaged residents	Continuing conversation with MLK Center
Dropped off school supply donation to Lincoln Orens in Island Park	August 20, 2024	Donated 200 school supply kits to students in need	Engaged teachers	Continuing conversation with Island Park schools
MLK fishing trip	August 21, 2024	Sent kids from the MLK Center fishing in Freeport	Engaged students while on trip	Continuing conversation with MLK
Operation Splash volunteer event	August 29, 2024	Volunteer event	Bay clean-up	Continuing conversations with Operation Splash
School supplies donation event	August 29, 2024	Donated 100 school supply kits to students in need	Donation	Continuing conversations with Ironbound

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Date(s)	Role / Purpose	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, and Outcomes
Perth Amboy school supply donation drop off at Alexander F. Jankowski Community	August 30, 2024	Donated 100 school supply kits to students in need	Donation	Continuing conversations with Perth Amboy
MLK Center school supply drop off	August 30, 2024	Donated 100 school supply kits to students in need	Donation	Continuing conversation with MLK
BK Bridge Parents Back to School event	September 15, 2024	title sponsor BK Heights	Engaged residents	Continuing conversations with interested attendees
ACE NY Albany Capital Center in Albany, New York	September 16-17, 2024	Booth and sponsor	Engaged attendees	Continuing conversations with interested attendees
Seafood donations to Island Harvest and City Harvest	September 18, 2024	Donated fresh local seafood to those in need	Donation	Continuing engagement with both groups
Q3 Waterfront Alliance Corporate Council Breakfast	September 19, 2024	Attendee	Engaged attendees & provided input	Continuing conversations with Waterfront Alliance and members
Circulo seafood donation event	September 19, 2024	Donated fresh local seafood to those in need	Donation	Continuing engagement with Circulo
AMSEAS Annual Night at the Ocean	September 19, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing engagement with AMSEAS
NYCHA RH Farms seafood donation event	September 20, 2024	Donated fresh local seafood to those in need	Donation	Continuing engagement with RH Farms

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Date(s)	Role / Purpose	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, and Outcomes
Summit	September 19-20, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing engagement with BGI
Newark Greenfest Event – Nat Turner Park	September 21, 2024	Sponsor and booth	Engaged attendees	Continuing engagement with interested attendees
BLIVE Music Fest Brownsville Justice Center	September 21, 2024	Sponsor and booth	Engaged attendees	Continuing engagement with interested attendees
Offshore Wind Drinks, Brooklyn Army Terminal	September 25, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing engagement with interested attendees
Citizens Campaign Gala The Piermont	September 26, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing engagement with interested attendees
Billion Oyster Party Building 269 Brooklyn Navy Yard	September 26, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing engagement with interested attendees
ANJEC Environmental Congress at Rowan College	September 27, 2024	Sponsor and booth	Engaged attendees	Continuing engagement with interested attendees
Brooklyn Bridge parents Atlantic Antic BK Heights/Cobble Hill	September 29, 2024	Sponsor and booth	Engaged attendees	Continuing engagement with interested attendees
NYLCV Cocktail Party Pier 17 Pearl Alley	October 1, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing engagement with interested attendees

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Date(s)	Role / Purpose	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, and Outcomes
Hope Program Interview Day at National Grid offices	October 3, 2024	Hosted 25 participants for mock interviews at National Grid offices	Engaged students	Continuing engagement with interested attendees
CSKILLS Breakfast	October 3, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing engagement with interested attendees
Time for Turbines, Atlantic City	October 10-22, 2024	Sponsor and panel speaker	Engaged attendees	Continuing engagement with interested attendees
BK Bridge Parents Halloween Fest downtown	October 13, 2024	Sponsor and booth	Engaged attendees	Continuing engagement with interested attendees
NJBIA Energy Conference	October 15, 2024	Sponsor and booth	Engaged attendees	Continuing engagement with interested attendees
Heroes of the Harbor, City Winery, NYC	October 16, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing engagement with interested attendees
We Act Gala	October 18, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing engagement with interested attendees
MEND Gala	October 19, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing engagement with interested attendees
Manufacturing Day at Cradle of Aviation	October 24, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing engagement with interested attendees
Long Beach Latino Civic Gala at Lawrence Community Center	October 24, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing engagement with interested attendees

