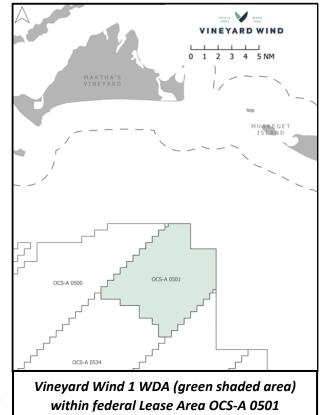


## **Vineyard Wind 1 Fisheries Compensatory Mitigation Program**

Vineyard Wind 1 LLC is constructing an 800 MW offshore wind project located in federal Lease Area OCS-A-0501 approximately 15 miles south of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. The lease area (also referred to as the Wind Development Area of WDA) is approximately 63,000 acres where 62 wind energy turbines and one electrical platform will be installed in a grid pattern spaced one nautical mile apart in a north/south/east/west direction.

Vineyard Wind has created a fisheries compensatory mitigation program with a primary objective to provide fair, equitable compensation to commercial fishermen for economic losses attributable to Vineyard Wind 1's construction, operations, and decommissioning activities.

Three escrow funds have been established to compensate affected fishermen in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Other States (Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York). Compensation may also be available to fishing businesses (i.e., shoreside businesses) in Massachusetts.



For commercial fishermen, the first phase of the program will be the eligibility phase, which will require commercial fishing vessel owners to qualify for compensation payments based on defined eligibility criteria. Once qualified, a commercial vessel owner may elect to participate in either an expedited claims process or a regular claims process, both of which are based on a commercial fishing vessel owner's historic revenue dependence on the WDA but require different levels of documentary proof. Fishermen will not need to demonstrate economic impacts from Vineyard Wind 1 in order to qualify for the program or receive compensation payments.

The Vineyard Wind 1 Fisheries Compensatory Mitigation Program is scheduled to be launched in January 2024. Information about the third-party administrator, the program, and how to apply will be available on the program's website: <a href="www.vw1fisheriescomp.com">www.vw1fisheriescomp.com</a>. Once the program launches, commercial fishermen will be able to apply to the program to establish eligibility. The program's eligibility criteria for commercial fishing vessel owners is provided on the following page.



## **Eligibility Criteria for Fishermen**

- Commercial fishing vessel owners/operators homeported in Massachusetts, Rhode Island,
  Connecticut, New Jersey, or New York
- Valid 2023 commercial fishing permit from NOAA Fisheries
- Current government-issued vessel registration showing ownership, or a vessel lease agreement
- Documented fishing activities within the WDA in at least three of the last seven years of the baseline period (2016-2022). Fishing activities can be established by submitting information that includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - Vessel Trip Reports
  - Vessel Monitoring System information
  - AIS information
  - Fishery observer or At-Sea Monitor information
  - o NOAA Cooperative Research Study Fleet information
  - Chart plotter data/images
  - Logbooks
  - o Other trip level reporting information that establishes fishing activity in the WDA
- Documented annual revenue from fishing activities in the corresponding three years. Annual revenues can be established by submitting information that includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - Internal Revenue Service Form 1099 and/or other tax documents that include reported income
  - Sales receipts
  - Dealer slips
  - Dealer compilation reports
  - o Other income information that establishes income from fishing activities