

PROGRESS REPORT FOR OCS-A 0544 VINEYARD MID-ATLANTIC LLC 05/1/2024 through 10/31/2024

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Progress Report is prepared in accordance with Section 3.1 of Addendum C of the lease agreement for Lease Area OCS-A 0544 between Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and Vineyard Mid-Atlantic LLC ("Vineyard Mid-Atlantic", the Lessee), with an effective date of May 1, 2022 (the "Lease"). Vineyard Mid-Atlantic is an affiliate of Vineyard Offshore, which is a US-based offshore wind development company owned by Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners, a global fund management company that specializes in renewable energy development.

Since the last report was submitted on May 1, 2024, Vineyard Offshore continued activities related to the development of Lease Area OCS-A 0544, including the continuation of survey activities and engagement with Tribes/Tribal Nations and stakeholders. Stakeholders included federal and state agencies, local community groups, working groups, fisheries, educational institutions, labor and unions, and other parties that have an interest in the development of Lease Area OCS-A 0544.

During this reporting period, Vineyard Offshore met bi-weekly with BOEM and conducted meetings and communicated with several federal and state agencies to present or seek information related to the development of the lease area. Vineyard Offshore has also continued to engage with BOEM in relation to the agency's Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the New York Bight (NY Bight) lease areas¹.

Vineyard Offshore has broadened and maintained consistent communication with our Tribal Nation partners. We have met with Tribal leadership and continued implementing efforts with our Tribal benefits agreement, established scholarship opportunities, hosted tribal member visits to the Vineyard Wind 1 project, worked to develop solar projects, and attended tribal community events. Internally, our project team continues to participate in tribal relations learning to ensure that the importance of our work with Tribal Nations is embedded in all parts of our company. To facilitate coordinated engagement amongst leaseholders in the NY Bight, Vineyard Offshore promoted other lessee participation at tribal events.

Vineyard Offshore's fisheries team continued to meet with members of the commercial and recreational fishing industries to further develop relationships and gain insight into fisheries practices and potential positive and adverse effects of wind energy development in the NY Bight. Vineyard Offshore has a fisheries liaison and fisheries representatives who lead outreach efforts to the fishing industries in NY and NJ.

Vineyard Offshore has and will continue state agency and local community engagement efforts and relationship building on Long Island with a focus on Nassau County, Western Suffolk County, and a portion of Queens County. Stakeholder and community mapping and engagement in New Jersey is continuing in recognition of the regional interest in offshore wind development.

¹ There are six NY Bight lease areas as identified by BOEM. https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/new-york-bight



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Acronyms and Abbreviations

ACP American Clean Power

AMMMs Avoidance Mitigation and Monitoring Measures

BOEM Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

COP Construction and Operations Plan

CT Connecticut

DAC Disadvantaged Communities

DEIJ Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice

EJ Environmental Justice

EJF Environmental Justice Forum

EJ-TWG Environmental Justice Technical Working Group

EMF electromagnetic field

E-TWG Environmental Technical Working Group

FPISC Federal Permitting Improvements Steering Council

HRVEA Historic Resources Visual Effects Assessment

JSC-TWG Jobs and Supply Chain Technical Working Group

LWCF Land Water Conservation Fund

MARA Marine Archaeological Resources Assessment

MW megawatts

MWBE Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise

NATCP Native American Tribes Communication Plan

NEPA National Environmental Policy Act

NMFS National Marine Fisheries Service

NOI Notice of Intent

NY Bight New York Bight

NYDOS New York Department of State

NYDOT New York Department of Transportation

NYSERDA New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

OECC offshore export cable corridor

PEIS Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

PSO Protected Species Observer

ROSA Responsible Offshore Science Alliance
RWSC Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative

SDVOB Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses

SME Subject Matter Expert

TARA Terrestrial Archaeological Resources Assessment

TEK Traditional Ecological Knowledge

USACE United States Army Corp of Engineers

USCG United States Coast Guard

USDOE United States Department of Energy
USFWS United States Fishe and Wildlife Service

WTG wind turbine generator

1 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

This Progress Report is prepared in accordance with Section 3.1 of Addendum C of the Lease for Lease Area OCS-A 544 between BOEM and Vineyard Mid-Atlantic, with an effective date of May 1, 2022. The Lease requires that the Lessee submits a progress report to BOEM every six months, through the Construction and Operations Plan (COP) approval, with the first report submitted within six months of the Lease effective date. The first report was submitted on November 1, 2022, the second report on May 1, 2023, the third report on November 1, 2023, and the fourth Report on May 1, 2024.

1.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Progress Report is to (1) document overall project progress and engagement activities undertaken with federal agencies, Tribes/Tribal Nations, state agencies, fisheries representatives, local communities, ocean user groups, and other identified stakeholders during the reporting period and (2) describe plans for continued engagement over the next reporting period. Tribes/Tribal Nations and parties that may be potentially affected by the development of Lease Area OCS-A 0544 are identified in **Appendix A**.

This is the fifth Progress Report submitted to BOEM and generally covers the period of May 2024 through October 2024. The Progress Report is intended to support project transparency and accountability and to document how, if at all, the project has been designed or will be implemented to address potential adverse and beneficial effects.

1.2 LESSEE INFORMATION

Vineyard Mid-Atlantic is the leaseholder of Lease Area OCS-A 0544. Vineyard Mid-Atlantic is an affiliate of Vineyard Offshore. Vineyard Offshore is the US-based offshore wind development company owned by Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners, a global fund management company that specializes in renewable energy development.

Contact information for Vineyard Offshore personnel relevant to this report is provided in **Appendix B**. Communications plans developed in accordance with Section 3.1.2 of Addendum C of the Lease are included in **Appendix C**.

