

BLOCK ISLAND WIND FARM
APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE MITIGATION

The Block Island Wind Farm (BIWF) is a 5 turbine offshore wind farm to be located in Rhode Island state waters approximately three miles southeast of Block Island. The project owner, Deepwater Wind Block Island, LLC (Deepwater), has received approvals from the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC), Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) and other state and federal agencies to construct the project. Installation of the wind turbine foundations is scheduled to occur over an approximately 8 week period during the months of July – October 2015. Deepwater has received approval to restrict vessel activity within the permitted area for foundation work (permitted work area), which is defined in the figure below. Deepwater recognizes that closure of this area may result in a financial loss for some commercial fishermen who regularly fish in the permitted work area. Additional details on the BIWF can be found at: <http://dwwind.com/block-island>.

Deepwater worked with representatives of CRMC, RIDEM, and the CRMC Fishery Advisory Board to develop an application process for fishermen who desire to seek mitigation for direct financial impacts associated with the closure of the permitted work area during construction only. The wind farm site will not be restricted during operations of the wind farm. The application process has been divided into two phases:

Phase 1: Applicants must complete this application form and provide all requested information. Applicants will be notified as to the status of their application once their application has been processed and reviewed.

Phase 2: Phase 1 applications that are deemed complete and valid by each of CRMC, RIDEM, and Deepwater will move to Phase 2. During Phase 2 applicants will be required to:

1. produce a breakdown of vessel overhead costs
2. authorize RIDEM to release landing data as it is recorded in SAFIS
3. authorize RIDEM to release state catch and effort logbook and/or federal vessel trip report (VTR) data
4. authorize RIDEM to release state commercial vessel declaration information
5. contact the National Marine Fisheries Service to authorize the release of any observer coverage or vessel monitoring system (VMS) data that may exist for the applicant's vessel
6. participate in an in-person meeting with the CRMC, RIDEM, and Deepwater, if requested
7. provide electronic location information (i.e. chart plotter or other verifiable methods), if available

These data elements will be provided to a review panel, which will include RIDEM, CRMC and Deepwater. VTR and/or state catch and effort log book, vessel declaration, and landings data will be verified by RIDEM during Phase 2 review and observer and VMS data will only be accepted from the National Marine Fisheries Service.

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PHASE 1 APPLICATION

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Vessel name: _____ email: _____

Gear type: _____ Home port: _____

Federal permit #: _____ State license #: _____

Vessel documentation number / Registration number #: _____

State commercial declaration #: _____

Have you had an observer on your vessel in the past 4 years during the July – October period? If yes, when?

Are you part of a study fleet? _____

Applicants must:

- 1) Provide all information requested in this four (4) page application form in a legible format.
- 2) Provide notice to the review panel that VMS and/or observer documentation has been requested from the National Marine Fisheries Service.
- 3) Provide detail on areas fished (within the BIWF permitted work area and outside) during the months of July – October on the figure provided on page 2 of this application form. Information provided must include, but not be limited to, gear end points, trawl track lines (set in and haul back), rod and reel waypoints, and fixed gear locations.
- 4) Provide a complete, legible, executed application form postmarked on or before April 14, 2015. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Timing: Completed applications must be postmarked on or before April 14, 2015 and submitted to:

Aileen Kenney
VP of Permitting & Environmental Affairs
Deepwater Wind
56 Exchange Terrace
Providence, RI 02903

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Applicant understands that there is no guaranty of mitigation and that the decision as to whether applicant qualifies for mitigation rests solely and exclusively with CRMC, RIDEM, and Deepwater Wind. Applicants who disagree with the decision of CRMC, RIDEM, and Deepwater Wind can file a notice of appeal, which CRMC, RIDEM, and Deepwater Wind will provide to a Third Party for review. The Third Party is final and not subject to any further right of appeal.

Applicant authorizes RIDEM, CRMC and Deepwater to make whatever inquiries and investigations they deem necessary to verify my Application and request for mitigation.

I attest, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of my knowledge the information in this Application is true and correct.

Signature

Date