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Fisheries in a New Era of Offshore Wind Development

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Abstract: Offshore wind energy development is proceeding rapidly on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf. Wind energy development will soon enter the construction phase within New England and the Mid-Atlantic and efforts are also underway to develop wind energy along the west coast of the U.S. To date, 15 commercial offshore wind leases are active in the Northwest Atlantic shelf from North Carolina to Massachusetts and additional lease areas are under consideration. We will provide an overview of the development process, review the potential interactions with NOAA fisheries mission; including the impacts on our scientific enterprise; and discuss the major challenges and opportunities to achieving coexistence between sustainable fisheries and offshore renewable energy.

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