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Date(s)	Role / Purpose	Summary of Engagement Activities	Follow-up Actions, Activities, and Outcomes
NYSERDA/NJEDA OSW Supplier Forum at ACP, Atlantic City	October 28, 2024	Sponsor and attendee	Engaged attendees	Continuing engagement with interested attendees
ACP Wind Power OSW Conference, Atlantic City	October 28, 2024	Sponsor and booth	Engaged attendees	Continuing engagement with interested attendees

Notes:

AACCNJ = African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey
 ACE = Alliance for Clean Energy
 ACP = American Clean Power Association
 AFL-CIO = American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations
 AMSEAS = Atlantic Marine Conservation Society
 ANJEC = Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions
 ATAP = All Things Are Possible Foundation
 BGI = Brooklyn Greenway Initiative
 BK = Brooklyn
 BOEM = Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

BWI = Brooklyn Workforce Innovations
 COSW = Community Offshore Wind
 HSE = health, safety, and environment
 IPF = International Partnering Forum
 LIA = Long Island Association
 MLK = Martin Luther King
 NA = Not applicable
 NJ = New Jersey
 NJBIA = New Jersey Business & Industry Association
 MEND = Meet Each Need with Dignity
 NJDEP = New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
 NJEDA = New Jersey Economic Development Authority
 NY = New York

NYC = New York City
 NYCHA = New York City Housing Authority
 NYLCV = NY League Conservation Voters
 NYSERDA = New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
 OLPH = Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 OSW = offshore wind
 RETI = Resilience, Education, Training, and Innovation
 RH = Red Hook
 SBU = Stony Brook University
 STEM = science, technology, engineering, and math
 VR = virtual reality
 WCS = Wildlife Conservation Gala
 WFD = Workforce Development

3.3.3 Feedback from Parties on Export Cable Planning

COSW continued the development of the export cable routing required to connect the wind farm into the electric grid. The Project team is actively engaging with stakeholders as part of its export cable route investigation and survey planning and is working to incorporate feedback and recommendations into the export cable planning process. At this stage in development, COSW has heard concerns from stakeholders centered around the potential traffic impacts for any potential onshore routes.

3.3.4 Anticipated or Scheduled Engagement Activities

During the next reporting period, COSW anticipates the following engagement.

- COSW will continue to release monthly newsletters via email.
- COSW will continue outreach and coordination with all stakeholder groups, included but not limited to federal, state, and local government stakeholders, labor unions, community, and environmental groups.
- COSW will continue to participate in conferences, community forums, stakeholder events and activities/events to educate stakeholders and communities.
- COSW will continue to develop relationships within the communities our Project will impact.

4 Survey Plan(s) Activities

Since the submittal of the previous Progress Report dated April 2024, COSW completed activities covered under the 2024 Geotechnical Offshore Survey Plan. The 2024 Geotechnical Offshore Survey Plan work was for shallow and deep geotechnical survey activities covering the Lease Area and export cable corridors. Activities under the 2023 Survey Plan were also completed in May 2024.

Additional information on COSW’s survey activities can be found on the fisheries page on our website: <https://communityoffshorewind.com/fisheries>.

A summary of COSW’s anticipated survey activities is provided in Table 5, below.

