



Press release

Community Offshore Wind Launches First Offshore Site Assessment Survey in New York Bight

- **Survey work will determine concept design and detail geophysical and environmental conditions within the lease area.**
- **Results will help Community Offshore Wind realize the site's offshore wind potential to power over one million homes in the Northeast.**
- **Community Offshore Wind prioritizes rigorous Health, Safety, and Environment procedures to promote safety for all ocean users.**

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Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, launched its geophysical survey campaign to study seabed conditions within the project lease area and potential export cable corridors in the New York Bight. The data collected will help inform safe and responsible project design and engineering, identifying potential geohazards and obstructions, as well as benthic habitats and archaeological resources.

The survey work, managed by [Fugro](#), kicks off this week and will continue through summer 2023 with two vessels. Community Offshore Wind has collaborated closely with Fugro on the project phasing to accelerate the overall development process. Key to this approach is Fugro's use of advanced survey technology that can accurately and safely operate in winter sea conditions.

The Community Offshore Wind team is working closely with area fisheries to prevent the disruption of commercial and recreational fishing over the course of the survey's duration. Local commercial fishermen will be onboard the survey vessels to manage communication and coordinate with fishing fleets. Prior to the start of the survey, one of Community Offshore Wind's fisheries representatives, a commercial fisherman from Barnegat Light, NJ, scouted the area for fishing gear and other potential obstructions.

Maintaining safety and communication are the highest priorities for Community Offshore Wind during the survey. All survey vessels are subject to rigorous HSE (Health, Safety & Environment) screening and all project staff will follow the guidance documented in the Health and Safety Plan (HASP) prepared for this survey.





“The start of the site survey is an important milestone for the project,” said Doug Perkins, President and Project Director, Community Offshore Wind. “The technical data collected will help us develop a more responsible and cost-effective project design. Our success relies on communication, safety and collaboration with other parties out on the water.”

For more information on the survey and related work activity, please

visit <https://communityoffshorewind.com/fisheries>.

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About Community Offshore Wind

RWE and National Grid Ventures, will bring clean energy to the Northeastern US in a joint venture called Community Offshore Wind. They will develop offshore wind on the largest parcel in the New York Bight with the potential to host 3 gigawatts (GW) of capacity, which is enough to power more than one million US homes and businesses. The project is expected to be in operation by the end of 2030. Community Offshore Wind is dedicated to investing in communities by bringing clean energy jobs to the region and growing the local economy. They will deliver sustainable energy safely, reliably, and efficiently to the communities they serve.

RWE

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