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### Acronyms and Abbreviations

<b>ACHP</b>	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
<b>BOEM</b>	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
<b>COP</b>	Construction and Operations Plan
<b>EDPR</b>	EDP Renewable
<b>eTWG</b>	Environmental Technical Working Group
<b>FCP</b>	Fisheries Communication Plan
<b>ftTWG</b>	Fisheries Technical Working Group
<b>ft</b>	feet
<b>IHA</b>	Incidental Harassment Authorization
<b>km</b>	kilometers
<b>Lease Area</b>	Lease Area OCS-A 0537
<b>MAFMC</b>	Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council
<b>m</b>	meters
<b>NEFMC</b>	New England Fisheries Management Council
<b>nm</b>	nautical miles
<b>NJDEP</b>	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
<b>NYDEC</b>	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
<b>NYSDOS</b>	New York State Department of State
<b>NYSOGS</b>	New York State Office of General Services
<b>NYSERDA</b>	New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
<b>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
<b>NOAA Fisheries</b>	National Marine Fisheries Service
<b>OW</b>	Ocean Winds
<b>ROSA</b>	Responsible Offshore Science Alliance
<b>RWSC</b>	Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative
<b>USACE</b>	United States Army Corps. Of Engineers
<b>USCG</b>	United States Coast Guard
<b>USFWS</b>	United States Fish and Wildlife Service

## Executive Summary

Since the last progress report, Bluepoint Wind has made strides in outreach and thoughtful planning with regards to community stakeholders, fisheries, and agencies. Through consistent meetings and attending information sessions, Bluepoint Wind has remained a resource for external parties.

Bluepoint Wind has been working closely with BOEM to guide its communication with Native American Tribes. Bluepoint Wind is looking forward to BOEM's convening of Native American Tribes and New York Bight leaseholders in May to discuss interests and engagement strategies throughout the project development process and beyond. Bluepoint Wind is committed to being deliberate and thoughtful of all Native American Tribal outreach and engagement moving forward to take all concerns and questions.

Bluepoint Wind maintains ongoing coordination with BOEM on regulatory requirements and Construction and Operations Plan (COP) development. We have engaged with a number of other Federal and State agencies to introduce the Bluepoint Wind Project, discuss permitting for surveys, and obtain feedback on siting constraints for export cable routing.

For local commercial and recreational fisheries, our Fisheries Liaison has attended relevant meetings with councils, working groups, and other relevant parties through academic seminars, industry events and other various meeting channels. During the reporting period, the fisheries team has conducted numerous port visits and sent survey notices through a variety of channels to local fisheries. The Project has updated its Fisheries Communication Plan and will continue to do so throughout the life of the Project to ensure interested parties can access to up-to-date information in an effective manner.

The Bluepoint Wind stakeholder team has continued to meet with local community groups, universities, and other groups to create open channels of communication and ensure their feedback is being accurately documented and considered. During the reporting period between November 1, 2022 and April 30, 2023 (Reporting Period), the team has conducted, attended, and sponsored meetings with relevant parties to serve as a resource to the community to ensure that all questions and concerns are addressed directly. In the coming reporting period, Bluepoint Wind will continue to work with local groups to address continued questions and give the local communities a voice in the project as it progresses.

## 1. Purpose and Background

### 1.1. Purpose

This Progress Report is prepared in accordance with Section 3.1 of the Lease OCS-A 0537, which requires that Bluepoint Wind, LLC (Bluepoint Wind) submit a semi-annual progress report (Progress Report) to the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) every six months from the date of the lease effective date by BOEM (May 1, 2022), through the approval of a Construction and Operations Plan (COP). This report covers the period from November 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023 (Reporting Period). The purpose of this Progress Report is to document overall Bluepoint Wind's progress and engagement activities undertaken with Tribes, parties, and stakeholders over the prior 6-month period. A list of Native American Tribes, parties, and stakeholders that may be potentially affected by the Project activities are provided in Appendix A: Tribes and Other Parties Relevant to the Project. Relevant contact information is provided in Appendix B: Lessee and Liaison Contact Information, and Bluepoint Wind's Communication Plans can be found in Appendix C: Communications Plans.

Each Progress Report will be updated with Bluepoint Wind's progress and engagement activities completed during the reporting period and plans for continued engagement.

### 1.2. Lessee Information and Description

Bluepoint Wind is a partnership between Ocean Winds (OW), an international offshore wind energy company created by EDP Renewables and ENGIE (50:50), and New York-based Global Infrastructure Partners.