Table 5 Survey Plan Activities under BOEM Review or Underway

Type of Survey	Survey Activity Date or Proposed Date	Location Description
NA	NA	NA

Notes:
NA = Not applicable

Appendix A Tribes and Other Parties Relevant to the Project

Table A-1 Tribes and Tribal Nations Relevant to the Project

Name of Tribe	Party Type(s)
Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma	FTribe
Delaware Nation	FTribe
Delaware Tribe of Indians	FTribe
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma	FTribe
Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation	FTribe
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe	FTribe
Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut	FTribe
Narragansett Indian Tribe	FTribe
Shawnee Tribe	FTribe
Shinnecock Indian Nation	FTribe
Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians	FTribe
Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head-Aquinnah	FTribe
Nanticoke Lenne-Lenape Tribal Nation	STribe
Powhatan Renape Nation	STribe
Ramapough Lenape Nation	STribe
Unkechaug Nation	STribe

Notes:

FTribe = Federally Recognized Tribe

STribe = State Recognized Tribe

Table A-2 Parties Relevant to the Project

Name of Party	Party Type(s)
<i>Commercial and Recreational Fishing</i>	
Commercial Scallop Fishery	CFish
Commercial Surfclam Fishery	CFish
Commercial Gillnet Fishery (Monkfish, Dogfish)	CFish
Commercial Lobster Fishery	CFish
Commercial Trawl Fishery	CFish
Commercial Longline Fishery (Tilefish)	CFish
Commercial Fishing Associations	CFish
Commercial Seafood Processors	CFish
Commercial Industry Services	CFish
NY For-hire Headboat Fisheries	RFish
NJ For-hire Headboat Fisheries	RFish
NY For-hire Charter Boat Fisheries	RFish
NJ For-hire Charter Boat Fisheries	RFish
NY Private Recreational Anglers	RFish
NJ Private Recreational Anglers	RFish
NY Recreational Fishing Organizations	RFish
NJ Recreational Fishing Organizations	RFish
NY Recreational Bait and Tackle Shops or Industry	RFish
NJ Recreational Bait and Tackle Shops or Industry	RFish
Regional Fishery Management Councils	RFMC
New England Fishery Management Council	RFMC
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council	RFMC
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission	RFMC
Academic and Research Institutions or Programs	AR
Responsible Offshore Development Alliance	CFish
<i>Federal and State Agencies</i>	
BOEM	FA
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement	FA
USACE	FA
NOAA Fisheries	FA
USEPA	FA
USFWS	FA
USCG	FA
Department of Defense	FA
National Park Service	FA

Name of Party	Party Type(s)
NYSDOS	SA
NYSDEC	SA
NYSDPS	SA
NYSDOT	SA
NJDEP	SA
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	SA
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management	SA
Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries	SA
Maryland Department of Natural Resources	SA
Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control	SA
North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries	SA
Virginia Marine Resources Commission	SA
<i>Other Ocean Users</i>	
NYB Subsea Cable Owners and Operators	SCO
North Atlantic Submarine Cable Association	SCO
Maritime Industry/Mariners	M
American Waterways Operators	M
World Shipping Council	M
National Environmental NGOs	NGO
NY Environmental NGOs	NGO
NJ Environmental NGOs	NGO
Oceana	NGO
Citizens Campaign for the Environment	NGO
The Nature Conservancy	NGO
Defenders of Wildlife	NGO
National Wildlife Federation	NGO
Sierra Club	NGO
Natural Resources Defense Council	NGO
National Audubon Society	NGO
Surfrider Foundation	NGO
Wildlife Conservation Society	NGO
NY League of Conservation Voters	NGO
NJ League of Conservation Voters	NGO
Scenic Hudson	NGO
Riverkeeper	NGO
Waterfront Alliance	NGO
RETI Center	NGO
Local Initiatives Support Corporation NY	NGO

Name of Party	Party Type(s)
Environment NJ	NGO
Sustainable NJ	NGO
Coalition of Environmentally Responsible Economies	NGO
NY Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
Long Island Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
Brooklyn Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
NY Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
Staten Island Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
NJ Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
Monmouth County Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
Ocean County Environmental Justice Groups	EJG
WE ACT	EJG
UPROSE	EJG
Academic and Research Institutions or Programs	ERI
NY Community Colleges	ERI
NJ Community Colleges	ERI
State University New York	ERI
Stony Brook University	ERI
Cornell University	ERI
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	ERI
Monmouth University	ERI
NYSERDA	ERI
NJ Research and Monitoring Initiative	ERI
Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative	ERI
Responsible Offshore Science Alliance	ERI
National Offshore Wind Research and Development Consortium	ERI
NY Marine Rescue Center	ERI
NY Aquarium	ERI
Industry Groups	IG
American Clean Power Association	IG
Business Network for Offshore Wind	IG
State Working Groups	SWG
NYSERDA Environmental Technical Working Group	SWG
NYSERDA Fisheries Technical Working Group	SWG
NYSERDA Maritime Technical Working Group	SWG
NJ Environmental Resources Offshore Wind Working Group	SWG
Chambers of Commerce	CCom
NJ Chamber of Commerce	Ccom

