



PROGRESS REPORT FOR OCS-A-0546- DUKE ENERGY RENEWABLES WIND, LLC

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Executive Summary

OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, a direct non-regulated subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation, was awarded a Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands (Lease) within Lease Area OCS-A 0546 (Lease Area) from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management for the development of an offshore wind energy generation project (Project).¹ This section provides a summary of survey and development activities conducted during the reporting period. It also provides a summary of updates on the progress of communication efforts with interested federal and state agencies and potentially affected federally and state-recognized Tribes, fisheries, and other stakeholders. The following actions have occurred to date:

- OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, partnered with OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies, the neighboring lease holder (OCS-A 0545), to present the Project and NATCP opportunities to the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs at their quarterly Commission meeting in March 2023. See Section 2 for updates on Native American Tribal engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, sponsored and coordinated attendance with OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies at the North Carolina Indian Unity Conference in March 2023. The Community Affairs Director and Tribal Liaison engaged with attendees throughout the event and provided hard copies of the draft Native American Tribal Communications Plan (NATCP). See Section 2 for updates on Native American Tribal engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, partnered with OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies to hold an NATCP meeting with federally recognized Tribes in compliance with lease stipulation Addendum C 5.3.4. Additionally, OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies held a meeting with state-recognized Tribes to introduce the NATCP and the Buoy Geophysical Survey Campaign. These meetings were called to open a line of communication and introduce the NATCP process and the extent of the proposed survey activities anticipated for the third quarter of 2023. See Section 2 for updates on Native American Tribal engagement.
- The OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies Fisheries Liaison Officers (FLOs) partnered to provide project updates to the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NC DMF) in May 2023. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will continue to engage with NC DMF as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- The OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies FLOs partnered to provide project updates to North Carolina Sea Grant (NC Sea Grant) in May 2023. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will continue to engage with NC Sea Grant as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.

¹ Lease area OCS-A-0546 Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC was reassigned to Cinergy Corp. on July 12, 2023, after the designated progress report time period (December 1, 2022 – June 1, 2023).

- The OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies FLOs partnered to provide project updates to the North Carolina Fisheries Association in May 2023. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will continue to engage with the North Carolina Fisheries Association as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies partnered to provide project updates to the South Carolina Division of Natural Resources (SCDNR) Marine Resources Research Institute (MRRI) in May 2023. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will continue to engage with the SCDNR MRRI as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies partnered to present the proposed survey activities for 2023 and additional project updates to the South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council Habitat Advisory Panel in May 2023. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies hosted booths with information introducing the Project at the North Carolina State Energy Conference in April 2023. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies held a meeting with the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) to provide project updates and discuss mitigation measures to minimize impacts to marine life. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will continue to engage with the SELC and the NRDC as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, engaged with the North Carolina Coastal Federation to discuss project updates and potential partnership activities. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will continue to engage with the North Carolina Coastal Federation as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies hosted booths with information introducing the Project at the North Carolina Taskforce for Offshore Wind Economic Resources (NC TOWERS) Brunswick County Community Open house. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will continue to engage with NC TOWERS as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies partnered to present project information and updates to interested agencies. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will continue to engage with interested

agencies as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.

- On May 1, 2023, OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, submitted a letter to BOEM requesting a 12-month extension of their SAP submittal from June 1, 2023, to June 1, 2024. On May 24, 2023, BOEM provided a letter stating that the requested extension is justified. Therefore, the request to extend the preliminary term of commercial lease OCS-A 0546 to June 1, 2024, was approved.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ACP	Agency Communication Plan
ACPA	American Clean Power Association
AP	Advisory Panel
Atwell	Atwell, LLC
BMPs	best management practices
BOEM	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
CSBDF	Carolina Small Business Development Fund
CVOW	Commercial Virginia Offshore Wind
DoD	Department of Defense
eNGO	environmental non-governmental organization
FCP	Fisheries Communication Plan
FLO	Fisheries Liaison Officer
IHA	incidental harassment authorization
IPF	International Partnering Forum
Lease	Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands
Lease Area	Lease Area OCS-A 0546
m	meter(s)
MRRRI	Marine Resources Research Institute
NAGPRA	Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act
NATCP	Native American Tribes Communication Plan
NCCOS	National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS)
NCDEQ	North Carolina Division of Environmental Quality
NC DMF	North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries
NC DNCR	North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
NC Sea Grant	North Carolina Sea Grant
NC TOWERs	North Carolina Taskforce for Offshore Wind Economic Resources
NGO	non-governmental organization
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NRDC	Natural Resources Defense Council
OCS	outer continental shelf
PDC	Project Design Criteria
Project	Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC.'s offshore wind energy generation project
RWSC	Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative for Offshore Wind
SAFMC	South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council
SCDNR	South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
SECOORA	Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association
SEAMAP-SA	Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program- South Atlantic
SEARCH	SEARCH, Inc
SELC	Southern Environmental Law Center
SERO	Southeast Regional Office
UDP	Unanticipated Discovery Plan
USACE	United States Army Corp of Engineers
USCG	United States Coast Guard
US EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
UNC-C EPIC	University of North Carolina – Charlotte Energy Production & Infrastructure Center

1. PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

1.1. Purpose

This Progress Report covers the period from December 1, 2022, to June 1, 2023, (the reporting period). The purpose of this Progress Report is to document the overall project progress and engagement activities undertaken with potentially affected Native American Tribes, communities, ocean user groups, and other stakeholders since the last reporting period.

In accordance with the OCS-A 0546 lease stipulations, OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will submit a progress report to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) every six months, unless directed otherwise, through the Construction and Operations Plan approval.

This Progress Report complies with the following stipulations:

- Identify Native American Tribes with cultural and/or historical ties to the Lease Area and stakeholders potentially affected by the project activities.
- Document, and update for subsequent reports, engagement with Native American Tribes and stakeholders that may be potentially affected by the project activities since the previous reporting period.
- Document potential adverse effects from the Lessee's project activities to the interests of Native American Tribes and stakeholders who may be potentially affected by the project activities.
- Document how, if at all, the design or implementation of the Project has been informed by or altered to address these potential effects (including by investing in or directing benefits to Native American Tribes and stakeholders that may be potentially affected by the project activities).
- Provide a description of any anticipated or scheduled engagement activities for the next reporting period.
- Provide feedback from engagement with Native American Tribes and stakeholders who may be potentially affected by the project activities regarding transmission planning, prior to proposing any export cable route.
- Provide information that can be made available to the public and posted on the BOEM website.

1.2. Lessee Information

OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, is a commercial business unit that is a wholly owned subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation. Duke Energy was incorporated on May 3, 2005, and is an energy company headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina. A chronological

history of Duke Energy and its predecessor companies is available at <https://www.duke-energy.com/our-company/about-us/our-history>. Duke Energy employs 28,000 people and operates in the United States primarily through its direct and indirect subsidiaries. Duke Energy's primary business operations include electric utilities and infrastructure, natural gas utilities and infrastructure, and commercial renewables.