1.3 LEASE DESCRIPTION

Lease Area OCS-A 0544 is located in the federally designated NY Bight Wind Energy Area and has the potential to deliver over 2,000 megawatts (MW) of power, depending upon development timeframes. The lease area is 43,045 acres in area and has water depths ranging from 125 to 138 feet. As indicated in **Figure 1**, the lease area's nearest point to shore is Fire

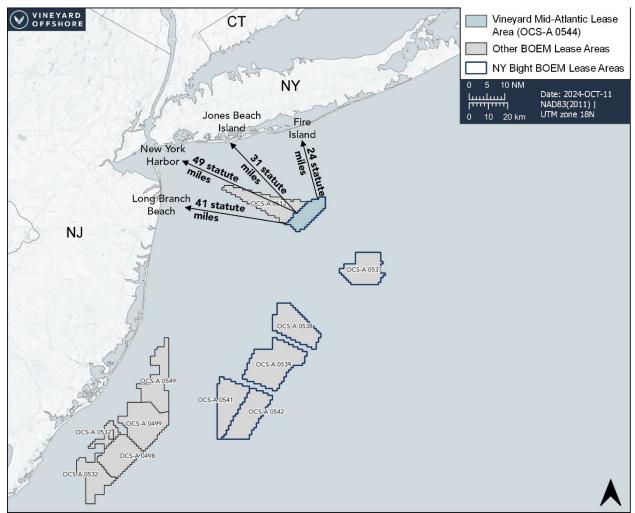


Figure 1: Location of Lease Area OCS-A 0544 (shaded green) in the NY Bight Wind Energy Area. The Empire Wind Lease Area OCS-A 0512 (outlined, unshaded) is adjacent to the west.

Island in New York, which is located approximately 24 miles away. The closest point to land in New Jersey is Long Branch, which is located approximately 41 miles from the lease area. Additional information about the lease area may be found on <u>Vineyard Offshore's website</u>.

2 TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Vineyard Offshore has a designated Tribal Lead and recently hired an East Coast Tribal Specialist whose focus is building and maintaining collaborative relationships with Tribal governments and members of Tribal Nations. They are also the primary points of contact to provide project information to the Tribes and to receive feedback. Since the last Progress Report was submitted, they and other members of the Vineyard Offshore team have attended or participated in community events and one-on-one meetings, with a focus on reducing the burden on and providing benefits to Tribal Nations. We are working together with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe to implement our historic Tribal benefits agreement. Other examples of support include providing wrap-around funds for tribal members seeking training,

scholarships for offshore wind degree programs, and other individualized programs based on stated tribal requests.

At the direction of BOEM, Vineyard Offshore coordinated with other NY Bight leaseholders to prepare a Native American Tribes Communication Plan (NATCP) in accordance with BOEM guidance. The NATCP, finalized in Q1 2024, is posted on Vineyard Offshore's website (see **Appendix C**). Feedback from tribal representatives received during the development of the NATCP, focused on: the need for increased tribal capacity, considering cumulative effects, tribal engagement prior to survey work and during project development, inclusion of Tribes in negotiations with states, and the incorporation of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK). Tribal representatives made it clear that they are overwhelmed with information and requests and that the Tribes do not have the capacity to properly consult and provide input. Tribal representatives also expressed that BOEM needs to take a more active role in addressing potential impacts of the offshore wind industry as a whole. Other comments were related to documentation of concerns and a process to show how concerns are addressed. Vineyard Offshore is working to address this feedback as reflected in past and future planned engagements (see **Table 2-1** and **2-2**).

Tribes and Tribal Nations that may be affected by activities associated with the development of Lease Area OCS-A 544 are listed in **Appendix A**². This section provides an overview of Vineyard Mid-Atlantic's engagement activities with Tribes and Tribal Nations.³

2.1 OVERALL TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST REPORT

Engagement activities that have occurred since the last Progress Report are summarized in **Table 2-1**. This communication was part of relationship building and related to lease areaspecific development.

Vineyard Offshore has broadened and maintained consistent communication with our Tribal Nation partners. We have met with Tribal leadership, established scholarship opportunities, and attended tribal community events. To facilitate coordinated engagement amongst leaseholders in the NY Bight, Vineyard Offshore organized other lessee participation at tribal events. At the many meetings and events we held this Reporting Period, we continue to hear issues and concerns raised about capacity building, environmental effects of development including marine mammal, waterway and visual impacts, shared economic and social benefits

³ Due to the sensitive and often confidential nature of conversations between sovereign, federally recognized Tribal governments and lessees, Section 2 of this report includes summary information about engagement activities but does not include detailed or specific information regarding engagement objectives or strategies; information, concerns, and/or recommendations made by Tribal governments; and/or agreements reached between lessees and Tribal governments, unless agreed to be disclosed. Any public release of information shared during or generated as a result of engagement with Tribes/Tribal Nations should be discussed with and approved by relevant Tribal governments prior to public disclosure.



² On May 25, 2023, BOEM advised the NY Bight leaseholders that the Shawnee Tribe not wish to consult on activities within or associated with the NY Bight. Until advised otherwise and in accordance with the Lease, Vineyard Mid-Atlantic will no longer include the Shawnee Tribe in Tribal communications.

such as inclusion in workforce development and supply chain efforts, and input into the project development and review process.

Our team spent part of the summer attending numerous powwows and cultural events. Attendance and sponsorship of powwows allowed us to continue building relationships with tribal leaders and members. Vineyard Offshore also hosted an Oceantic training on Long Island for tribal nations with 12 participants.

