

**BLOCK ISLAND WIND FARM AND TRANSMISSION SYSTEM  
CRMC FISHERY LIAISON JOB POSTING**

*Ocean Special Area Management Plan (OSAMP) Chapter 8, Section 860.2.7, Part 6: For all Large-Scale Offshore Developments, underwater cables, and other development projects as determined by the Council, the assent holder shall designate and fund a third-party fisheries liaison. The fisheries liaison must be knowledgeable about fisheries and shall facilitate direct communication between commercial and recreational fishermen and the project developer. Commercial and recreational fishermen shall have regular contact with and direct access to the fisheries liaison throughout all stages of an offshore development (pre-construction; construction; operation; and decommissioning).*

On June 13, 2014, the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC, Council) issued its final Decision for the Block Island Wind Farm (BIWF) and Block Island Transmission System (BITS). The decision requires that a third party fisheries liaison be hired by the project owner and approved by the Council before initiation of construction. Details on the BIWF and the BITS can be found at: <http://dwwind.com/block-island/block-island-project-overview>.

**JOB DESCRIPTION AND MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

The fishery liaison shall be an independent contractor paid by the assent holders but reporting to the CRMC. The fishery liaison shall facilitate direct communication between commercial and recreational fishermen and the assent holder(s). The fishery liaison shall:

- Work with the assent holders to generate project-specific 'Notice To Fishermen' and disseminate the Notice to Fishermen to commercial and recreational fishermen in a timely and all-inclusive manner
- Liaise with commercial and recreational fishermen, the CRMC and the assent holders with the objective of relaying accurate information
- Monitor fishing activities in the area of the BIWF and the BITS and assist in coordinating the removal of gear by the gear owners prior to construction
- Maintain a positive working relationship with operating vessels in the area of the BIWF and the BITS
- During periods of offshore construction:
  - o Coordinate with the assent holders regarding the assent holders activities that will occur to support the notices referenced below
  - o Send a daily notice to fishermen at or before 12 am (midnight) providing details on the activities that will occur and the vessels that will be active for the BIWF and the BITS
  - o Send 3-4 day look-ahead notices and 10 day look-ahead notices detailing planned offshore activities for the BIWF and the BITS
  - o Provide daily reports to CRMC detailing any incidents involving commercial or recreation fishing interests, and provide copies of the same to the assent holders, in a form acceptable to the CRMC and the assent holders
  - o Provide a detailed weekly report to the CRMC including observations, communications, and meetings attended, and provide copies of the same to the assent holders, in a form acceptable to the CRMC and the assent holders

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Strong communication skills
- Intimate knowledge of and familiarity with Rhode Island fisheries and fishing operations obtained through experience as a commercial fisher or other full time work experience related to commercial fisheries, such as fishery biologist or research
- Necessary training and skills to work offshore
- Report writing and basic computer skills
- Must own a computer and have access to the internet

**ESTIMATED LEVEL OF COMMITMENT DURING 2015 AND 2016:**

January 2015 – May 2015	10 hours/week
June 2015 – July 2015	30 hours / week
August 2015 – October 2015	40 hours / week
November 2015 - March 2016	10 hours/ week
April 2016 – July 2016	40 hours / week
July 2016 – December 2016	10 hours/ week
Note: this is an estimate of the level of effort that will be required. The hours required could increase or decrease based on actual needs during construction.	

**COMPENSATION:**

- \$34 / hour

**INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

As an independent contractor, the fishing liaison will be fully responsible for paying his/her own taxes and maintaining his/her own benefits.

**INSURANCE**

The successful candidate will be expected to maintain appropriate insurance coverage, including worker’s compensation, Employers’ liability, commercial general liability insurance, and automobile liability. Specific limits on such insurance will be established in consultation with the CRMC.

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

Candidates interested in the fishery liaison role should send a cover letter and resume to:

Aileen Kenney  
 VP of Permitting & Environmental  
 Deepwater Wind  
 56 Exchange Terrace  
 Providence, RI 02903  
 or via email to: akenney@dwwind.com

Cover letters and resumes must be received via email or post marked by January 15, 2015.

Each respondent is responsible for its costs to participate in this process. This job posting does not constitute an offer by the CRMC or Deepwater Wind. Deepwater Wind expressly reserves the right to cancel this process at any time and/or reject any or all bids and offers submitted in response to this letter, in each case without liability.

Deepwater Wind will review the candidates with CRMC staff and the CRMC Fishery Advisory Board. After at least one round of interviews, CRMC staff will present their recommended candidate to the Council who must approve the fishery liaison. Ideally a candidate will be selected in January 2015.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE). Qualified applicants are considered without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or veteran status. All qualified applicants will receive consideration without discrimination because of sex, marital status, race, age, creed, national origin or the presence of disabilities. False or misleading statements during an interview and/or on the application form are grounds for terminating the application process or, if discovered after engagement, terminating the engagement. Additional testing on job related skills may be required prior to engagement.