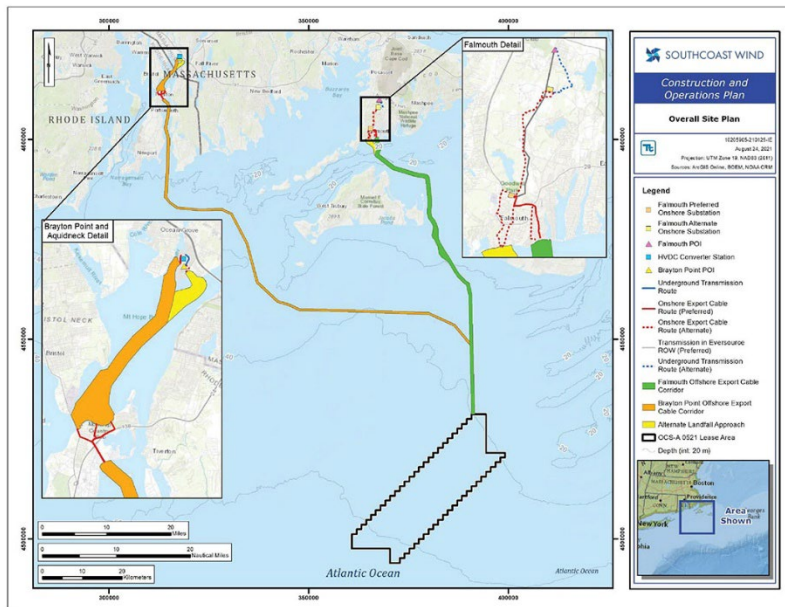


**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CRMC File 2022-03-080**

The Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (“CRMC”) is in receipt of a federal consistency certification filed on March 18, 2022, by SouthCoast Wind, LLC (“SouthCoast Wind”), formerly Mayflower Wind, for the proposed construction and operation of an offshore wind energy project. If approved by the Federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (“BOEM”), SouthCoast Wind would be permitted to construct and operate an offshore wind energy facility consisting of up to 149 wind turbines and offshore substations located in federal waters on the Outer Continental Shelf (“OCS”). Under SouthCoast Wind’s Project Design Envelope (“PDE”), up to six submarine offshore export cables, including up to four power cables and up to two communications cables, could be installed within the Brayton Point export cable corridor. These cables would run from Lease Area OCS-A 0521 in federal waters, through the CRMC’s 2011 and 2018 Geographic Location Description (“GLD”) areas, and into RI State Waters. The SouthCoast Wind turbines, offshore substations, and inter-array cables in the Lease Area **are not** subject to CRMC’s federal consistency review.



SouthCoast Wind filed its Construction and Operations Plan (“COP”) with BOEM on February 15, 2021, seeking a federal license to construct and operate the proposed project. On November 1, 2021, BOEM published a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact State (“EIS”) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (40 C.F.R. § 1500 et seq.) for the proposed SouthCoast Wind project. BOEM published a Notice of Availability for the Draft EIS on February 17, 2023. SouthCoast

Wind’s COP, Appendices, Draft EIS and other documents are available on the BOEM website at: <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/southcoast-wind-formerly-mayflower-wind>

The portion of the proposed SouthCoast Wind project that is located within federal waters and within the CRMC’s 2011 and 2018 GLD areas is subject to CRMC federal consistency review pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act (“CZMA”), 15 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq., and the CZMA’s implementing regulations at 15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart D – Consistency for Activities Requiring a Federal License or Permit and Subpart E – Consistency for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Exploration, Development and Production Activities. The project Lease

Area, which includes the project's wind turbines, offshore substations, and inter-array cables, **is not** within CRMC's federal consistency review jurisdiction. The CRMC's federal consistency review is restricted to the portion of the Brayton Point export cable corridor that passes through the CRMC's GLD areas.

The CRMC, as the State's authorized coastal zone management agency must issue a federal consistency decision as to whether the federal waters portion of the Brayton Point export cable corridor is consistent with the State's federally approved enforceable policies located in the Ocean Special Area Management Plan (650-RICR-20-05-11). The State's federal consistency decision is required before BOEM may approve the SouthCoast Wind COP pursuant to 30 C.F.R. § 585.628(f).

The SouthCoast Wind project also proposes activities within Rhode Island State Waters to include the installation and operation of up to six submarine offshore export cables, including up to four power cables and up to two communications cables. These cables would run from the federal water boundary, through the Sakonnet River, make intermediate landfall on Aquidneck Island in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, reenter Mount Hope Bay and make landfall at Brayton Point in Somerset, Massachusetts.

The State Water portion of the proposed SouthCoast Wind project **is not** the subject of this public notice. The CRMC will be issuing a separate public notice for in-state activities as they require a State Assent.

SouthCoast Wind's federal consistency certification request, which is the subject of this public notice, has been assigned **CRMC File Number 2022-03-080**. The consistency certification is available online at CRMC's project page (<http://www.crmc.ri.gov/windenergy/southcoast.html>). The consistency certification is also available online in Appendix D3 of the SouthCoast Wind COP along with other project information here: <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/southcoast-wind-formerly-mayflower-wind>.

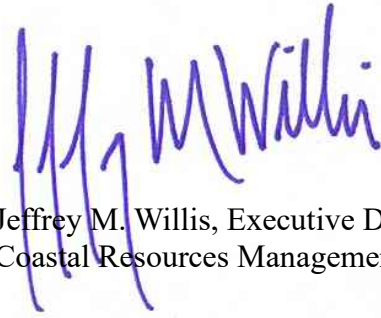
The CRMC is providing this public notice concerning the federal consistency certification for the portion of the SouthCoast Wind project **located within the Rhode Island GLD areas in federal waters only** in accordance with 15 C.F.R. § 930.61. All interested parties are invited to submit written comments concerning the proposed project on or before July 23, 2023. Comments should be specifically directed as to the issue of whether the proposed SouthCoast Wind project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program. The CRMC will hold a public meeting on this federal consistency matter **at a date and place to be announced at a later time**.

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Written comments may be emailed to the CRMC at: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

Signed this May 24, 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey M. Willis". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and "M".

Jeffrey M. Willis, Executive Director
Coastal Resources Management Council