In September, Vineyard Offshore presented a potential cable route to the Executive Director of the Montaukett Tribe, a tribe that is historically tied to the area in Long Island where the potential onshore cable routes are located. We plan to host similar meetings with all the Tribal Nations on Long Island. Vineyard Offshore has spent a great deal of time over this period building a relationship with the Montaukett Tribe and their leadership with the goal of collaborating on the project and ensuring feedback is integrated into the project early in the permitting process. Vineyard Offshore also met with NYSERDA to discuss expanding Tribal Nation engagement efforts.

Table 2-1: Tribal Engagement During Reporting Period

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribes(s)/ Tribal Nation(s)	Follow-Up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
Long term collaboration and Capacity building	Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Montaukett Indian Nation Shinnecock Indian Nation Unkechaug Tribe	Vineyard Offshore and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe continue to work together to implement our historic Tribal Benefits Agreement. The cornerstone of this collaboration is the creation of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Offshore Wind Community Fund to support various initiatives including scholarships, wastewater projects, language reclamation, workforce training, and importantly, tribal capacity to engage with offshore wind projects. The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has been actively participating in collaborative events. Vineyard Offshore also met with the Montaukett Indian Nation, Shinnecock Indian Nation and Unkechaug Tribe on long term collaboration efforts and commitments to regular meetings on capacity funding, onshore and offshore cultural monitoring, and community benefits.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribes(s)/ Tribal Nation(s)	Follow-Up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
Relationship building	Shinnecock Indian Nation Montaukett Indian Nation Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Narragansett Tribe Mohegan Tribe Mashantucket Tribe Unkechaug Tribe	The Shinnecock Indian Nation and Montaukett Indian Nation participated in an offshore tour of Vineyard Wind 1. Vinyard Offshore attended the Shinnecock Indian Nation, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Narragansett Tribe, Mohegan Tribe, and Mashantucket Tribe Powwows. The team met with numerous members of a variety of tribes, engaging and building relationships.
Relationship building and cultural awareness	Various consulting Tribes/tribal Nations Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe	Vineyard Offshore attended and sponsored the Indigenous Peoples Day New York Event. Members of the team listened to music, enjoyed casual conversations with Tribal members, and watched performances by the Shinnecock Nation and East Coast Tribes and Tribal Nations. Vineyard Offshore attended Orange Shirt Day at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe which is a yearly event that brings awareness to the theft of culture, freedom and self-esteem of Indigenous children over generations.
Potential impacts of construction on Tribal sites and consideration of Tribal knowledge in lease development	Montaukett Indian Nation	Vineyard Offshore met with a Montaukett Indian Nation member to discuss potential onshore cable routes on Long Island. Vineyard Offshore learned of the Montaukett historical territory from Jones Beach heading north. Vineyard Offshore will follow up with the Montaukett Indian Nation to continue this discussion.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribes(s)/ Tribal Nation(s)	Follow-Up Actions, Activities, Outcomes
Capacity building/grant funding	All consulting Tribes/Tribal Nations	Emailed Tribes/Tribal Nations about US Dept. of Energy (USDOE) Tribal Nation Offshore Wind Transmission Technical Assistance Program to provide for capacity building and other support for the engagement of Tribal Nations in activities related to the planning and development of U.S. offshore wind transmission. Made Tribes aware of the Federal Permitting Improvements Steering Council (FPISC) and other grant opportunities. Met with various Tribes to discuss ratepayer programs, socio-economic studies.
Information sharing between lessees and Tribes/Tribal Nations	All consulting Tribes/Tribal Nations	Vineyard Offshore will use its website as a place for interested tribal members to obtain project information.
Job training and supply chain opportunities	Montaukett Tribal members	Vineyard Offshore sponsored the Oceantic Network's Offshore Wind Training which included up to 12 attendees of Montaukett descent who are interested in how they and/or their small business might fit into the industry. Vineyard Offshore provided a presentation and participated in an industry roundtable with local workforce development organizations.
Marine Archaeology Assessment (MARA) overview	Mashantucket Western Pequot Tribal Nation Mohegan Tribe	Met with tribal members to provide an overview of project surveys and the MARA including the identification of ancient submerged landforms.

2.2 IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL PROJECT EFFECTS RELATED TO TRIBAL INTERESTS

Table 2-2 provides a summary of potential effects associated with development of Vineyard Mid-Atlantic based on ongoing communication with representatives of Tribes and Tribal Nations. Overarching topics that have been a focus of discussion primarily relate to socioeconomic effects and potential employment and supply chain opportunities. Potential effects of survey and construction have also been raised. Efforts to address these topics are noted in the table.

Table 2-2: Potential Effects and Tribal Input on Project Design or Implementation During the Reporting Period

Potential Effect	Tribe(s)/Tribal Nation(s)	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed	
Capacity building to engage with offshore wind projects	Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe	Vineyard Offshore and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe are implementing a historic Tribal Benefits Agreement. Made Tribes aware of USDOE and FPISC capacity funding.	
Socioeconomic study	Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe	Vineyard Offshore is discussing socioeconomic baseline information with the Tribe.	
Training and employment opportunities	Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Mashantucket Pequot Tribe	Vineyard Offshore is working with an affiliated company to plan Protected Species Observer (PSO) and Visual Observer training during survey and construction activities. Vineyard Offshore also held workforce trainings with the Oceantic Network this period for Tribal members and descendants. Vineyard Offshore will continue to work with interested tribal members to identify and support training and employment in the offshore wind sector.	
Supply chain education and opportunities	All consulting Tribes and Tribal Nations	Vineyard Offshore will continue to have an open dialogue and trainings with interested Tribes to discuss opportunities to educate the tribal communities on the offshore wind supply chain.	
Incident management and response	All consulting Tribes and Tribal Nations	Vineyard Offshore has scheduled meetings with Tribes and Tribal Nations with the intention of listening to feedback on incident management and response strategies.	

