

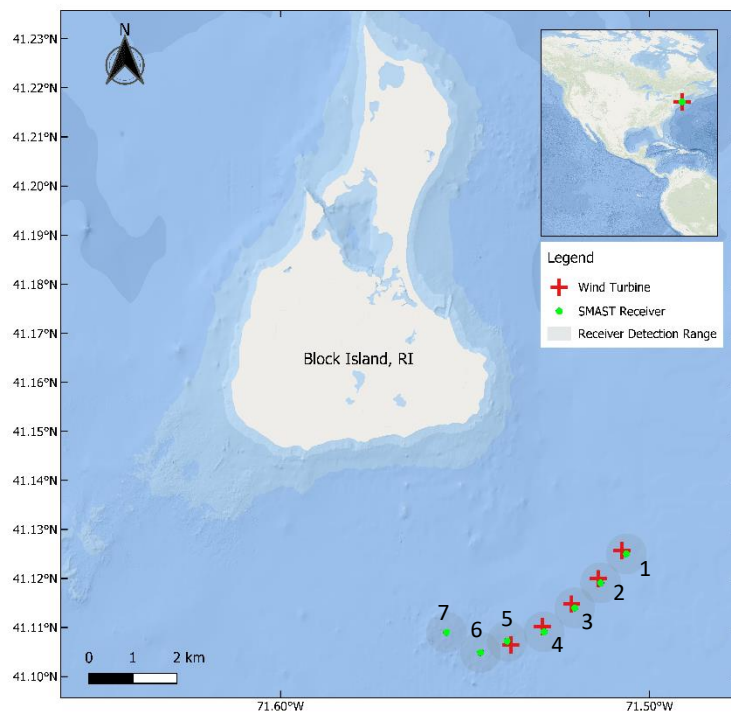
Notice to commercial and recreational fishermen active around the Block Island Wind Farm

Project: Connectivity, Movement and Distribution of Fish in Offshore Wind Farm Areas

Who: University of Massachusetts Dartmouth School for Marine Science and Technology (SMAS), funding from the US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

Where: The acoustic receivers will be anchored 12 ft off the bottom. Receivers 1-4 will be on the SE side of the turbines connected in a row with a bottom trawl line. The trawl line will be marked with a red/orange float and white buoy stick at either end of the trawl. Receivers 5, 6, & 7 will be individually anchored with a red/orange float and white buoy stick marking the location.

When: Acoustic receivers will be deployed May 2023–November 2023 and May 2024–November 2024.



Why: Scientists will be using acoustic telemetry (receivers and tags) to study the movement patterns of striped bass, black sea bass, and fluke around offshore wind turbines to improve understanding of ecosystem interactions between fish and offshore wind farms.

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