



VINEYARD WIND

FISHERIES FAQs

Will fishing be allowed in the wind farm?

Yes. Turbines will be spaced 1 nautical mile apart in a north-south, east-west grid pattern. The distance between turbines is the farthest apart of any wind farm in the world to date.

How many turbines will be installed?

Vineyard Wind 1 will have 62 turbines.

Will there be safety zones during construction?

Yes. **Temporary** safety zones (500 meters) will be established **only during construction** around the immediate activity, following USCG guidance. **Sign up to receive email or text alerts on offshore vessel activity in the lease area and along the cable corridor:** vineyardwind.com/fisheries

How will I fish and navigate safely within the wind farm?

- Turbines will be visible on AIS and labeled on charts.
- Individual turbine markings will have retroreflective paint.
- Each structure in the wind farm will have a 360° yellow, synchronized marine flashing navigation lights.
- Uniform numbering and labeling of turbines will be consistent across MA/RI lease areas to provide location within the wind farms.
- Vineyard Wind is collaborating with the US Coast Guard on safety protocols and rescue training within the wind farms.

When does offshore installation start?

Offshore export cable corridor installation will begin mid-2022, followed by wind turbine installation activity in the lease area in 2023.

What compensation is provided if I am unable to fish during any of Vineyard Wind 1's construction, operation, or decommissioning phases?

Direct compensation funds have been established for fishermen and shoreside businesses who can demonstrate that they have lost income as a direct result of Vineyard Wind's activities.

Will there be a system in place for fishermen to report lost and/or damaged gear?

Yes. Vineyard Wind has an established lost/damaged gear protocol. Report any incident as soon as possible to the Fishery Liaison. The gear loss claims form is posted on our website.

What is Vineyard Wind required to do to protect marine mammals and other protected species?

- No pile driving is allowed from January – April 30.
- Monitoring and area clearance requirements in place during construction.
- Requirements to cease construction activities if a protected species is sighted within certain distances.
- Year-round mandatory vessel speed restrictions that extend beyond federally issued speed restrictions during right whale migration.
- All vessels must have dedicated lookouts for North Atlantic Right Whales and other protected species.
- Vessels traveling over 10 knots must have Protected Species Observers on board to conduct visual and acoustic monitoring for the presence of marine protected species.

Contact our Fisheries Liaisons for the latest information:
Crista Bank: cbank@vineyardwind.com or 508-525-0421