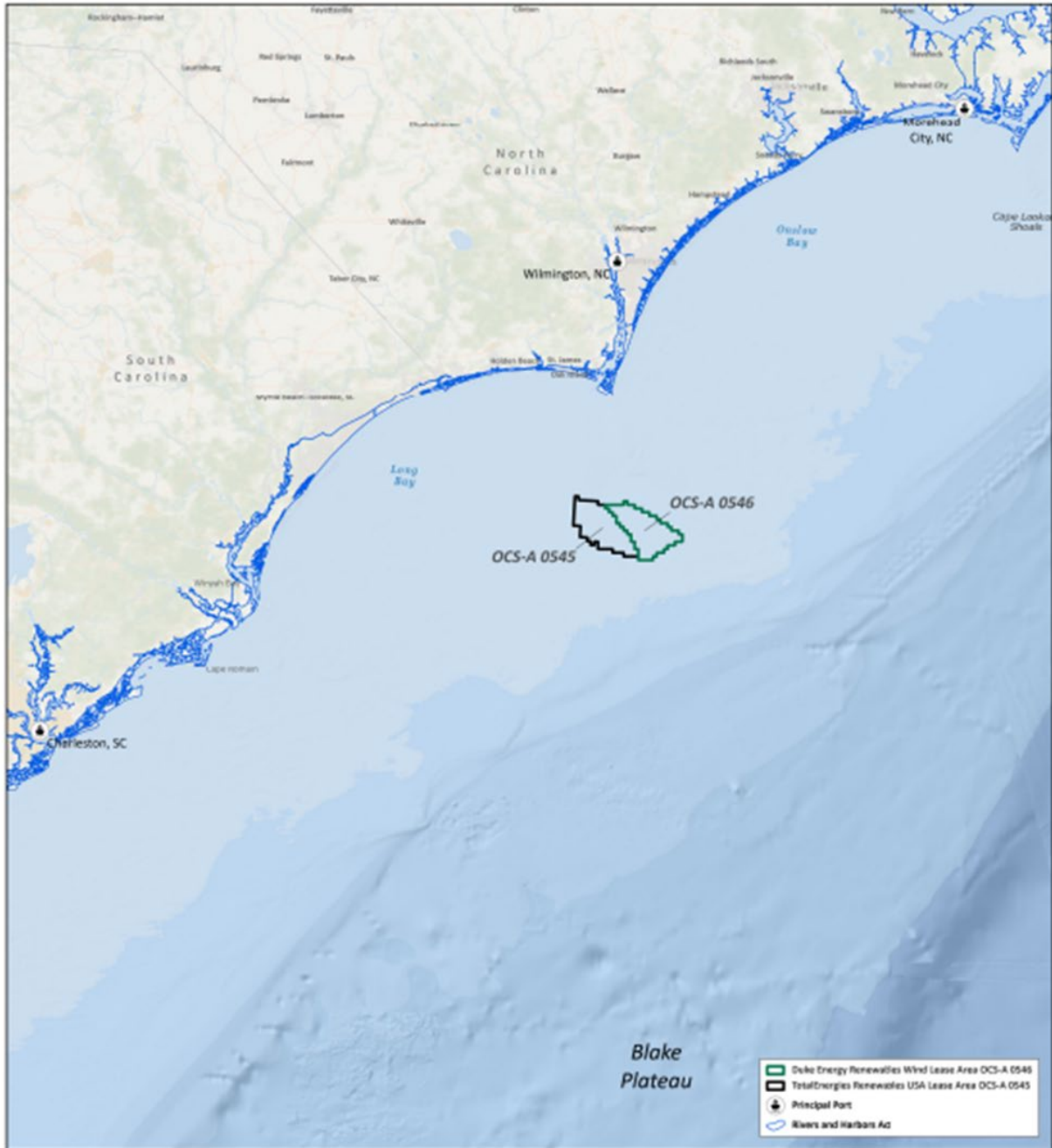
Duke Energy's electric utilities and infrastructure operation provides retail electric service through the generation, transmission, distribution, and sale of electricity to approximately 8.2 million customers within the Southeast and Midwest regions of the United States. Duke Energy's natural gas utilities operation is responsible for the distribution of natural gas to retail customers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio, and Kentucky and serves approximately 1.6 million customers. The commercial renewables business primarily acquires, develops, builds, operates, and owns wind and solar renewable generation throughout the continental United States. The commercial renewables unit also enters strategic transactions, including minority ownership and tax equity structures in wind and solar generation. The portfolio includes nonregulated renewable energy and energy storage businesses.

1.3. Lease Description

The Lease Area (OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC) lies within federally administered waters and is located roughly 20–30 miles (~17–26 nautical miles) off the coasts of North Carolina and South Carolina, southeast of Wilmington, North Carolina, on the outer continental shelf (OCS). OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, covers approximately 55,154 acres and lies adjacent to OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies.

The Lease Area is shown on Figure 1.

Renewable Energy Lease OCS-A 0546 Vicinity Map



Carolina Long Bay Lease Areas
Atlantic Ocean

2. TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT

OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, worked closely with BOEM to coordinate on outreach to Native American Tribes during the reporting period. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, has contracted Atwell, LLC (Atwell), and SEARCH, Inc. (SEARCH), to support the development and implementation of the Native American Tribes Communication Plan (NATCP). The NATCP describes the strategies, tools, procedures, and protocols that will be used to engage and communicate with federally and state-recognized Native American Tribes/ Tribal Nations. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, is committed to sharing project information and soliciting feedback from Tribes/Tribal Nations on how to develop a project that avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates impacts to environmental, social, economic, and cultural resources important to Native American communities. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies intend to coordinate project development, survey activities, site assessment plan activities, and engagement with potentially affected stakeholders and interested Native American Tribes to the extent appropriate and practicable.

2.1. Overall Tribal Engagement Progress Since Last Report

OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, sponsored and hosted a booth at the North Carolina Indian Unity Conference and collaborated with OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies to present on the Project at the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs Quarterly Commission Meeting. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and the Tribal Liaison from SEARCH engaged with attendees throughout the event and provided hard copies of the draft NATCP. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies also presented at a shared Carolina Long Bay Project booth at the North Carolina State Energy Conference. Additionally, during this reporting period OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, collaborated with OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies to hold a NATCP meeting and a pre-survey meeting to discuss the NATCP and proposed survey activities with federally recognized Tribes in compliance with lease stipulation Addendum C 5.3.4. The Lessee's Qualified Marine Archeologist discussed the Lessee's Survey Plan and considered requests to monitor portions of the archeological survey and geotechnical exploration activities. Additionally, OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies held a separate NATCP and survey activity introduction meeting with state-recognized Tribes from North Carolina and South Carolina. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies jointly engaged with Mr. Larry Edwards of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina to answer a series of questions related to potential project impacts, and the Tribal Liaisons responded with written answers sent to Mr. Edwards via email. Native American Tribal engagements and outcomes are detailed in Table 1 and will be updated to incorporate additional feedback from Native American Tribes. This table will also be updated to document any Native American Tribes who indicate that they are not interested in further engagement. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC will continue to invite all federally recognized Native American Tribes to participate in NATCP engagement opportunities until the Tribe provides a written notice that they do not seek to participate in the development of the NATCP.

