

RECREATIONAL FISHERIES FAQs

Will recreational fishing be allowed in the wind farm once construction is completed?

Yes, all types of fishing, including recreational and commercial mobile and fixed gears, will be permitted within the wind farm once construction is complete and the project is operational.

Will there be safety exclusion zones during construction?

Temporary safety zones will be established following USCG guidance during offshore construction and cable laying. Vineyard Wind will communicate with recreational and commercial vessel operators in advance of installation activities and throughout construction.

What is the proposed spacing between the turbines?

The 84 turbines will be spaced up to 1 nautical mile (nm) apart with an average spacing of 0.86 nm.

What is the timeline for construction?

Offshore construction is scheduled to start spring 2020 with final construction completed by spring 2022.

What fisheries research or monitoring will be done to study the potential impacts?

Vineyard Wind is conducting extensive research to understand the effects of offshore wind on fisheries. Initial survey work to test technologies began in the fall of 2018. After consultation with fishermen and agencies, trawl surveys, drop camera surveys, ventless lobster trap, plankton and black sea bass surveys began in the spring of 2019. These surveys are being led by the School for Marine Science and Technology (SMAST) and Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association. Commercial fishing vessels are used to conduct the research. Vineyard Wind has also partnered with the New England Aquarium to document highly migratory species presence across all lease areas with help from the pelagic recreational fleet.

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