



VINEYARD WIND

RECREATIONAL 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.

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.

What fisheries research or monitoring will be done to study the potential impacts?

In spring of 2019 Vineyard Wind implemented an extensive fisheries research program to understand the effects of offshore wind on fisheries. The ongoing studies were designed with input from fishermen and will continue during, and after turbine installation.

UMass Dartmouth's School for Marine Science and Technology (SMAST) leads the fisheries trawl survey and drop camera survey. The ventless lobster trap, plankton and black sea bass survey is led jointly by SMAST and Massachusetts Lobstermen Association. Commercial fishing vessels are used to conduct the research and all data is publicly available at www.vineyardwind.com/fisheries-science. Vineyard Wind has also partnered with the New England Aquarium to document highly migratory species presence across all lease areas with help from the pelagic recreational fleet.

When does offshore installation start?

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

How do I find out more about Vineyard Wind's activities offshore?

Vineyard Wind issues Offshore Wind Mariner Updates with information about survey vessel activity in the lease areas and offshore export cable corridor.

View our Mariner Updates online or sign up to receive them by email or text alerts: vineyardwind.com/fisheries.

Contact our Fisheries Liaisons for the latest information:
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