Table 1: Tribal engagement during reporting period

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Follow-up Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
<p>North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs Quarterly Commission Meeting</p>	<p>The following Native American communities have members on the commission selected by Tribal or community consent from their communities, which are recognized by the State of North Carolina:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Coharie of Sampson and Harnett Counties • The Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation • The Haliwa-Saponi of Halifax, Warren, and adjoining counties • The Lumbee of Robeson, Hoke, and Scotland Counties • The Meherrin of Hertford County • The Waccamaw-Siouan from Columbus and Bladen Counties • The Sappony • The Cumberland County Association for Indian People • The Guilford Native Americans • The Metrolina Native Americans • The Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation • The Triangle Native American Society 	<p>Meeting members were invited to visit the joint Carolina Long Bay booth at the Unity Conference hosted by OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies.</p>	<p>A presentation was given in collaboration with OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies.</p>



Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Follow-up Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
North Carolina Indian Unity Conference	Registered Tribes at the conference.	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies, and their Tribal Liaisons from SEARCH handed out copies of the NATCP and notified Tribal members who visited their booth of upcoming NATCP, Presurvey, and Buoy Geophysical Survey Campaign meetings with federally and state-recognized Tribes.	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies presented at a shared Carolina Long Bay Project booth and took out full page sponsorship ads in the Unity Conference Program.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Follow-up Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
BOEM-Tribal-Lessee Native American Tribal Communication Plan Meeting and Lessee Pre-survey Meeting with Federally Recognized Tribes	Monacan Indian Nation; Seminole Tribe of Florida; Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe	The Lessees were asked to consider adding Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) procedural information into an Unanticipated Discovery Plan (UDP) as an appendix to the NATCP. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC. recognizes that development of a NAGPRA plan of action is the responsibility of BOEM and the NAGPRA process is conducted between BOEM and consulting tribes/lineal descendants. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC., however, is obligated to report any unanticipated potential archaeological resource discovery per lease stipulation 5.3 in Addendum C. Tribal Liaisons from SEARCH will reach out to the Florida Seminole Tribe to request a standard Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Plan of Action for reference only.	This event was held in collaboration with OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies and their Native American Tribal Liaisons. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies Tribal Liaisons will continue to coordinate with the Florida Seminole Tribe and will send them a copy of the revised NATCP and UDP when complete.
Email Coordination with the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina to answer questions related to potential project impacts	The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina	The OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies Tribal Liaisons provided detailed responses to questions regarding potential project impacts submitted by Mr. Larry Edwards of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.	This email engagement was conducted in collaboration with OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies and their Native American Tribal Liaison.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Follow-up Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
<p>Tribal-Lessee Native American Tribal Communication Plan and Buoy Geophysical Campaign Introduction Meeting with State Recognized Tribes</p>	<p>Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina; Coharie Tribe; Haliwa-Saponi Tribe</p>	<p>The Tribal Liaisons from SEARCH have requested a list of Tribal events that the Tribes and Tribal Nations would like for OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies to participate in. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will document and incorporate any feedback received from state-recognized Tribes into the NATCP. Tribes suggested Tribal Liaisons should engage separately with each individual Tribe.</p> <p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies provided the Coharie and Haliwa-Saponi Tribes with a copy of questions submitted by the Lumbee Tribe regarding potential project impacts and responses to those questions by the Project Team.</p> <p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will continue to collaborate with Tribal organizations to ensure economic opportunities, if available, benefit Tribal communities.</p>	<p>This event was held in collaboration with OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies and their Native American Tribal Liaisons.</p>

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Follow-up Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
<p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC. and BOEM received written notice from the following indicating that they do not wish to participate in development of the NATCP and that the Carolina Long Bay Lease Areas are outside of their area of interest.</p>	<p>Tribes that notified BOEM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delaware Tribe of Indians • Delaware Nation • Shawnee Tribe <p>Tribes that notified OCS-A-0546- Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chickahominy Indian Tribe – Eastern Division • Cherokee Nation 	<p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC. has no follow up actions to report at this time.</p>	<p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC Tribal Liaison will coordinate with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Tribal Liaison as appropriate.</p>

2.2. Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Tribal Interests

OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, received feedback from the Florida Seminole Tribe of Indians after the BOEM-Tribal-Lessee Native American Tribal Communication Plan Meeting with federally recognized Tribes. During this meeting, the Florida Seminole Tribe requested that a Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Action Plan be included in the NATCP. BOEM is responsible for developing a formal NAGPRA Plan of Action and carrying out steps for inadvertent discoveries, OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC. recognizes the responsibility to notify BOEM if ancestral remains or funerary artifacts are discovered per the lease stipulations. In response to the Florida Seminole Tribe’s request, OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will draft an UDP for Lessee activities in federal waters that identifies how OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC will comply with the lease stipulations. As additional feedback or input is received, Table 2 will be updated accordingly.

Table 2: Potential effects and Tribal input on project design or implementation during reporting period

Potential Effect / Input	Affected Tribe	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
Potential identification of ancestral remains or funerary artifacts during project activities.	Florida Seminole Indians	SEARCH will draft an UDP detailing Lessee compliance activities under the lease stipulations.
Joint developer meetings separately with each individual Tribe.	Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina; Coharie Tribe; Haliwa-Saponi Tribe	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies Tribal Liaisons will coordinate joint engagement with each individual Tribe.

2.3. Tribal Feedback on Transmission Planning

Currently OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, has no information to share regarding the status or locations of offshore export cable corridors, onshore transmission routes, or onshore substations. When appropriate, per lease stipulation 3.1.1, engagement activities will be focused on notifying potentially affected Native American Tribes and other parties of transmission planning and siting, developing an understanding of their concerns, and mitigating issues in a manner equivalent to the mitigation coordination for survey activities. Obtaining feedback from Native American Tribes regarding transmission planning will occur as part of regular and coordinated engagement with Native American Tribes participating in NATCP development. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC will continue to invite all federally recognized Native American Tribes to participate in NATCP engagement opportunities

until the Tribe provides a written notice that they do not seek to participate in the development of the NATCP. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will work with the appropriate Tribes to assess relevant impacts and interest in transmission planning when locations for offshore cable corridors, onshore transmission routes, or substation locations are proposed. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will use feedback from the NATCP to engage individual Tribes during transmission planning in their desired format and frequency and will update the NATCP and future progress reports with the details from each engagement.

