Ways to Take Action on Offshore Wind - UPDATED July 26, 2023

OCEAN INDUSTRIALIZATION: TOO MUCH ~ TOO FAST
MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD!

TAKE ACTION TODAY:
✓ The current process to fast-track large-scale industrialization without due diligence, transparency, and robust scientific baseline information is not reasonable or responsible.
✓ See below for action opportunities to support responsible and reasonable offshore wind (OSW) energy development.
✓ Follow the links for referenced documents within each action. For additional information and resources, go to CleanOceanAction.org.

☑ Action #1: Attend the July 27th Public Scoping Hearing for Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind Project Cable Crossings; Submit Comments by August 10.

Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind Project 1, LLC is proposing to divert a portion of the Atlantic City beach and parks for the installation of underground utility facilities associated with the Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind Project 1.

- Attend the hearing: July 27, 2023, 6PM, Atlantic City City Hall, Council Chambers, 1301 Bacharach Boulevard, Atlantic City, NJ 08540.
- Public comments are due August 10, 2023. Questions and comments addressed to Terence Kelly, External Affairs Manager, must be sent to two email addresses with “Atlantic Shores” in the subject line: terence.kelly@atlanticshoreswind.com and PublicLandCompliance@dep.nj.gov.


Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind Bight, LLC requested an incidental harassment authorization (“IHA”) to “take” or “harass” 15 different endangered and protected marine mammal species.

A. Click here to Review the Public Notice
B. Write comments addressed to Jolie Harrison, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS.
C. Send comments via email to ITP.Taylor@noaa.gov by July 28, 2023, at 11:59pm.
CURRENT GOVERNMENT PLANS FOR OFFSHORE WIND ARE RECKLESS

According to the NMFS, by 2030 the Northeast marine ecosystem will be occupied by:
- **Over 2.4 million acres** of leases (twice the size of Grand Canyon National Park)
- **3,400 turbines** (as tall as the Chrysler Building)
- **10,000 miles of submarine cables** (3 ½ times the distance from LA to NYC)

PLUS, an **additional 5.7 million acres** is under review for development. Offshore wind energy is renewable but will impact the ocean and marine life. While reasonable and responsible offshore wind could provide some needed renewable energy, the current scope, magnitude, and speed of the industrialization for wind energy are unprecedented and will result in vast marine ecosystem destruction. Studies to determine impacts are underway, but are too little too late, and cumulative impacts are largely unknown or ignored. There are few laws protecting marine life. The risks are high. There are cheaper, faster, and safer energy-wise solutions that can be implemented now on land, such as energy waste and use reduction. A reasonable pilot studies may help determine how to conduct offshore wind in an environmentally responsible manner, but the government has rejected such a responsible approach. **For more information and resources, go to CleanOceanAction.org.**

HELPFUL RESOURCES ON MARINE MAMMAL HARASSMENT AUTHORIZATION:
- List of all active, pending, and expired incidental harassment authorizations (IHAs) on offshore wind energy projects: [https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-other-energy-activities-renewable](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-other-energy-activities-renewable)