

## New Jersey Wind Port Project Information

On June 16 Governor Murphy announced the New Jersey Wind Port project near Hope Creek/Lower Alloways Creek in the Delaware Bay. Information is available here: <https://nj.gov/windport/about/index.shtml>.

New Jersey's second solicitation for Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Credits (ORECs), which could range from 1,200 to 2,400 MW, will happen later this year. Draft solicitation guidance for the 2020 ORECs is available for comment [here](#). Guidance now includes a requirement for a Fisheries Protection Plan.

- A press release is [available here](#).
- NJBPU will accept written comments through Aug. 19.
- **Please direct all questions to [Osw.Stakeholder@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:Osw.Stakeholder@bpu.nj.gov).**

The Draft New Jersey Offshore Wind Strategic Plan is available for public comment, [www.nj.gov/bpu/pdf/Draft\\_NJ\\_OWSP\\_7-13-20\\_highres.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/bpu/pdf/Draft_NJ_OWSP_7-13-20_highres.pdf).

- The public notice is here: [www.nj.gov/bpu/pdf/publicnotice/OSWSP%20Stakeholder%20Meeting%20Notice\\_FINAL\\_7.15.20.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/bpu/pdf/publicnotice/OSWSP%20Stakeholder%20Meeting%20Notice_FINAL_7.15.20.pdf)
- Written comments can be submitted to the BPU to [Osw.Stakeholder@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:Osw.Stakeholder@bpu.nj.gov) with a copy to [Board.Secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:Board.Secretary@bpu.nj.gov) in PDF or Word format. Please include a subject line of "OSWSP Comments." All comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. EDT on August 17, 2020, which is extended from the original comment deadline of July 27. Please note that these comments may be considered "public documents" for purposes of the State's Open Public Records Act. Stakeholders may identify information that they wish to keep confidential by submitting them in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.

The USCG is currently conducting Port Access Route Studies for the Mid Atlantic to evaluate the adequacy of existing vessel routing measures. Studies include the Atlantic Coast of NJ/Delaware Bay (NJPARS) and the northern portion of the NJ/NY Bight (NNYBPARS). The latter is still open for initial public comment.

The announcement is here: [www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/06/29/2020-13901/port-access-route-study-northern-new-york-bight](http://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/06/29/2020-13901/port-access-route-study-northern-new-york-bight).

Click here to submit a comment: [www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/06/29/2020-13901/port-access-route-study-northern-new-york-bight#open-comment](http://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/06/29/2020-13901/port-access-route-study-northern-new-york-bight#open-comment)

Federal permitting for offshore wind in the Mid Atlantic was delayed as a result of the need for Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Vineyard Wind to address fisheries concerns. That SEIS is now available and projects including Vineyard are expected to proceed. Construction on Vineyard could begin early next year. [www.boem.gov/vineyard-wind](http://www.boem.gov/vineyard-wind)

At various times the Department will seek stakeholder input on offshore wind topics. If you wish to be consulted, please contact Colleen Brust, [colleen.brust@dep.nj.gov](mailto:colleen.brust@dep.nj.gov). For any questions about offshore wind and New Jersey, contact Colleen or Megan Brunatti, [megan.brunatti@dep.nj.gov](mailto:megan.brunatti@dep.nj.gov).