2.4. Anticipated or Scheduled Tribal Engagement Activities

OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, anticipates that further engagement with Native American Tribes will occur during NATCP outreach, NATCP finalization, and planning of survey activities currently planned for 2023. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will work with interested Native American Tribes to achieve alignment on survey approaches, understand concerns, and mitigate issues. Additionally, the OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, Tribal Liaison and Community Affairs Director plan to engage with Native American Tribes to learn whether they use any portion of the project area for subsistence fishing. Additionally, OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will request any existing information on tribal subsistence fishing from the Executive Director of the Commission of Indian Affairs. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies intend to coordinate meetings with Native American Tribes, as appropriate and practicable. As Tribal engagement activities are anticipated or scheduled, they will be recorded in Table 3.

Table 3: Anticipated Tribal engagement activities for the next reporting period

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)*	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
<p>Engage with Native American Tribes to review preliminary transmission corridor planning and siting information and any plans for additional facilities such as those accompanying direct current cables, onshore facilities plan, and others.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians • Catawba Indian Nation • Tuscarora Nation • United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians • Nansemond Indian Nation • Chickahominy Indian Tribe • Monacan Indian Nation • Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe • Rappahannock Tribe • Pamunkey Indian Tribe • Seminole Tribe of Florida • Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois, and United Tribes of South Carolina • Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina • Edisto Natchez-Kusso Tribe of South Carolina • Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation of South Carolina • Pee Dee Indian Tribe • Coharie Tribe • Haliwa-Saponi Tribe 	<p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies Tribal Liaisons will coordinate joint engagement on transmission corridor planning and siting with all tribes who have not declined participation in the NATCP process.</p>

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)*	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
<p>Provide continued updates to Native American Tribes concerning the anticipated survey activities for 2023 and proposed buoy locations once known. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will solicit feedback and input from Native American Tribes on the locations of the proposed buoys.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians • Catawba Indian Nation • Tuscarora Nation • United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians • Nansemond Indian Nation • Chickahominy Indian Tribe • Monacan Indian Nation • Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe • Rappahannock Tribe • Pamunkey Indian Tribe • Seminole Tribe of Florida • Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois, and United Tribes of South Carolina • Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina • Edisto Natchez-Kusso Tribe of South Carolina • Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation of South Carolina • Pee Dee Indian Tribe • Coharie Tribe • Haliwa-Saponi Tribe 	<p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies Tribal Liaisons will coordinate joint engagement on transmission corridor planning and siting with all tribes who have not declined participation in the NATCP process.</p>

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)*	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
<p>Interested Native American Tribes will be asked to communicate their concerns, information requests, and recommendations to the Project Team to inform methods and objectives of transmission corridor planning and siting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians • Catawba Indian Nation • Tuscarora Nation • United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians • Nansemond Indian Nation • Chickahominy Indian Tribe • Monacan Indian Nation • Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe • Rappahannock Tribe • Pamunkey Indian Tribe • Seminole Tribe of Florida • Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois, and United Tribes of South Carolina • Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina • Edisto Natchez-Kusso Tribe of South Carolina • Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation of South Carolina • Pee Dee Indian Tribe • Coharie Tribe • Haliwa-Saponi Tribe 	<p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies Tribal Liaisons will coordinate joint engagement on transmission corridor planning and siting with all tribes who have not declined participation in the NATCP process.</p>

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)*	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
<p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, Tribal Liaison and Community Affairs Director will coordinate to engage with Native American Fishers to determine whether any Tribes in the project area practice subsistence fishing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians • Catawba Indian Nation • Tuscarora Nation • United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians • Nansemond Indian Nation • Chickahominy Indian Tribe • Monacan Indian Nation • Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe • Rappahannock Tribe • Pamunkey Indian Tribe • Seminole Tribe of Florida • Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois, and United Tribes of South Carolina • Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina • Edisto Natchez-Kusso Tribe of South Carolina • Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation of South Carolina • Pee Dee Indian Tribe • Coharie Tribe • Haliwa-Saponi Tribe • Waccamaw Siouan Tribe • Waccamaw State Tribe in South Carolina • The Executive Director of the Commission of Indian Affairs 	<p>The OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies Tribal Liaisons will coordinate jointly to determine whether tribal subsistence fishers use areas within or near the project area.</p>

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)*	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
<p>Updates to the NATCP in accordance with feedback from federally recognized Tribes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florida Seminole Indians 	<p>The OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies Tribal Liaisons will coordinate jointly to draft an Unanticipated Discovery Plan and include it as an attachment to the Survey Plan in response to feedback from the Florida Seminole Indians.</p>

*Tribes or Tribal Nations that indicate they do not want to participate in the engagement process between now and the next reporting period may be removed from the above anticipated/scheduled engagement lists.

3. ENGAGEMENT WITH POTENTIALLY AFFECTED PARTIES

OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies intend to coordinate project development, survey activities, site assessment plan activities, and engagement with potentially affected stakeholders to the extent appropriate and practicable. As part of the lease stipulations, OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will make reasonable efforts to consult with the following potentially affected stakeholder groups:

- Coastal communities;
- Commercial and recreational fishing industries;
- Educational and research institutions;
- Environmental and public interest non-governmental organizations;
- Federal, state, and local agencies;
- Federally recognized Tribes;
- Mariners and the maritime industry;
- Ocean users;
- Submarine cable operators; and
- Underserved communities, as defined in Section 2 of Executive Order 13985.

See Appendix A for a list of all other potentially affected stakeholders who may have an interest in the Project. Appendix A will be updated as the Project progresses to track potentially affected stakeholders.

3.1. Overall Engagement Progress Since Last Report

During this reporting period, OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies held joint agency meetings and collaborated on preparation of fisheries stakeholder and agency stakeholder engagement strategies as identified in Table 4.

3.1.1. Fisheries Communication Plan

The OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, Fisheries Communication Plan (FCP) is a living document that describes the approach to communication with fishers and fisheries stakeholders. Engagement associated with the FCP, project development, potential issues, and collaborative identification of solutions will be documented in this Progress Report. See Appendix A for a list of potentially affected commercial and recreational fisheries, mariners and maritime industry entities, and other ocean users who may have an interest in, or concerns with, the Project. Appendix A will be updated as the Project progresses to track potentially interested

commercial and recreational fishers, mariners and maritime industry entities, and other ocean users.

OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, engaged a Fisheries Liaison Officer (FLO), Katherine McGlade, in October 2022, prior to submitting the Draft FCP. The FLO is responsible for making reasonable efforts to consult with commercial and recreational fisheries, mariners and the maritime industry, and other ocean users with interests in, or potential concerns with, project activities. The OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, FLO is working to implement the engagement plan detailed in the FCP. The OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, FLO collaborated with the OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies FLO to provide project updates to the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NC DMF), the North Carolina Sea Grant (NC Sea Grant), the North Carolina Fisheries Association, and the Marine Resources Research Institute (MRRI) via virtual meetings. Additionally, OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, collaborated with OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies to provide project updates and open a line of communication with the South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council (SAFMC) Habitat Advisory Panel (AP) via participation and an in-person presentation during the May 17, 2023, SAFMC Meeting. A summary of these engagements and outcomes is provided in Table 4. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, anticipates that further engagement will occur in response to survey activities planned for 2023, including identifying stakeholders, notifying stakeholders of upcoming activities, understanding their concerns, and mitigating issues.

3.1.2. Agency Communication Plan

The OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, Agency Communication Plan (ACP) is a living document meant to describe OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC's approach to communication with each agency. Engagement associated with the ACP, project development, required permits and authorizations, potential issues, and collaborative identification of solutions will be documented in this Progress Report.

During this reporting period, OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, held meetings with federal and state agencies to discuss the general approach of the ACP, preferred coordination formats, timing of engagement, and frequency of engagement. A summary of this engagement and each agency's recommendations is provided in Table 4, which will be updated as appropriate as the Project progresses to track follow-up actions, activities, and outcomes. See Appendix A for a list of all federal and state agencies that may have interest in the Project, which will be updated as the Project progresses to track potentially interested agencies.

3.1.3. Engagement With Other Stakeholders

OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, attended and hosted a shared booth at the NC State Energy Conference in collaboration with OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies to introduce the Project. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, also attended the North Carolina

Taskforce for Offshore Wind Economic Resources (NC TOWERS) Brunswick County Open house and hosted a shared project information booth and documented feedback received from stakeholders at the event. Additionally, during this reporting period OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, held a meeting with the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) to provide project updates and discuss mitigation measures to minimize impacts to marine life. Lastly, OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, engaged with the North Carolina Coastal Federation to discuss project updates and potential partnership activities. A summary of these engagements and outcomes is provided in Table 4.

Table 4: Engagement with parties during reporting period

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Action/Activities/Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement
Fisheries Communication Plan Engagement			
Collaboration and information flow with North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NC DMF)	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, FLO, OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies FLO, and the NC DMF	NC DMF has requested continued project development updates as applicable.	The OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies FLOs collaborated to engage NC DMF.
Collaboration and information flow with North Carolina Sea Grant (NC Sea Grant)	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, FLO, OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies FLO, and the NC Sea Grant	NC Sea Grant has requested continued project development updates as applicable.	The OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies FLOs collaborated to engage NC Sea Grant.
Collaboration and information flow with NC DMF and the Executive Director of the North Carolina Fisheries Association / board member of North Carolina Taskforce for Offshore Wind Economic Resources	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, FLO, OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies FLO, and the Executive Director of the North Carolina Fisheries Association / board member of North Carolina Taskforce for Offshore Wind Economic Resources	The OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, FLO and the OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies FLO will continue to provide project development updates as applicable.	The OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies FLOs collaborated to engage the Executive Director of the North Carolina Fisheries Association.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Action/Activities/Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement
<p>Coordination with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) Marine Resources Research Institute (MRRI) on the Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program South Atlantic (SEAMAP-SA)</p>	<p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies MRRI</p>	<p>MRRI will send OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies a file that shows their hardbottom sampling sites. The lessees will send the MRRI a copy of the Notice to Mariners prior to survey activities.</p>	<p>The OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies FLOs collaborated to engage the MRRI to discuss the SEAMAP-SA.</p>
<p>South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council (SAFMC) Habitat Advisory Panel (AP) Presentation on project development activities and input on biological monitors / sensors for site assessment activities</p>	<p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, FLO, OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies FLO, SAFMC Habitat AP (recreational and commercial fishermen, state and federal agency representatives, seafood dealers, representatives from non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and other interested members of the public)</p>	<p>SAFMC Habitat AP recommended engaging with Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association (SECOORA), consider fish detection, temperature, and salinity sensors on the buoys, and conduct early engagement with the NMFS Southeast Regional Office (SERO) on full-lease high-resolution geophysical (HRG) surveys.</p>	<p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies collaborated to present project updates and engage.</p>
<p>Project updates with local recreational fisheries at the NC TOWER Brunswick County Open House</p>	<p>Board members of the NC For-Hire Captains Association attendees to the NC TOWER Brunswick County Open House</p>	<p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will continue to engage with local recreational fishers on project updates and effects on recreational fishers</p>	<p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies collaborated on engagement through the shared booth at the event.</p>

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Action/Activities/Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement
Regional Coordination on fisheries engagement	FLOs from Kitty Hawk (Avangrid) and Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) (Dominion Energy)	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will continue to meet with other regional FLOs to share information and coordinate engagement with other fisheries groups.	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies coordinated on engaging with the regional FLOs.