Bluepoint Wind was awarded offshore lease area OCS-A 0537, herein referred to as the Lease Area, in February 2022 by BOEM in the New York Bight area (see Figure 1). Bluepoint Wind intends to develop a state-of-the-art offshore wind power project within the Lease Area, associated export cable route and onshore facilities, herein referred to as the Project. The Lease Area is located 38 nautical miles (nm) (70 kilometers [km]) off the coast of New York and 53 nm (107 km) off the coast of New Jersey and has an average water depth of 180 feet (ft) (55 meters [m]). Bluepoint Wind's lease area is not close in proximity to other New York Bight lease areas; it is also the New York Bight lease area that is furthest from the shores of New Jersey and New York as seen in Figure 1. More information about the Bluepoint Wind project can be found here: <https://bluepointwind.com/>.



Figure 1 Bluepoint Wind Lease Area (OCS-A 0537)

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## 2. Tribal Engagement

Bluepoint Wind has and will continue to engage with Native American Tribes as sovereign governments recognized by the federal government. The Native American Tribes listed in Appendix A have been identified by BOEM in the lease stipulations as having cultural and/or historical ties to the Lease Area. Bluepoint Wind invites other interested Native American Tribes and Parties to contact us directly.

### 2.1. Overall Engagement Progress Since Last Report

Tribal governments listed in Appendix A were contacted in mid-October 2022 by certified mail, phone, and email to invite them to a Geophysical and Geotechnical pre-survey meeting. On November 2 and November 3, 2022, Bluepoint Wind met with Native American Tribes listed in Table 1 to provide information on future survey plans and to receive feedback. Follow-up actions and outcomes are listed below in Table 1.

As per an email from BOEM on July 25, 2022, Bluepoint Wind has not reached out to tribes regarding the Native American Tribal Communication Plan (NATCP) as BOEM stated they will be playing a convening role to facilitate a meeting between NYB lessees and Native American Tribes.

During this Reporting Period, Bluepoint Wind has been working the other NYB lessees to draft an outline of the NATCP with the goal of presenting the outline to Tribes to collect and incorporate their feedback into the NYB Joint NATCP. An upcoming NATCP meeting with BOEM and Native American Tribes is projected to occur in May 2023.

**Table 1 Tribal Engagement During Reporting Period**

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s) Represented	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Pre-Survey Meeting: Provided information on future survey plans and to receive feedback.	Three Native American Tribes were represented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delaware Tribe of Indians</li> <li>Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe</li> <li>Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bluepoint Wind will host future meetings with interested Native American Tribes to discuss potential ECR routes and cultural core selection along those routes.</li> <li>Bluepoint Wind will provide opportunities to view the core processing via web cam.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A as survey activities are proprietary and confidential</li> </ul>
Information sharing via email: As a follow up from the Pre-Survey	Three Native American Tribes received the follow up e-mail based on requests made at the meetings:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bluepoint Wind will share other publicly available information to Native American Tribal Nations as requested.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s) Represented	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
meeting, Bluepoint Wind shared publicly available NYSERDA geophysical data collected in the NYB region, as requested.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delaware Tribe of Indians</li> <li>Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe</li> <li>Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians</li> </ul>		

## 2.2. Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Tribal Interests

During Bluepoint Wind’s Pre-Survey meeting held on November 2 and 3, 2023, Native American Tribes expressed potential concerns as noted in Table 2.

**Table 2 Potential Effects and Tribal Input on Project Design or Implementation**

Potential Effect	Affected Tribe	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
Cable routing through potentially sensitive area	Native American Tribes represented at the pre-survey meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delaware Tribe of Indians</li> <li>Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe</li> <li>Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians</li> </ul>	Bluepoint Wind will share cable route options under consideration and cultural core selection process at future meeting(s) to receive feedback
Preference for one meeting with all interested Tribes rather than multiple meetings with fewer participants at each	Native American Tribes represented at the pre-survey meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delaware Tribe of Indians</li> <li>Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe</li> <li>Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians</li> </ul>	Bluepoint Wind will attempt to identify meeting times so that all interested Tribes can attend one meeting

## 2.3. Tribal Feedback on Transmission Planning

To promote continuing dialogue on transmission planning, Bluepoint Wind will host future meetings, as described in Tables 2 and 3, with interested Native American Tribes to discuss potential export cable routes (ECR) and cultural core selection along those routes.



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## 2.4. Anticipated or Scheduled Tribal Engagement Activities

During the next Reporting Period, Bluepoint Wind will work with BOEM and other NYB lessees to develop a final NATCP. This communication document will be finalized after the BOEM convened meeting takes place between NYB Lessees and Native American Tribes. Bluepoint Wind will be collecting survey data throughout the next Reporting Period in which we will request Native American Tribes' input, as detailed in Table 3.