Potential Effect	Tribe(s)/Tribal Nation(s)	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
Potential impacts of construction on Tribal archaeology sites Potential impacts of All consulting Tribes and Tribal Nations meetings to present information to Marine Archaeological Resources facilitate future Section 106 consulting have requested a presentation using format and an ancient coastline marchaeology provide. Capacity funding is need.		Vineyard Offshore has and will continue to schedule meetings to present information to the Tribes on the Marine Archaeological Resources Assessment (MARA) to facilitate future Section 106 consultations. The Tribes have requested a presentation using an interactive GIS format and an ancient coastline map, which we will provide. Capacity funding is needed to review the projects and Tribes were made aware of FPISC and USDOE funding.
Potential impacts of survey and construction activities on marine life	All consulting Tribes and Tribal Nations	During survey activities, Vineyard Offshore uses mitigation measures, including visual observers, work stoppages and vessel speed restrictions to avoid potential interactions with marine mammals and sea turtles and to minimize exposure to sound sources. During construction, these and other mitigation measures will be employed.
Visual impacts	Tribal lands with potential view of windfarm	Vineyard Offshore is conducting a robust visual impact assessment that includes modeling to determine preliminary areas of potential effect. These assessments will be the subject of the future Section 106 consultation.

2.3 TRIBAL FEEDBACK ON TRANSMISSION PLANNING

During this reporting period, Vineyard Offshore continued desktop and field assessments and engagement to support the identification and selection of potential offshore export cable corridors (OECCs), onshore cable routes, landfall locations, and points of interconnection with the electricity transmission grid in New York. Many representatives of Tribal Nations have indicated a strong desire to benefit from the electricity generated by our projects.

OECCs, landfall locations and onshore transmission routes will continue to be evaluated and Vineyard Offshore is continuing to seek input from tribal representatives.

2.4 ANTICIPATED OR SCHEDULED TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Vineyard Offshore's Tribal Lead and Specialist remain in open communication with tribal representatives and anticipate that significant engagement will continue during the next reporting period. Anticipated or scheduled engagement activities are listed in **Table 2-3**. Given the established relationships in the Tribal communities, unscheduled communications may also occur.

Table 2-3: Anticipated Tribal Engagement for the Next Reporting Period

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement (as applicable with Other Lessees)
Introductions and information sharing	Consulting Tribes and Tribal Nations	As planned or when invited, Vineyard Offshore will meet with Tribal Councils and tribal leadership members.
Relationship building and cultural education	Consulting Tribes and Tribal Nations	Vineyard Offshore plans to attend community events hosted by Tribal Nations to further build relationships that will foster collaboration.
Collaborative projects	Consulting Tribes and Tribal Nations	Vineyard Offshore is planning to discuss and implement collaborative projects, including clean energy projects with Tribal Nations that focus on workforce and small business development.
Joint NATCP development for NY Bight lease areas	Consulting Tribes and Tribal Nations	NY Bight lessees will coordinate periodic updates for Tribes/Tribal Nations.
Project-specific information	Consulting Tribes and Tribal Nations	Vineyard Offshore is planning to continue hosting environmental and technical meetings to further explore specific project elements in collaboration with Tribes/Tribal Nations. Potential topics include a deeper presentation on the COP Marine Archaeological Resources Assessment (MARA), Terrestrial Archaeological Resources Assessment (TARA), and the Historic Resources Visual Effects Assessment (HRVEA).

3 ENGAGEMENT WITH POTENTIALLY AFFECTED PARTIES

This section provides a summary of completed and anticipated engagement activities with non-Tribal parties that may be potentially affected by the development of the Lease Area OCS-A 0544. The Vineyard Offshore stakeholder engagement approach is stakeholder-driven and centered on a collaborative process whereby projects and project benefits are developed in partnership with local communities, stakeholders, and regulators. Vineyard Offshore has and will continue state and local agency and community engagement and relationship building on Long Island with a focus on Nassau County, Western Suffolk County, and a portion of Queens County. Stakeholder and community mapping and engagement in New Jersey have been conducted in recognition of the regional interest in offshore wind development.

Parties that are potentially affected by the development of Lease Area OCS-A 544 are identified in **Appendix A** and may include:

- coastal communities
- commercial fishery industry
- recreational fishery industry
- educational and research institutions
- environmental and public interest non-governmental organizations
- federal agencies
- state agencies
- local agencies
- tribal, state, federal, or other working group or forum
- non-federally recognized tribes
- maritime industry/mariners
- submarine cable operators
- underserved communities
- other ocean users
- other parties (e.g., business/workforce/labor organizations)

The list of parties in **Appendix A** will be updated as new information becomes available.

3.1 OVERALL ENGAGEMENT PROGRESS SINCE LAST REPORT

During this period, Vineyard Offshore met regularly with BOEM and other federal, state, and local agencies to discuss technical aspects related to project development. Meetings were held with BOEM subject matter experts to discuss the Construction and Operations Plan (COP) assessments. Vineyard Offshore's fisheries team met with commercial and for-hire recreational fishermen to provide project information and obtain feedback and held "port hours" for fishermen and interested parties. Numerous Vineyard Offshore staff participated in NYSERDA-led open houses, continued Vineyard Mid-Atlantic open office hours on Long Island, sponsored/participated in local community events, hosted two recreational fishing trips for students from Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) on Long Island, and met with local and

State elected officials, county and municipal officials, union organizations, colleges and universities, and community and environmental organizations.

Table 3-1a summarizes engagement with federal, state, and local agencies during the reporting period. Discussions with agencies were Vineyard Mid-Atlantic-specific.