Agency Communication Plan Engagement

Carolina Long Bay Interagency Meeting 1st Quarter 2023 (first of three interagency meetings)	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies, BOEM, United States Coast Guard (USCG), United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE), DARE Strategies, United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), National Park Service, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), North Carolina Division of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ), North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NC DNCR), Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, SCDNR, SEARCH, Atwell	At the request of NOAA Fisheries, OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will consider three passive acoustic monitoring devices within the lease areas. At the request of USFWS, OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will further collaborate with agencies to provide the opportunity for input on biological monitoring buoys. At the request of the USCG, OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will provide an opportunity for the USCG to review the mooring for the buoys.	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies collaborated to hold a series of interagency meetings.
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Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Action/Activities/Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement
Carolina Long Bay Interagency Make-Up Meeting with the Department of Defense (DoD) (second of three interagency meetings)	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies, BOEM, DoD, DARE Strategies, and Atwell	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will continue to collaborate with and inform the DoD about activities planned to occur in the lease area. Specifically, the lessees will provide a brief memorandum summarizing survey details for the DoD review.	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies collaborated to hold a series of interagency meetings.
Carolina Long Bay Interagency Meeting 1st Quarter 2023 (third of three interagency meetings)	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies, SCDNR, South Carolina Department of Marine Fisheries, South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, North Carolina State Historical Preservation Office, USFWS, NOAA, NC DNCR, State of North Carolina, and Atwell	NC DMF requested that both lessees consider presenting to the SAFMC Habitat AP meeting. The Lessees presented at this meeting on May 17, 2023. The NMFS requested that the lessees strive during survey activities to collect high quality video transect images. The NC DMF requested that the lessees reach out to the SEAMAP coordinator (SCDNR MRR) to discuss sampling station avoidance during survey activities.	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies collaborated to hold a series of interagency meetings.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Action/Activities/Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement
NC State Energy Conference	Registered conference attendees	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies were registered participants in the event and documented feedback received from stakeholders during the presentation sessions and during other conversations at the conference.	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies hosted booths with information introducing the Project.
North Carolina Taskforce for Offshore Wind Economic Resources (NC TOWERS) Brunswick County Community Open house	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies, BOEM, Coastal Federation, Dominion, NC, Towers, the general public, etc.	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies were registered participants in the event and documented feedback received from stakeholders during the presentation sessions and during other conversations at the open house. Stakeholder concerns were used to develop a frequently asked questions database to help provide clarity to stakeholders on key resource issues during continued engagements.	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies hosted booths with information introducing the Project.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Action/Activities/Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement
Monthly calls with BOEM to discuss development activities including, outreach updates, survey activities, and site assessment plan	BOEM and TotalEnergies	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will continue to provide project updates to BOEM on a routine basis	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies conducted joint calls with BOEM starting in May 2023.
Introduction and project update meeting with Karen Baker, Chief of the Office of Renewable Energy Programs and BOEM staff	Karen Baker and BOEM staff	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will continue to provide project updates to BOEMs Office of Renewable Energy Programs	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies coordinated engagement with BOEM’s Office of Renewable Energy Programs.
Buoy Survey Plan Geophysical Desktop Study and benthic habitat assessment	BOEM, NOAA’s National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS), and Geodynamics	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will continue to engage with NCCOS on benthic habitat assessment.	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies coordinated engagement with NCCOS.
Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), including Environmental NGOs			
Project development updates and opening a line of communication	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies, the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC), and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will continue to provide project updates as applicable and discuss mitigation measures to minimize impacts to marine life.	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies coordinated to hold a meeting with the SELC and NRDC.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Action/Activities/Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement
Project development updates and opening a line of communication	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and the North Carolina Coastal Federation	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will continue to provide project updates and discuss partnership activities with the NC Coastal Federation.	This engagement was not held in collaboration with OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies, but OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will coordinate continued project updates to the Carolina Coastal Federation with OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies where appropriate.
Research activities on wildlife effects and offshore wind	Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative for Offshore Wind (RWSC)	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will continue to participate in RWSC and associated subcommittees	This engagement was not held in collaboration with OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies, but OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies is engaged independently.
Economic development and Supply Chain	Carolina Small Business Development Fund (CSBDF)	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will continue to engage with CSBDF on small business opportunities to support the offshore wind industry to foster economic development in underserved communities.	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies coordinated engagement with CSBDF.
Educational and Research Institutions			
Research on wildlife effects from offshore wind	Duke University Wildlife and Offshore Wind (WOW) Project External Advisory Board	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will continue to participate as an external advisory board member with the Duke University WOW Project	This engagement was not held in collaboration with OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies, but OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC provide an update to OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Action/Activities/Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement
Duke University Winds of Change Symposium	Symposium attendees (wind developers, government officials, NGO representatives, practitioners, and research scientists)	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will continue to engage and participate with university programs	This engagement was not held in collaboration with OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies, but OCS-A 0545 TotalEnergies is engaged independently.
Economic development, supply chain, and outreach strategies with University of North Carolina – Charlotte (UNC-C) Energy Production & Infrastructure Center (EPIC)	UNC-C EPIC	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will consider participating in the grant proposal to fund the Center for Offshore Wind Data Science and Digital Technologies study in support of the offshore wind energy industry.	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies coordinated engagement with UNC-C EPIC.
Industry and Trade Associations and Industry Events			
National and state level policy on offshore wind	American Clean Power Association (ACPA) - OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC participates on the Environmental Health and Safety Subcommittee, the Tribal Working Group, the Offshore Wind Development Council, the Maritime Subcommittee, Offshore Permitting and Environment Subcommittee, the Fisheries subcommittee, and the Offshore Regulatory and Legislative Advocacy Committee	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC will continue to participate in ACPA and associating subcommittees and councils.	This engagement was not held in collaboration with OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies, but OCS-A 0545 TotalEnergies is engaged independently, and coordination occurs routinely on several issues.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Action/Activities/Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement
Regional policy and outreach on offshore wind	Southeastern Wind Coalition (SEWC) – OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC is on the Board of Directors	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC will continue to participate in SEWC on outreach activities for offshore wind.	This engagement was not held in collaboration with OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies, but OCS-A 0545 TotalEnergies is engaged independently, and coordination occurred routinely on several issues.
Supply chain, international, national, and state policy on offshore wind	2023 International Partnering Forum (2023 IPF) attendees	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC will continue to participate at future IPF events.	This engagement was not held in collaboration with OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies, but OCS-A 0545 TotalEnergies is engaged independently, and coordination occurred routinely on several issues.

3.2. Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Parties

OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, received feedback as presented in Table 5 from engaged parties regarding the identification of potential project effects during this reporting period.

Table 5: Potential effects and input from parties on project design or implementation

Potential Effect / Input	Affected Party(ies)	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
Effects on marine mammals during survey activities	SELC and NRDC	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will adhere to BOEM's November 2021 Project Design Criteria (PDC) and Best Management Practices (BMPs) and NMFS's September 2021 PDC and BMPs during survey activities and will consider other measures to minimize and avoid effects on marine mammals.
Effects on various resources, including the following wildlife impacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birds • Turtles • Whales • Bats 	Feedback from various stakeholders at the NC TOWERS Brunswick County Open house	<p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will adhere to BOEM's requirement to prepare an analysis of potential impacts to bird and bat species as a part of their Construction and Operations Plan and require the use of the MOTUS Wildlife Tracking System to help inform these analyses. This will allow OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, to propose measures to avoid, reduce and mitigate impacts to birds and bats.</p> <p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will adhere to BOEM's requirement to prepare an analysis of potential impacts to be completed for the Project's Construction and Operations Plan, in consultation with the NMFS and the USFWS, to reduce, avoid, or eliminate impacts to sea turtles.</p> <p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will adhere to BOEM's November 2021 Project Design Criteria (PDC) and Best Management Practices (BMPs) and NMFS's September 2021 PDC and BMPs during survey activities and will consider other measures to minimize and avoid effects on marine mammals.</p>
Classifying benthic habitats	NMFS SERO	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will require the use of the NMFS SERO requested Young-modified Van Veen benthic grab (0.04 m ²) sampler, the habitat nomenclature used for previous benthic studies conducted in the Carolina Long Bay lease area, and the need for high resolution video survey work prior to deploying a benthic sampling device.

Potential Effect / Input	Affected Party(ies)	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
Biological monitoring during site assessment activities	NFMS SERO / USFWS	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies plan to install passive acoustic monitors (PAM) on all three buoys as requested by NMFS SERO and will engage USFWS to provide input on the biological monitoring equipment.
Met-ocean buoy deployment	USCG / USACE	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies plan to request a review of the mooring system by the USCG and plan to submit joint request for approvals by the USACE and USCG.