**Table 3 Anticipated Tribal Engagement Activities for the Next Reporting Period**

Future Anticipated Discussion / Engagement	Tribe(s)	Anticipated Timeframe	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
NACTP	Native American Tribes listed in Appendix A: Tribes and Other Parties Relevant to the Project will be invited to participate by BOEM	May 2023	All NYB leaseholders will be in attendance and will be coordinating the presentation and meeting materials
ECR/preliminary cultural core locations	Native American Tribes listed in Appendix A: Tribes and Other Parties Relevant to the Project will be invited to participate by BOEM	Q2 - Q3 2023	N/A as survey activities are proprietary and confidential

## 3. Engagement with Potentially Affected Parties

### 3.1. Overall Engagement Progress Since Last Report

Bluepoint Wind has participated in various party meetings and engagement, see Table 4, during the Reporting Period.

#### Agencies

Bluepoint Wind has participated in numerous agency meetings and engagement activities, see Table 4, during the Reporting Period, including regularly scheduled engagements, meetings to discuss specific permits, surveys, or studies, and meetings to discuss export cable routing constraints. These agency engagements included the following:

- Regularly scheduled monthly or bi-weekly coordination meetings
- Survey permits, plans, and activities discussions
- Export cable routing constraints discussions
- Impact assessment approach or protocol discussions

Bluepoint Wind held or attended multi-agency meetings whenever possible in order to reduce consultation burden and ensure coordinated feedback from agencies. There were no agency meetings

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that occurred during the Reporting Period in which lessee coordination was appropriate due to the confidential nature of the topics discussed.

### Fisheries

Bluepoint Wind fisheries engagements that were initiated during the first reporting period continued into the current Reporting Period. These included updates to the Fisheries Communication Plan (FCP; Appendix C), continued outreach by our Fisheries Liaison to commercial and recreational fishers, and attendance at management council meetings, working groups, academic seminars, and trade/industry events. Fisheries engagements during the reporting period increased significantly from the previous period. Various strategies were used by Bluepoint Wind to execute our fisheries engagement activities during the reporting period; these included the following:

- Bluepoint Wind's Fisheries Liaison conducted 10 port visits covering fishing ports from New Bedford, MA to Cape May, NJ. These port visits resulted in at least 43 in person interactions with commercial fisheries stakeholders. These visits included Joint Offshore Wind Developer Port Hours in New Bedford, MA and Point Judith, RI (in coordination with MA/RI OSW leaseholders)
- Notices of upcoming survey activities were emailed to over 285 fisheries stakeholders, including state and regional fisheries organizations, some of which forwarded the communication to their members.
- Other fisheries stakeholders were contacted by email, phone calls and text messages to create awareness of the Bluepoint Wind Project and keep them informed of upcoming survey activities.
- Attended three (3) regional Fisheries Management Council meetings. Bluepoint Wind maintained communications with the fisheries management councils to ensure that all relevant fisheries project information was readily available to council staff and updated on their offshore wind webpages.
- Bluepoint Wind participated in a recreational fishing trade show to provide outreach to the recreational fishing community. This trade show typically has over 13,000 attendees for its three-day duration.
- Bluepoint Wind funded a Fisheries Representative (FR) with extensive fishing industry experience to represent commercial and recreational fisheries concerns and interests.
- Bluepoint Wind attended offshore wind and fisheries-related academic seminars.

Bluepoint Wind's fisheries deconfliction activities included the following:

- Pre-survey fisheries training for all survey vessels prior to deployment and at crew changes,
- Development of procedures for fisheries and gear interactions and development of gear loss claim procedures,
- Establishment of real time group communication between survey vessels, Bluepoint Wind's survey managers, and the Fisheries Liaison,

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- Regular communication with fishers who may be impacted by survey activities and using their information to deconflict survey operations.

### Stakeholders

Bluepoint Wind stakeholder engagement has expanded significantly since the last progress report through stakeholder meetings, attendance of local events, and sharing of information through tabling sessions. Bluepoint Wind aims to serve as a resource for local organizations and individuals for any questions and to provide updates on our progress. Stakeholder meetings increased and progressed, and the Bluepoint Wind team attended a number of community events (See Table 4). These stakeholder engagement activities included the following:

- Knowledge sharing, Q&A, open discussion, progress updates meetings
- Attended local events
- Spoke or exhibited at local events