Name of Party	Party Type(s)
Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce	Ccom
Staten Island Chamber of Commerce	Ccom
Long Beach Chamber of Commerce	Ccom
NJ African American Chamber of Commerce	Ccom
NJ Sustainable Business Council	Ccom
Orange County Partnership	Ccom
Workforce Development Agencies	WDA
NY Community Based Organizations	CG
Spin The Yard	CG
Billion Oyster Project	CG
NYC Parks Stewardship	CG
BOC Network, Inc.	CG
Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation	CG
Long Island Progressive Coalition	CG
The Wilkins Group	CG
NJ Community Based Organizations	CG
NY Coastal Communities	CC
Long Island Coastal Communities	CC
Brooklyn Coastal Communities	CC
NYC Coastal Communities	CC
Staten Island Coastal Communities	CC
NJ Coastal Communities	CC
Monmouth County Coastal Communities	CC
Ocean County Coastal Communities	CC
NY Underserved Communities	UC
Long Island Underserved Communities	UC
Brooklyn Underserved Communities	UC
NYC Underserved Communities	UC
Staten Island Underserved Communities	UC
NJ Underserved Communities	UC
Monmouth Underserved Coastal Communities	UC
Ocean County Underserved Communities	UC
NY Labor Unions	LU
NJ Labor Unions	LU
NY State Building and Construction Trades Council	LU
NJ State Building and Construction Trades Council	LU
NY State American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations	LU
NJ State American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations	LU

Name of Party	Party Type(s)
Long Island Federation of Labor	LU
Hudson Valley Building and Construction Trades	LU
Western NY Area Labor Federation	LU

Notes:

CC = Coastal Community
 Ccom = Chambers of Commerce
 CFish = Commercial Fishing Industry CG = Community Group
 EJJ = Environmental Justice Groups
 ERI = Educational and Research Institutions
 FA = Federal Agency
 FTribe = Federally Recognized Tribe
 IG = Industry Group
 LU = Labor Union
 M = Maritime Industry/Mariners
 NGO = Environmental and Public Interest Non-Governmental Organizations
 NJ = New Jersey
 NJDEP = New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
 NOAA Fisheries = National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service
 NY = New York
 NYC = New York City
 NYSDEC = New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
 NYSDOS = New York State Department of State
 NYSDOT = New York State Department of Transportation
 NYSDPS = New York State Department of Public Service
 RETI = Resilience, Education, Training, and Innovation
 RFish = Recreational Fishing Industry
 RFMC = Regional Fishery Management Councils and Commissions
 SA = State Agency
 SCO = Submarine Cable Operators
 STribe = State Recognized Tribe
 SWG = State Working Group
 UC = Underserved Community
 USACE = United States Army Corps of Engineers
 USCG = United States Coast Guard
 USEPA = United States Environmental Protection Agency
 USFWS = United States Fish and Wildlife Service
 WDA = Workforce Development Agencies

Appendix B Lessee and Liaison Contact Information

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Appendix C Communications Plans

Native American Tribes Communication Plan:

<https://communityoffshorewind.com/-/media/Project/RWE/COffshoreWind/homepage/new-york-bight-joint-native-american-tribes-communications-plan.pdf>

Fisheries Communications Plan:

<https://communityoffshorewind.com/-/media/Project/RWE/COffshoreWind/fisheries/COSW-fisheries-communications-plan-v2-2023-04-25.pdf>

Agency Communication Plan:

<https://communityoffshorewind.com/-/media/Project/RWE/COffshoreWind/documents/agency-communications-plan.pdf>