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Coastal Resources Management Council
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RE: Offshore Wind Farm/Revolution Wind Farm/Other Proposed Wind Farms

Dear CRMC:

I have been a licensed commercial fisherman for over fifty (50) years. I own Point Trap Company, a floating fish trap company, that operates out of Sakonnet Point. In addition, my family is the majority shareholder in Tallman & Mack, another floating fish trap company that works out of Sakonnet Point.

I have attached aerial photographs. The Point Trap floating fish traps are primarily located at the Sakonnet Point breakwater, West Island and the Sakonnet Lighthouse.

In addition, Tallman & Mack has floating fish traps located off Lands End, Newport, RI. Those fish traps are staggered... 1, 2, 3. Each floating fish trap (together with its fish trap leader), are approximately one-quarter of a mile long.

There is an upcoming meeting of the CRMC. Because the Cox Ledge area will be impacted, the fish that would have likely migrated to the Sakonnet Point/Lands End areas, will likely not reach our floating fish traps.

The underground cable that will be necessary for the offshore wind farms will certainly disturb the bottom of the ocean and cause other problems. Moreover, the location of the turbines will greatly interrupt the

ocean floor and change the migratory patterns of fish. In addition, the wind farms will cause navigation problems.

According to the newspaper, one of the Wind offshore companies has agreed to a \$12.9 million dollar mitigation fund. This is woefully inadequate and should be in the range of \$100 million dollars. I urge the CRMC to deny permission to all of the offshore wind farms that could have any impact whatsoever on Rhode Island and on the Rhode Island fisheries.



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Via email & USPS