Table 3-1b summarizes engagement with members of the commercial and recreational fishing industries during the reporting period and presents topics that directly relate to the development and construction of Vineyard Mid-Atlantic. Other issues were raised in relation to the offshore wind industry. Vineyard Offshore will continue to work with the commercial and recreation fishing industries to address these matters that include:

- Variations in health, safety and environmental requirements by different offshore wind developers in relation to onboarding fishing vessels to work on the project; and
- Measures to ensure safe navigation in and around the NY Bight lease areas.
- Mitigation measures to ensure minimal changes in the benthic habitat including benefits of scour protection around foundations and cables.
- Measures to ensure safe navigation of United State Coast Guard (USCG) vessels.
- Opportunities for ports and seafood processors in the OSW industry supply chain. Opportunities for commercial and recreational fishermen to support surveys and other development and construction activities.

Table 3-1c summarizes engagement with stakeholders other than agencies and fisheries during the reporting period. Some engagement activities with this stakeholder group were part of larger coordinated efforts with agencies and other lessees.

Table 3-1a: Engagement with Agencies During Reporting Period

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Actions/Activities/ Outcomes
Project introduction and onshore facility siting	New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) New York State Department of State (NYDOS) New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) New York State Department of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) Governor's Office Staff	Met individually with NY state agencies to introduce the Project and discuss onshore cable landing and routing options.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Actions/Activities/ Outcomes
Sand Resource Areas	US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE), NY District	Met with the USACE to discuss restrictions of offshore cable routing near and through sand resource areas.
COP assessment meetings	BOEM	Met with BOEM subject matter experts to align on COP assessment approaches.
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP)	Met with OPRHP to discuss LWCF compliance with regards to the project's onshore works.
Benthic surveys	BOEM NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)	Met with BOEM and NMFS on the project's benthic survey for the lease area and export cable corridors.
Avian Assessment	BOEM US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	Met with USFWS and BOEM to discuss assessment and mitigation for avian impacts.
New Jersey architectural survey	New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office (NJHPO) BOEM	Met with the NJHPO to discuss the New Jersey architectural survey and align on methodology.
Onshore facility siting	State, County, Town, Village government officials and representatives	Vineyard Offshore continued outreach with local and State elected officials, and county, municipal, and village officials. Discussions have focused on the identification of locations for potential onshore routes and an onshore substation, associated construction impacts, and workforce development.
Tribal Nations relationship- building	New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)	Vineyard Offshore met with NYSERDA to discuss expanding Tribal Nation engagement efforts.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Actions/Activities/ Outcomes
Regional Fisheries Compensation	NYSERDA	Vineyard Offshore met with NYSERDA to discuss the States fisheries compensation effort.

Table 3-1b: Engagement with Fisheries During Reporting Period

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Actions/Activities/ Outcomes
Employment opportunities	Recreational and commercial fishermen	Vineyard Offshore has continued discussions with recreational and commercial fishermen and meets regularly with Vineyard Offshore's fishing representatives. Communications with the representatives have included discussions on recreational fishing trips, compensation programs and possible workforce opportunities with the project. Vineyard Offshore is working with local facilitators to provide training and classes to fishermen interested in working in offshore wind.
Vessel support services	Fishing vessel company	Met with a fishing vessel company to discuss vessel support services for Vineyard Offshore. The vessel company operates a clam fleet/scallop processing facility with the largest fishing fleet in the Mid-Atlantic. Discussed training for captains and repurposing vessels to give them a second life.
Fishing activity along potential OECCs and in the lease area	Recreational and commercial fishermen (mobile and fixed gear)	Incorporate information obtained from fishermen to understand fishing activity within the lease area and potential OECCs; continue regular communication to understand concerns.
Rocks/scour protection as habitat	For-hire recreational mobile gear fisherman and commercial fishermen	Evaluate feasibility and opportunities to incorporate enhanced scour protection and nature-inclusive design elements.
Potential loss of fishing grounds	Commercial fisheries	Evaluate fishing patterns and historic revenues within the lease area.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Actions/Activities/ Outcomes
Concerns about electromagnetic field (EMF) impact on fish	Recreational and commercial fisherman	Evaluate potential impacts associated with EMF and incorporate mitigation measures, if needed.
Potential effects of survey activities on whales	Recreational and commercial fishermen	During survey activities, mitigation measures, including visual observers, work stoppages and vessel speed restrictions are used to avoid potential interactions with marine mammals and minimize exposure to sound sources. Discussions are ongoing with both recreational and commercial fishermen on the ways to improve communications on mitigation measures.
Gear loss	Commercial fishermen	During survey activities, Vineyard Offshore actively scouts for gear to avoid gear loss/damage. A gear loss claim form is available to fishermen on the company's website.
Regional fisheries data and monitoring	Responsible Offshore Science Alliance (ROSA) NYSERDA Fisheries Technical Working Group ACP Fisheries and Recreational Fisheries Working Groups Rutgers Cornell Cooperative Extension at Suffolk County Mid - Atlantic Chapter of the American Fisheries Society	Vineyard Offshore attends regular meetings with regional associations, working groups, subject matter experts and offshore wind leaseholders to discuss potential avenues for the collection of regional fisheries data. Vineyard Offshore discussed regional fisheries monitoring pre- and post- construction with ROSA NYSERDA, ACP, Rutgers, and Cornell. Vineyard Offshore attended the annual meeting of the Mid - Atlantic Chapter of the American Fisheries Society in New Jersey which has a large focus on impacts to fisheries from offshore wind.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Actions/Activities/ Outcomes
Regional fisheries data sharing and developer surveys	Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) ROSA	Vineyard Offshore met with ASMFC and ROSA to discuss data sharing, regional surveys and FISH Forward, a catalog of all east coast research and monitoring efforts for offshore wind, fish, and fisheries.
Data sharing across developers	Atlantic Cooperative Telemetry Network (ACT) New England Aquarium	Vineyard Offshore met with ACT to discuss best practices for acoustic telemetry applications for highly migratory species. This workshop involved gathering knowledge on offshore wind best practices from the ACT and offshore wind community.

