

October 4, 2023

Coastal Resource Management Council
Stedman Government Center
4808 Tower Hill Road
Wakefield, RI 02879

Re: New England Wind Federal Consistency Review

Dear Mr. Willis,

My name is Roy Campanale and I am writing in support of Avangrid in their efforts to continue Offshore Wind Development. Hopefully, my experience will add value and be considered in your evaluation during this review. My family owns and operates a small commercial fishing fleet operating out of Point Judith. We are very concerned with everyone who fishes or transits like everyone through the waters being considered. For generations we have depended on these waters and it has grown more challenging due to migration, quotas and regulation. Honestly, at first development did not seem like it would be helpful.

My family and our crews spent months listening to both sides and eventually we approached with an opportunity to participate in the projects as Scout and Safety vessels. As we learned more and started to get our boats to the required safety standards, it became clear that Avangrid and the industry were supportive of us and we would be able to work together. Today we have the Barbara Ann and Mister Marco working and the work has been critical in navigating the economic challenges in commercial fishing. We are able to stay above water because we supplement fishing income with offshore work. Our crews are safer and are consistently earning and Avangrid's approval will allow us and other fishermen to continue to do what we do best. Honestly, without the extra income we would be facing some difficult decisions.

Today our boats and crews are safer and able to weather the economic downturn because of the offshore work. We can work together and Avangrid has proven to be a company committed to working with fishermen. I encourage you to approve the review.


Roy Campanale