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Subject: Vineyard Wind DRI 688 public comment
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RE: Vineyard Wind DRR 688 public comment & safety of fishermen

Dear Ms. Morrison:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide public comment on the Vineyard Wind DRI 688. I respectfully request this comment be published under "Correspondence".

The most important public policy consideration is public safety that would be severely compromised by Vineyard Wind.

"This is a losing proposition for the fishing industry- big time," said Lanny Dellinger, who is the chair of the state's fisheries advisory board.

One of the chief concerns Dellinger has about Vineyard Wind's \$2 billion proposal is the way the company wants to arrange its turbines.

"I can't even tell you how dangerous this is going to be," Dellinger said. "We've kind of nicknamed it the 'Crucifier' for any vessel that's going to have to transit these grounds and really."

Under a northwest to southeast layout, Dellinger said fishermen could snag their nets on traps and even crash into a turbine.

"I guarantee you we're going to lose fishermen out there," Dellinger said..." CUT -
continue-<https://turnto10.com/news/local/rhode-island-fishing-professionals-worry-offshore-wind-farm-could-harm-the-industry>

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Offshore Construction Associates (OCA) has won a contract to provide installation management services for the Vineyard Wind offshore wind project in Massachusetts, U.S.

<https://www.offshorewind.biz/2019/03/21/100150565/>

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<https://www.companydirectorcheck.com/nicholas-william-wordsworth>

Nicholas Wordsworth is connected to Westermost Rough Offshore Wind:

Thursday, 26 June 2014

Westermost Rough Foundations Installation 2012-2014



Installation Manager for 35 monopile foundations for the 210MW project using new Siemens 6MW turbines

<http://nwwoffshore.blogspot.com/?m=1>

Source: Westermost Rough Offshore Wind-Clips-

“Reducing the Risks whilst Fishing

To reduce the risks of fishing near offshore structures, it is essential to be up to date with KIS-ORCA information. KIS-ORCA information is easy to install on your vessel’s fishing plotter and ensures skippers are able to make informed decisions for their safety.

The closer to the surface a subsea cable is lifted when fouled by fishing gear, the more danger there is to the fishing vessel. In the interests of fishing safety and to prevent damage to subsea structures, fishermen are advised to exercise caution when fishing in the vicinity of subsea cables and renewable energy structures. Loss of gear, fishing time and catch can result if a trawler snags a subsea structure and there is serious risk of loss of life...”

“Dangers of Renewable Energy Structures & Cables to Fishing

Renewable Energy Structures and Subsea Cables are a hazard and fishing over them should be avoided at all times. Heavily armoured cables used within the subsea cable and renewable energy industry are very strong and have high breaking strains, sometimes over 70 tonnes and can do extensive damage before they give way. Most modern subsea cables carry high voltages which could prove lethal if attempts are made to cut them.

Fibre Optic cable consists of an inner optical core encased within a copper clad high tensile steel wire rope insulated with polythene. In water less than 1500 meters deep, protection is added against fishing and anchor damage in the form of external steel wire armour. Due to the severe environmental demands placed on submarine cables, a lead-alloy sheath is often specified because of its compressibility, flexibility and resistance to moisture and corrosion. The sheath is usually covered by a number of outer layers, comprising a PE or PVC jacket and metal wire armouring.”

“Emergency Procedures

1. If you suspect you have snagged a subsea cable, DO NOT endanger your vessel and crew by attempting to recover your gear.
2. Carefully plot your vessel’s position as accurately as possible.
3. Advise the Coastguard of your situation, and call the 24 hour Emergency Number and state that an incident is occurring concerning a subsea cable”

More on fishing & safety here-

http://kis-orca.eu/media/76975/WestermostRough_LRes.pdf

I hope that Vineyard Wind will not be constructed for many reasons ranging from offshore wind technological failure, blade, cabling and foundation failure.

But, most importantly, the compromised health and safety of fishermen by installation of the wind park is anticipated by the chairman of the state's fisheries, Lanny Dellinger, who predicts loss of life.

Thank You,

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Sent from my iPhone