Table 3-1c. Engagement with Other Parties During Reporting Period

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Actions/ Activities/ Outcomes
Environmental Justice (EJ)	BOEM EJ Forum participants, including NY Bight Lessees	Vineyard Offshore participated in BOEM's May EJ forum, which was focused on workforce development.
Onshore community awareness	Long Island residents, community organizations, business owners and other stakeholders	Vineyard Offshore held several mobile office hours in Nassau to meet with members of the public and discuss offshore wind and the industry. Using feedback from past NYSERDA Open Houses, Vineyard Offshore has continued with these Vineyard Mid-Atlantic open office hours on Long Island that provide a consistent forum for questions, concerns and information.
Union and labor participation in the offshore wind workforce	Building, construction and labor organizations	Organizations and representatives continued to show interest in potential projects in New York and how local workers will be able to be a part of these projects during construction, manufacturing and operations and maintenance. Vineyard Offshore has spoken with relevant union and labor organizations and will be continuing conversations on how to best approach a PLA and LPA. Vineyard Offshore attended a labor offshore wind conference, hosted construction site visits with building trades, sponsored union and labor events, and organized and attended meetings on green jobs.
Economic/ workforce development	Economic development, workforce development, chambers of commerce and training institutions	Organizations, representatives and local officials continued to be eager to learn about potential projects in New York. Vineyard Offshore continued outreach to help foster economic and workforce development, particularly with disadvantaged communities and small businesses. Vineyard Offshore attended and sponsored several workforce and LI economic development and networking events.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Actions/ Activities/ Outcomes
Educational programming and awareness opportunities	Academic and research institutions Local workforce training institutions	Organizations and representatives continued to be eager to learn about potential projects in New York. Vineyard Offshore met with local colleges and universities and discussed offshore wind and educational and workforce development programming. Vineyard Offshore has been working with local State Universities and colleges to shape future curricula and is a lead sponsor of an online resource for all aspects of learning about the industry and its careers. https://oswlongisland.org/.
		Vineyard Offshore is working to provide professional development for teachers in order to incorporate climate change, environmental justice and renewable energy into day-to-day curriculums.
		Vineyard Offshore hosted two recreational fishing trips for students from Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) on Long Island.
		Vineyard Offshore conducted a bilingual presentation to an English as a New Language (ENL) class during Farmingdale's summer program at SUNY Stony Brook.
		Vineyard Offshore attended a green energy event and funded partnerships to create K-12 offshore wind awareness programs, as well as to maximize training and educational opportunities for careers in the offshore wind industry via the project.
Employment Opportunities	Local Union Employees	Vineyard Offshore hosted New York union workers to visit the Port of New Bedford and participated in discussions involving employment opportunities in Offshore Wind.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Actions/ Activities/ Outcomes
Small business participation, supply chain and procurement upskilling and participation	Disadvantaged communities EJ communities An array of Tier 1, 2, and 3 potential suppliers	Organizations and representatives continued to be eager to learn about potential projects in New York. Vineyard Offshore has been utilizing its Vineyard Wind 1 experience and supply chain to better help local businesses understand how they can be a part of the future local supply chain. Vineyard Offshore continued so partnerships can be solidified to upskill businesses and workers to be able to take advantage of the opportunities that will be available through offshore wind projects. Vineyard Offshore also participated in NYSERDA's September Offshore Wind Jobs and Supply Chain Technical Working Group (JSC-TWG) meeting in Coeymans, NY.
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ) and community-based involvement	Disadvantaged communities EJ communities	Organizations and representatives continued to be eager to learn about potential projects in New York. Vineyard Offshore has sponsored sports and renewable energy camps for kids from disadvantaged and EJ communities, to create awareness about the industry and potential careers, as well as upskilling and supply chain opportunities for their families and communities. Vineyard Offshore continued outreach so partnerships can be formed to help foster economic and workforce development, particularly with disadvantaged communities, small businesses and many people who have been traditionally left out of major industry developments in the past. Vineyard Offshore sponsored local fundraising and networking events focused on workforce development, jobs, and local content needs.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Actions/ Activities/ Outcomes
Environmental advocacy and protections	Environmental organizations	Organizations and representatives continue to be eager to learn about potential projects in New York, as well as to learn about Vineyard Offshore's current project commitments to the environment and minimizing environmental impacts currently and in the future while transitioning to renewable energy. Vineyard Offshore continued these engagements so partnerships can be formed to support and enhance environmental protection. Vineyard Offshore is continuing to serve on the Waterfront Alliance Corporate Council and attended the Waterfront Alliance conference in May.
Regional wildlife data and monitoring	Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative (RWSC) NYSERDA Environmental Technical Working Group (E-TWG)	Vineyard Offshore attends regular meetings with regional associations, working groups, subject matter experts and offshore wind leaseholders to discuss potential avenues for the collection of regional wildlife data. Vineyard Offshore attended NYSERDA's quarterly E-TWG meeting in May to discuss mitigation benefits, addressing misinformation and documenting lessons learned with environmental and sustainability organizations.
Environmental regional coordination	NYSERDA, academia, eNGOs	Vineyard Offshore attended NYSERDA's State of the Science conference in July. Many scientists and eNGOs were in attendance promoting regional coordination and collaboration.
Local outreach	NYSERDA	Vineyard Offshore attended NYSERDA's open houses this summer in Albany, Southampton, Stony Brook University and Jones Beach, engaging in initial discussions with the public on offshore wind.

