

October 2, 2023

Jeffery Willis, Executive Director and  
Kevin Sloan, Coastal Policy  
Coastal Resources Management Council  
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Dear Mr. Willis and Mr. Sloan,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Avangrid's New England Wind project and the federal consistency certification filed with Coastal Resources Management Council.

I am a commercial fisherman who fished out of Point Judith for over 15 years and can speak from personal experience as an Onboard Fisheries Liaison (OFL) 3 years that the fishing industry and offshore wind industry can coexist.

As is evident from their work in both their joint venture with Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners, Vineyard Wind 1 and their sole ownership New England Wind project, Avangrid is committed to working with the fishing industry. Avangrid sees value in working with fishermen on their survey vessels to help avoid and minimize conflicts with local fishermen and fishing gear. Communication offshore is a critical component to having a good working relationship with local fisherman. The use of OFL's on board creates the ability to plan and coordinate in real time as it's needed, which saves time and delays for everyone involved.

Please accept my comment in support of Avangrid and their continued efforts to work collaboratively with the fishing industry.

Respectfully,

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