

## **Revolution Wind Navigational Enhancement and Training**

### **Program Objectives:**

- Enable commercial fishermen and for-hire vessels to acquire Navigation Equipment, as defined below, through a grant – or in other words, voucher – system; and
- Provide training and experiential learning opportunities to those navigating within the Orsted/Eversource Joint Venture Wind Lease Areas in the Rhode Island/Massachusetts Wind Energy Area (“WEA”).
- Further positive co-existence between offshore wind and fishing community

### **Approach and Eligibility:**

- Navigation Equipment for Fishermen Eligible for Direct Compensation Fund
  - Fishermen eligible for the Direct Compensation Fund (ie. have historically fished in the Revolution Wind wind farm and are commercial or for hire fishermen) who do not already possess Navigation Equipment will automatically be eligible for a voucher to purchase Navigation Equipment. Navigation Equipment is defined as pulse compression radar systems and AIS transceivers (for AIS, further defined below);
  - One-time grants for vessels that do not already have Navigation Equipment will be available as follows: up to \$10,000 will be available for each eligible fisherman with a commercial vessel or with an inspected for-hire vessel; and up to \$5,000 will be available for each eligible fisherman with an uninspected for-hire vessel;
  - Vouchers may only be used to purchase and install pre-approved Navigation Equipment;
  - For those wishing to obtain AIS transceivers the following will be provided: vessels required to carry AIS, vouchers will be for Class A AIS; and for vessels not required to carry AIS, vouchers will be for Class A or Class B;
  - Each fishermen/vessel operating within the Orsted/Eversource Joint Venture Lease Areas in the WEA is eligible for only one grant from the Navigational Enhancement and Training Program to upgrade navigational equipment; and
  - The process will be administered through Revolution Wind or its designee.
- Professional Training & Experiential Learning for Fishermen with Valid Saltwater Fishing License (Federal or Rhode Island)
  - Fishermen eligible for the Direct Compensation Fund (see above) may attend one professional training of their choice up to a value \$1,000 per person. Eligible trainings include but are not limited to a captain’s course, license upgrade, radar course, or rules of the road refresher.
  - In addition, the following categories of fishermen who have a valid saltwater fishing license (federal or Rhode Island) will be eligible (capped at 300) to attend one group simulator session held at USMRC in Middletown, RI or similar simulation facility within a reasonable commuting area: Private anglers (only for simulator); charter captain; and commercial fishing industry members. Up to 300 attendees will have the opportunity to navigate a vessel through a windfarm and experience various scenarios such as night conditions, adverse weather, and vessel crossings.

### **Funding/Cap:**

- Revolution Wind shall make available up to Three Hundred Thirty Three Thousand and Three Dollars (\$333,333) to fund claims when made through the Navigational Enhancement and Training Program. This Navigational Enhancement and Training Fund shall be used solely to pay approved vouchers under the Navigational Enhancement and Training Program as described herein.
- Revolution Wind will book half-day simulator sessions at USMRC or similar simulation facility within a reasonable commuting area to accommodate demand of up to 300 potential participants as defined above. There will be no tuition or training cost to attendees. Attendees will be limited to one visit.
- Once the funding and space at the simulators are exhausted, the program will end.

### **Administration:**

- Navigation Equipment
  - Revolution Wind or its designee will manage the process.
  - Revolution Wind will approve at least 2 regional marine electronics retailers capable of installing electronic equipment.
  - Retailers may source and install navigation equipment up to the vessel's approved limit. The cost of installation counts towards the grant limit per fisherman. Retailers will invoice the escrow account for the cost of navigational equipment and installation.
- Professional Training
  - Revolution Wind or its designee will manage the process.
  - Revolution Wind will approve training facilities capable of providing professional maritime courses including but not limited to OUPV courses ("Six pack" captain's course/national operator of uninspected passenger vessel), 100 ton upgrades, radar course, and rules of the road refreshers.
    - Training facilities will allow eligible participants the opportunity to attend regularly scheduled classes and invoice the fund for tuition up to \$1,000.
- Experiential Learning
  - Revolution Wind will manage reservation process and make simulator available.

### **Redemption Process**

- Navigation Equipment
  - Applicants holding an approved voucher will contact pre-selected marine electronics installers to select Navigation Equipment.
  - Marine electronics retailers will work directly with the applicants to install Navigation Equipment.
  - After installation, retailers will bill the escrow account directly
- Professional Training
  - Interested eligible applicants will sign up for courses at approved facilities.
  - Facilities will work directly with applicants for course scheduling
  - Facilities will bill training account escrow up to \$1000 for each approved applicant.
- Experiential Learning
  - Scheduling of navigation simulator will be managed by Orsted Marine Affairs Department.