

PARK CITY WIND & COMMONWEALTH WIND OFFSHORE PROJECT SUPPORT

WHAT ARE FISHERY REPRESENTATIVES (FRS)?

FRs are an integral part to the fisheries communication plan, as they represent a particular fishing community, organization, gear type, port, region, state, or sector(s). They come with experience and time working with or within the fishing community, are typically a fisherman (recreational or commercial) or a group representing active fishermen, and will be responsible for communicating fisheries concerns, issues, and other input to the offshore wind Fisheries Liaison. While FRs are compensated for their time and expenses they do not work on behalf of the company, their duty is to the fishing region, industry, organization, gear-type, or sector which they represent.

WHAT ARE ONBOARD FISHERIES LIAISON (OFLs)?

OFLs are experienced or retired fishermen employed by offshore wind companies to assist survey vessel captains/crew with bridge-to-bridge communications with fishing vessels. In this role they document fishing gear encountered/observed and verbal interactions on the radio to help avoid fishing vessel and gear conflicts. OFLs serve an important function and are tasked with extending the role of the offshore wind projects fisheries communications plan at sea so that there is effective communication onsite and in real-time. OFLs report to the Fisheries Liaison and serve as their "eyes, ears, and voice" during offshore operations.

WHAT ARE SCOUT VESSELS?

Scout vessels are hired to work in conjunction with offshore surveys. Local fishing vessels are often utilized in this role, as they have familiarity with the region and the fishing gear types in the area. They work ahead of the survey vessel and directly communicate with the OFL/bridge of any gear spotted in the proposed survey 'track.' Through direct communication between the Survey team and the OFL, the scout vessel plays a key role in the safe passage of survey vessels and their equipment in and around known fishing areas.

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