3.2 IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL PROJECT EFFECTS RELATED TO NON-TRIBAL PARTIES

Table 3-2 summarizes potential effects identified during engagement activities that are related to the interests of non-tribal stakeholders and efforts to date to address each potential effect or how project design or implementation has been informed.

Table 3-2: Potential Effects and Input from Non-Tribal Parties on Project Design or Implementation

Potential Effect	Affected Party(ies)	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
Employment opportunities for fishermen	Commercial and recreational fisherman	Vineyard Offshore has employed an OFL and scout vessel during survey activities and intends to provide future opportunities during survey and other development and construction activities. This will include assistance with obtaining proper credentials to work on the project.
Supply chain participation	Small and local businesses MWBEs* and SDVOBs** Disadvantaged communities Labor and union organizations	Vineyard Offshore has attended supply chain forums hosted by government agencies of NY and NJ. Vineyard Offshore is leveraging NYSERDA's supplier and MWBE databases for its RFPs. Vineyard Offshore developed a graphic to provide to businesses to aid and support supply chain participation by small, local, and disadvantaged businesses, as well as labor and union organizations during project implementation.
Workforce participation	Local workforces Disadvantaged communities Educational institutions	Vineyard Offshore is meeting with labor unions, local organizations, and local municipalities working to provide job opportunities to disadvantaged community residents and businesses, colleges and universities, and training centers to aid and support workforce participation during project implementation.
Spacing of wind turbine generators (WTGs) and access for fishing	Recreational and commercial fishing representatives	Under the lease, the Vineyard Offshore layout is fixed with alignment with Empire Wind. Input obtained from recreational and commercial fishing interests will inform opportunities for micrositing.

Potential Effect	Affected Party(ies)	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
Benefit of scour protection around WTG foundations and cables	Recreational fishing representatives	Vineyard Offshore is considering the feasibility of enhanced scour protection and nature-inclusive designs during COP development and will continue to seek input from recreational and commercial fishing interests.
Ensuring communication with local communities	Residents, businesses, local governments and other stakeholders	Vineyard Offshore is and will continue to meet with local communities in the areas potentially impacted by our project. Vineyard Offshore will continue to host open office hours on Long Island several times a month to give opportunities to community members to provide feedback and ask questions about the project.
Avoid sensitive areas and critical infrastructure	Multiple federal and state agencies and local stakeholders	Vineyard Offshore has developed its potential offshore and onshore cable routes with input from agencies and many other stakeholders to avoid siting constraints. Particularly for the onshore transmission process, this continues to be a constructive process with many levels of local government and community members.
Address Permitting needs of agencies	Multiple federal and state agencies	Vineyard Offshore has and will continue to schedule follow-up meetings with individual agencies to understand their permitting requirements.
Navigation and fishing within the windfarm	Recreational and commercial fishermen and portside stakeholders	Vineyard Offshore has and will continue to meet with commercial and recreational fishing representatives on safe navigation and fishing access.
*MWBEs = Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises		

3.3 FEEDBACK FROM NON-TRIBAL PARTIES ON TRANSMISSION PLANNING

During this reporting period, Vineyard Offshore has continued to focus on the evaluation, selection, and screening of potential OECCs, onshore routing, and points of interconnection. Vineyard Offshore met with multiple federal, state, and local agencies to discuss offshore and onshore routing to avoid sensitive areas and critical infrastructure. Vineyard Offshore continues

^{**}SDVOBs = Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses

to obtain information from commercial and recreational fishermen to develop an understanding of fishing activity in the vicinity of potential OECCs. Vineyard Offshore continues to attend meetings with NYS agencies to discuss state and regional transmission planning.

3.4 ANTICIPATED OR SCHEDULED ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES WITH NON-TRIBAL PARTIES

During the next reporting period, Vineyard Offshore expects to engage parties further on OECCs and potential onshore export cable routes. Vineyard Offshore will work closely with federal and state agencies as they review the project in preparation for the initiation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Vineyard Offshore anticipates the following engagement activities will occur during the next reporting period:

- routine calls with BOEM project coordinators and BOEM subject matter experts as needed.
- Article VII follow-up meeting with New State Department of Public Service.
- focused communication on onshore cable routing with local municipalities, communitybased groups, environmental justice communities, and Tribal Nations that would be affected by onshore development and construction activities.
- follow-up meetings with federal and state agencies, as needed.
- continued engagement with fisheries representatives and the fishing industry regarding project development plans including coordinated port hours with other offshore wind developers and attending Fisheries Management Council meetings.
- continued engagement through participation in regional offshore wind working groups (e.g., NYSERDA Maritime/Fisheries/Environmental/EJ Technical Working Groups, RWSC, ROSA).
- planning for free recreational fishing trips for local children from underserved communities.

4 SURVEY PLAN ACTIVITIES

As reported in previous Progress Reports, after completing the 2022 and 2023 survey seasons, the 2024 survey season started in March 2024, with a continuation of activities identified in the approved survey plan. Data collected will support the development of the Construction and Operations Plan (COP) and engineering design of the project.

Deep Geotechnical investigations were undertaken throughout the current reporting period and will continue to the next reporting period (see Tables 4-1 and 4-2 below). Additional information on Vineyard Offshore's survey activities can be found on the fisheries page on our website: 0544 Fisheries (vineyardoffshore.com)

During the current reporting period, NMFS authorized a one-year renewal of the Vineyard Offshore Incidental Harassment Authorization, which now expires on July 26, 2025.

In addition, Vineyard Offshore deployed a meteorological buoy in the lease area on May 13, 2024 to measure wind speeds, waves, and currents in accordance with the approved Site Assessment Plan (SAP). The buoy will be in place for one to two years.

