

Virginia Fisheries and Offshore Wind

A public meeting to discuss collaboration on fisheries related research to understand and mitigate the potential negative effects of the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project.

Thursday, November 18, 2021 5:00 – 7:00 PM
380 Fenwick Rd, Building 96
Fort Monroe

We encourage on site participation. However, a WebEx link and call-in information is available for those who cannot make it:

Meeting link:

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Meeting Agenda

5:00: VMRC Introduction and Welcome

5:10: Dominion Energy Updates and Information Sharing

- Updates on CVOW Project Progress.
- Status of implementing resource studies and surveys.

5:15: Discussion with Fishing Industry on Fisheries Surveys and Monitoring:

Topics

- What questions should the surveys/studies attempt to answer?
- How might the pre and post construction monitoring be designed to accurately assess conch, black sea bass, and clams to inform future conversations in catch and landing?
- When will the studies commence and how much time is needed to get scientifically significant results?
- Fishermen, are there specific seasons, locations, gears that should be of focus in the surveys?
- Discuss how/why fishing areas are chosen.

- Fishermen, how would you like to be involved in the research?
- Dominion, are there barriers to using commercial fishermen or their vessels in research?
- What data do we have and what are we missing?
- Dominion, how might the pre and post construction monitoring be designed to accurately assess conch, black sea bass, and clams to inform future conversations in catch and landings?
- Are there additional funding opportunities to support research?

6:00: Next Steps: Identify tangible follow-up items from the above discussion before moving forward

6:30: Avoidance, Minimization, Compensation

- What are the current avoidance and minimization strategies?
- Are there other strategies needed?
- What data do we need to discuss potential compensation for loss of economic resources?

6:50 Marine Operations Communication with Industry

- How do we continue to ensure that the Maryland incident does not happen off of Virginia?
- If it does happen, what programs are in place to compensate for lost gear, and income and retrieve potential ghost pots?

7:00 Adjourn