3.3. Feedback from Parties on Transmission Planning

Currently, OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, has no information to share regarding the status or locations of offshore export cable corridors, onshore transmission routes, or onshore substations. When appropriate, engagement activities will focus on notifying potentially affected stakeholders of transmission planning and siting, developing an understanding of their concerns, and mitigating issues in a manner equivalent to the mitigation coordination for survey activities.

3.4. Anticipated or Scheduled Engagement Activities

OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, expects to conduct further engagement activities with agencies and fisheries stakeholders to address activities planned for 2023, including survey activities and the anticipated request for approval to deploy one or more metocean buoy(s). Engagement activities will focus on achieving alignment on survey approaches, understanding potential agency concerns, understanding potential fisheries stakeholder concerns, and mitigating issues.

Table 6 summarizes the engagement activities that OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, anticipates will occur in the next reporting period.

Table 6: Anticipated engagement with parties for the next reporting period

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Anticipated Agency Engagement		
<p>Consultation for a potential future joint application for an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to perform geophysical survey activities in the Lease Area. (Note that at this time, survey activities in 2023 are anticipated to be limited to metocean buoy locations and an application for incidental harassment authorization is not anticipated for such survey activities).</p>	<p>NOAA Fisheries Office of Protected Services</p>	<p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will coordinate with NOAA Fisheries virtually on the need for an IHA for future survey activities as appropriate.</p>
<p>Design of biological site characterization surveys.</p>	<p>NMFS SERO, USFWS, NCDEQ – Division of Marine Fisheries, and the SCDNR</p>	<p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will coordinate and collaborate virtually with applicable agencies to design and conduct biological site characterization surveys.</p>
<p>Coordination on the installation of MOTUS wildlife tracking station(s) on the metocean buoy(s), which are expected to be deployed for site assessment activities.</p>	<p>USFWS</p>	<p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will coordinate and collaborate with the USFWS virtually on the installation and deployment of MOTUS wildlife tracking stations as appropriate.</p>
<p>Coordination to avoid or minimize the potential to conflict with and minimize the potential effects of conflicts with military operations during survey activities.</p> <p>Finalize an agreement with the appropriate military command to coordinate electromagnetic emissions associated with survey activities, if necessary.</p>	<p>USCG and DoD</p>	<p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will coordinate and collaborate with the DoD virtually on conflict avoidance with military operations and electromagnetic emissions as appropriate.</p>

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Submit a “Notice to Mariners” two weeks (14 days) in advance of geological and geophysical survey activities.	USCG	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will coordinate and collaborate with the United States Geological Survey virtually to draft and issue a Notice to Mariners prior to survey activities as appropriate.
Coordinate on the buoy mooring system and private aids to navigation for the anticipated deployment of a metocean buoy(s).	USCG	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will coordinate and collaborate with the USCG virtually on private aids to navigation as appropriate.
Coordinate on permits necessary for geophysical and geotechnical surveys and the anticipated deployment of a metocean buoy(s).	USACE	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will coordinate and collaborate with the USACE virtually on required permitting as appropriate.
Coordinate on permits necessary for the anticipated deployment and operation of metocean buoy(s).	US EPA and NCDEQ	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will coordinate and collaborate with the US EPA and NCDEQ virtually on required permitting as appropriate.
Coordinate and conduct a pre-survey meeting to discuss proposed survey activities.	BOEM	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will coordinate and collaborate with BOEM virtually on survey activities as appropriate.
OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, anticipates that further engagement will occur on benthic habitat assessment data review and methodology	NOAA’s National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS)	OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will coordinate with NCCOS virtually on survey plans for benthic habitat assessments.

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Anticipated Fisheries Engagement		
<p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, anticipates that further engagement will occur in response to further development of the FCP and survey activities planned for 2023. Engagement activities will focus on identifying potentially affected fisheries and other ocean users, notifying them of upcoming activities, developing an understanding of their concerns, and mitigating identified potential issues.</p>	<p>Fishers and fisheries stakeholders</p>	<p>The OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies FLOs will coordinate and collaborate with fishers and fisheries stakeholders virtually and/or in-person on survey activities as appropriate.</p>
<p>When appropriate, notices to fisheries will be posted that communicate the nature of the survey work anticipated and the spatial and temporal extent of all offshore survey work proposed.</p>	<p>Fishers and fisheries stakeholders</p>	<p>The OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies FLOs will coordinate and collaborate with fishers and fisheries stakeholders virtually and/or in-person on survey activities as appropriate.</p>
Anticipated Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), including Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations (eNGOs)		
<p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, anticipates that further engagement will occur with eNGOs on measures to minimize impacts to marine mammals</p>	<p>eNGOs (SELC and NRDC)</p>	<p>The OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies FLOs will coordinate and collaborate on engagement with eNGOs.</p>
<p>OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, anticipates that engagement will occur with NGOs on met-ocean data collection</p>	<p>SECOORA</p>	<p>The OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies FLOs will coordinate and collaborate on engagement with NGOs.</p>

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Anticipated Environmental Justice / Underserved Communities Engagement		
OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, anticipates engagement will occur on economic opportunities and project benefits.	Environmental Justice and Underserved Communities in the project area	The OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies will coordinate on the identification of Environmental Justice and Underserved Communities with a focus on economic opportunities and project benefits.

4. SURVEY PLAN

OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, submitted an SAP Buoy Survey Plan for proposed survey activities in the Carolina Long Bay to BOEM on April 21, 2023, initiating the 90-day review period for the survey plan. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, intends to partner with OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies to deploy a suite of data collection devices, including a combination of floating light detection and ranging buoys and metocean/current buoys, in as many as three locations throughout both Lease Areas to collect data to support continued development of the Lease Areas. The proposed survey plan supports the development of the Carolina Long Bay Lease Areas and is intended to support subsequent buoy deployment. Surveys will take place at 5 to 10 locations within the OCS-A 0545 and OCS-A 0546 Lease Areas. Surveys will be limited to 300 meter (m) by 300 m square plots at each of the locations and will be performed to inform buoy deployment locations. The exact timing of buoy location surveys is not yet known; however, they are currently projected to occur in late summer or early fall of 2023. Anticipated or scheduled survey activities under BOEM review are detailed in Table 8. No in-water survey activities were conducted during this reporting period.

Table 7: Anticipated or modified survey plan activities

Type of Survey	Anticipated Date	Purpose (i.e., what it will inform)	Location Description
Geophysical survey activities to support the development of a Site Assessment Plan.	This survey activity is anticipated to take place in a 3–5-day window in Q3 or Q4 of 2023.	The proposed surveys are expected to inform data collection buoy deployment.	Surveys will take place at 3 to 10 locations within the OCS-A 0545 and OCS-A 0546 Lease Areas. Surveys will be limited to 300 m by 300 m square plots at each of the locations.

OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, is working with potential vendors and BOEM to identify the preferred and approved approach for survey activities in 2023. Additionally, OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies are in the process of reviewing proposals to provide metocean buoy technology to support site assessment activities. OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, anticipates submitting the Site Assessment Plan for the Project to BOEM in late 2023. On May 1, 2023, OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, submitted a letter to BOEM requesting a 12-month extension of their SAP submittal from June 1, 2023, to June 1, 2024. On May 24, 2023, BOEM provided a letter stating that the requested extension is justified. Therefore, the request to extend the preliminary term of commercial lease OCS-A 0546 to June 1, 2024, was approved.

APPENDIX A: TRIBES AND OTHER PARTIES RELEVANT TO THE PROJECT

Table A-1. Federally recognized Tribes relevant to the Project/ Federally recognized Tribes that have not declined participation in the NATCP process

Name of Federally Recognized Tribe
Catawba Indian Nation
Chickahominy Indian Tribe
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Monacan Indian Nation
Nansemond Indian Nation
Pamunkey Indian Tribe
Rappahannock Tribe
Seminole Tribe of Florida
Tuscarora Nation of New York
United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma
Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe

Table A-2. Parties relevant to the Project

Name of Party	Party Type
Federal and State Agencies	
<i>Federal Agencies</i>	
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management	FA
Federal Aviation Administration	FA
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries, Office of Protected Resources	FA
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries, Southeast Regional Office	FA
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS)	FA
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — Charleston District	FA
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — Regulatory Division Office, Wilmington District	FA

Name of Party	Party Type
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — Wilmington District	FA
U.S. Coast Guard	FA
U.S. Department of Defense, Military Siting Clearinghouse	FA
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4	FA
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service — Eastern North Carolina Ecological Services	FA
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service — South Carolina Ecological Services Field Office	FA
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service South Atlantic-Gulf & Mississippi — Basin Ecological Services	FA
U.S. National Park Service	FA
<i>State Agencies</i>	
North Carolina Department of Administration, State Environmental Review Clearinghouse	SA
North Carolina Department of Commerce	SA
North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources	SA
North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries	SA
North Carolina Office of the Governor	SA
North Carolina Ports Authority	SA
South Carolina Department of Archives and History	SA
South Carolina Department of Commerce	SA
South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control — Ocean & Coastal Resource Management	SA
South Carolina Department of Natural Resources	SA
South Carolina Office of the Governor	SA
South Carolina Ports Authority	SA
Native American Tribes	
<i>Non-Federally Recognized Tribes</i>	
Beaver Creek Indians	NFRTribe
Chaloklowa Chickasaw Indian People	NFRTribe
Coharie Indian Tribe	NFRTribe

Name of Party	Party Type
Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois, and United Tribes of South Carolina	NFRTribe
Edisto Natchez-Kusso Tribe of South Carolina	NFRTribe
Haliwa-Saponi Tribe	NFRTribe
Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina	NFRTribe
Meherrin Indian Tribe	NFRTribe
Natchez Tribe of South Carolina	NFRTribe
Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation	NFRTribe
Pee Dee Indian Nation of Beaver Creek	NFRTribe
Pee Dee Indian Nation of Upper South Carolina	NFRTribe
Pee Dee Indian Tribe	NFRTribe
Piedmont American Indian Association	NFRTribe
The Santee Indian Organization	NFRTribe
Sappony	NFRTribe
Sumter Tribe of Cheraw Indians	NFRTribe
Waccamaw Indian People	NFRTribe
Waccamaw Siouan	NFRTribe
Wassamasaw Tribe of Varnertown Indians	NFRTribe
Coastal Communities	
While some communication has begun with coastal communities and local municipalities, additional formal engagement will occur during the next reporting period.	CC
Educational and Research Institutions	
Duke University, Marine Geospatial Ecology Lab	ERI
Duke University, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions	ERI
North Carolina State University, Center for Environmental and Resource Economic Policy	ERI
North Carolina State University, Center for Marine Sciences and Technology	ERI
North Carolina State University, Clean Energy Technology Center	ERI
North Carolina State University, Sea Grant	ERI
South Carolina Institute for Archeology and Anthropology	ERI

Name of Party	Party Type
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Marine Sciences	ERI
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Institute for the Environment	ERI
University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Center for Marine Science	ERI
Environmental and Public Interest Non-Governmental Organizations	
Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC)	ENGO
Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC)	ENGO
North Carolina Coastal Federation	NGO
Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association (SECOORA)	NGO
Carolina Small Business Development Fund	NGO
Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative	NGO
Industry and Trade Associations	
American Clean Power (ACP)	ITA
International Powers Forum (IPF)	ITA
Southeastern Wind Coalition (SEWC)	ITA
Commercial and Recreational Fishing Industries	
North Carolina Fisheries Association	CFish
Mariners and Maritime Industry	
Mariners and maritime industry entities (including maritime towing, ports, maritime shipping, etc.) to be potentially affected by project activities have not yet been identified. Once identified, these stakeholders will be added to this section of Appendix A.	M
Submarine & Cable Operators	
Submarine & Cable Operators to be potentially affected by project activities have not yet been identified. Once identified, these operator groups will be added to this section of Appendix A.	SCO
Underserved Communities	
Underserved Communities to be potentially affected by project activities have not yet been identified. Once identified, these communities will be added to this section of Appendix A.	UC

Name of Party	Party Type
Other Ocean Users	
Other ocean users to be potentially affected by project activities have not yet been identified. Once identified, these communities will be added to this section of Appendix A.	OU
Tribal, State, Federal, or Other Working Group or Forum	
Tribal, State, Federal, or Other Working Group or Forum users to be potentially affected by project activities have not yet been identified. Once identified, these communities will be added to this section of Appendix A.	WG

* Note that entities identified in this table include Tribes and parties that may be potentially affected by the project activities. This table is not a full and complete list of potentially affected stakeholders, Tribes, and parties. As such, this table will be updated accordingly as additional stakeholders, Tribes, and parties are identified.

Party types included in this table:

CC = Coastal Community

CFish = Commercial Fishery Industry

eNGO = Environmental Non-Governmental Organization

ERI = Educational and Research Institutions

ITA = Industry and Trade Associations

FA = Federal Agency

M = Maritime Industry/Mariners

NFRTribe = Non-Federally Recognized Tribe

NGO = Public Interest Non-Governmental Organizations

OU = Other Ocean Users

RFish = Recreational Fishery Industry

SA = State Agency

SCO = Submarine Cable Operators

UC = Underserved Community, as defined in Section 2 of Executive Order 13985

WG = Tribal, State, Federal, or Other Working Group or Forum

APPENDIX B: LESSEE AND LIAISON CONTACT INFORMATION

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APPENDIX C: COMMUNICATION PLANS

The OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, Carolina Long Bay Project website is currently under construction. The website will include links to the Native American Tribes Communication Plan, the Fisheries Communication Plan, and the Agency Communication Plan. Links will also be included to BOEM's websites where the Semi-annual Progress Reports are posted. Once the website is publicly available, OCS-A-0546-Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, will update this progress report to provide the website address.