Table 4-1: Survey Plan Activities Under BOEM Review or Underway/Completed During Reporting Period

Survey Type	Survey Activity Date	Purpose	Area to be Surveyed
Deep geotechnical survey	Spring/Summer/ Fall 2024	Site CharacterizationSiting and Engineering Design	Lease OCS-A 0544

Table 4-2: Anticipated Survey Plan Activities Next Reporting Period

Survey Type	Survey Activity Date	Purpose	Area to be Surveyed
	Continuation	 Site Characterization 	
Deep geotechnical survey	through 2025 in	 Siting and Engineering 	Lease OCS-A 0544
	lease area	Design	

APPENDIX A

TRIBES AND OTHER PARTIES RELEVANT TO PROJECT

TRIBES AND PARTIES APPLICABLE TO PROJECT

Table A-1 and **Table A-2**, respectively, identify Tribes and parties applicable to the project based on a current understanding of project geographies, agency jurisdiction, and the known or expressed interest of parties. These lists will be updated as additional stakeholders are identified.

Table A-1: Federally Recognized Tribes Relevant to the Project

NAME OF TRIBE

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*

Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians

The Delaware Nation

The Narragansett Indian Tribe

The Shinnecock Indian Nation

Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)

Note

*The Shawnee Tribe has indicated it does not wish to consult on activities within or associated with the New York Bight. Until advised otherwise and in accordance with the Lease, Vineyard Offshore will no longer include the Shawnee Tribe in Tribal communications.

For **Table A-2** below, the following abbreviations are used to identify party type:

CC = Coastal community

CFish = commercial fishery industry

RFish = recreational fishery industry

ERI = educational and research institution

NGO = environmental and public interest non-governmental organization

FA = federal agency

SA = state agency

WG = tribal, state, federal or other working group or forum

LA = local agency

NFRTribe = non-federally recognized tribe

M = maritime industry/mariner

SCO = submarine cable operator

UC = underserved community (as defined in Section 2 of Executive Order 13985)

OU = other ocean user

Other:

BWFL = business/workforce/labor organization

CO = community organization

Table A-2: Parties Relevant to the Project

PARTY	PARTY TYPE
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management	FA
Federal Aviation Authority	FA
Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Committee	FA
National Marine Fisheries Service	FA
National Park Service	FA
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	FA
U.S. Coast Guard	FA
U.S. Department of Energy	FA
U.S. DOD (DOD) Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Site Clearinghouse	FA
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	FA
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	FA
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	FA
NY Department of Public Service	SA
NY Office of General Services	SA
NY Office of Parks, Recreation and Development	SA
NY State Department of Environmental Conservation	SA
NY State Department of State	SA
NY State Department of Transportation	SA
NY State Energy Research and Development Authority	SA
NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)	SA
NJDEP, Historic Preservation Office	SA
NJDEP, Watershed and Land Management Program	SA
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities	SA
Port Authority of New York-New Jersey	SA
Brooklyn, NY Coastal Communities	CC, LA
Queens, NY Coastal Communities	CC, LA
Staten Island, NY Coastal Communities	CC, LA
Nassau County, NY	CC, LA
Suffolk County, NY	CC, LA
Long Island Coastal Communities	CC, LA
Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council	Cfish
New England Fisheries Management Council	Cfish
Commercial Fisheries Cooperatives and Associations	CFish
Fixed Gear Fishermen (gillnet, lobster, rod & reel)	CFish
Mobile Gear Fishermen (scallop, squid, groundfish)	CFish
Recreational Fishing Associations	Rfish
Individual For-Hire Recreational Fisherman/Boat Captains	

PARTY	PARTY TYPE
State Universities of NY (SUNY)	ERI
Local Community Colleges and Universities	ERI
K-12 Schools and Educational Organizations	ERI
Research Labs	ERI
National Offshore Wind Research & Development Consortium	ERI
Environmental Non-Profit Organizations - Local	NGO
Environmental Non-Profit Organizations - National	NGO
Conservation Organizations	NGO
International Council on Exploration of the Seas, Offshore Wind Development and Fisheries Working Group	WG
Massachusetts Fisheries Working Group on Offshore Wind Energy	WG
Massachusetts Habitat Working Group on Offshore Wind Energy	WG
NYSERDA F-TWG, marine mammal/sea turtle project advisory committee	WG
NYSERDA Environmental Technical Working Group	WG
NYSERDA Fisheries Technical Working Group (F-TWG)	WG
NYSERDA Jobs and Supply Chain Technical Working Group	WG
NYSERDA Marine Technical Working Group	WG
NYSERDA Environmental Justice Technical Working Group	WG
Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative for Offshore Wind	WG
Responsible Offshore Science Alliance	WG
Commercial Vessel Operators	M
Maritime Associations	М
Marine Pilots	M
Port Authorities	М
NYS-recognized Tribes	NFRTribe
Submarine Cable Operators - Offshore and Nearshore	SCO
Pipeline Operators	SCO
Local Non-Profit Organizations	UC
Community Based Organizations	UC
Environmental Justice Organizations	UC
Chambers of Commerce	BWFL
Empire State Development	BWFL
Industrial Associations	BWFL
Industrial Development Corporations	BWFL
Labor Unions	BWFL
New York City Economic Development Corporation	BWFL
State and Local Workforce Organizations	BWFL
Workforce Training Institutes	BWFL

APPENDIX B LESSEE CONTACT INFORMATION

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APPENDIX C COMMUNICATION PLANS

Communication Plans for Vineyard Mid-Atlantic

Native American Tribes Communication Plan

• This plan is available on the Vineyard Offshore website.

Fisheries Communications Plan

• This plan is available on the Vineyard Offshore website.

Agency Communication Plan

• This Plan is available on the Vineyard Offshore <u>website</u>.