**Table 4 Engagement with Parties During Reporting Period**

Focus of Discussion or engagement	Party(ies)	Follow up Actions / Activities / Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement
<b>Agencies</b>			
Monthly/bi-weekly Project updates	BOEM	Various	N/A
Geophysical and Geotechnical Survey Plans	BOEM	Incorporated BOEM feedback into survey plan	N/A
Export cable routing	BOEM, USACE, NJDEP, NYSDEC, NYSDOS, NYSOGS	Export cable routes revised to avoid constraints to the extent practicable	Multi-Agency Meeting and Individual Meetings
SHPO Pre-Survey Meeting	NJDEP	Implemented confirmed archaeological requirements	N/A
General Permit #23 for Geotechnical Survey	NJDEP	Incorporated NJDEP feedback into GP#23 application	N/A
Joint Permit Application (JPA) for Geotechnical	NYSDEC, NYSDOS, NYSOGS,	Feedback to be incorporated into JPA application	Multi-Agency Meeting

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Focus of Discussion or engagement	Party(ies)	Follow up Actions / Activities / Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement
Survey	USACE		
Visual Impact Assessment	BOEM	Feedback to be incorporated into visual approach for the COP	N/A
<b>Fisheries</b>			
Meeting attendance	Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the American Fisheries Society	Informal meetings with academic researchers, agencies, and fisherman	Informal meetings with other Fisheries Liaisons
Meeting attendance (multiple meetings)	NEFMC	Introduction to Karen Baker (BOEM); scallop fishery update; joint developer coordination	April 2023 meeting included a joint offshore wind developer information session for meeting attendees and the general public
Attended the Revolution Wind Navigation Simulator	United States Maritime Resource Center	Learned about potential vessel navigation through wind farm arrays	Hosted by Orsted
Meeting attendance (regular standing call)	ACP Fisheries Subcommittee	Knowledge sharing and outreach coordination for fisheries topics	Multiple offshore wind developers are involved including the establishment of a NY Bight group
Meeting attendance	MAFMC	Collected information on amendments and rule changes	Interaction with other Fisheries Liaisons
Cooperative Research Branch Summit	NOAA	Collected information on implementing a cooperative approach in answering research questions regarding OSW.	Multiple developer representatives in break-out sessions
Expo attendance	Saltwater	Engage with recreational	Multiple developers

Focus of Discussion or engagement	Party(ies)	Follow up Actions / Activities / Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement
and exhibitor booth	Fishing Expo	fishers; addressed marine mammal concerns by sharing subject matter expert information	coordinated to provide a co-located area for interested parties to interact with developers
Meeting attendance	Special Initiative for Offshore Wind	Discussion on establishment of a 9-State regional fisheries compensation administrator	Involves multiple developers
<b>Stakeholders</b>			
NY State/Regional Science Collaboration	NYSERDA eTWG	Stakeholder discussions for measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate anticipated impacts on wildlife during OSW activities	Participation involves collaboration with research scientists, eNGOs, wildlife agencies, and other developers for best science practices, data sharing & management, study design, new technology, and the identification of research priorities.
Regional Science Collaboration	Responsible Offshore Science Alliance (ROSA)	Knowledge sharing for research and monitoring the potential for OSW effects on fisheries.	Collaborative working group with regional interest stakeholders.
Regional Science Collaboration	Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative (RWSC)	Knowledge sharing and participation in subcommittees: Avian & Bat, Marine Mammal, Habitats & Ecosystems, and Sea Turtles.	Collaborative working group with regional interest stakeholders.
Local Non-Profit Meetings	Local Workforce Development, Wraparound Service, and various specialized organizations	Share information and ideas on possible collaborations and follow up meetings to finalize proposals	Various support mechanism for local events in the short term, and long-term partnership opportunities

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Focus of Discussion or engagement	Party(ies)	Follow up Actions / Activities / Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement
Higher Education Meetings	State Universities, Colleges, and University Affiliated Research Labs	Knowledge sharing on Offshore wind as well as various research projects that are in development	Sponsor future events, attend networking sessions, and future research presentations
Local Event Attendance	Various local events, networking sessions, and knowledge transfer events	Listen to local opinions, ideas, projects and concerns. Also serve as a resource for individuals seeking more information about the offshore wind industry	Meet with local universities and non-profits
Local Conference Attendance	Conferences, and symposiums run by local universities, organizations, and interest groups	Serve as an on-site resource for individuals and groups and table, when possible, to share Bluepoint Wind progress	N/A

### 3.2. Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Parties

Potential effects by the Project and how the Project plans to address these potential effects are listed in Table 5.

#### Agencies

Bluepoint Wind engaged with a number of Federal and State agencies during the Reporting Period to discuss potential export cable siting. These agencies have provided valuable feedback on siting constraints, sensitive resources, avoidance options, and other useful information.

#### Fisheries

Bluepoint Wind’s Fisheries Liaison engaged with recreational and commercial fisheries often during the reporting period through Port visits, attendance at fisheries management council and industry events (e.g., Saltwater Expo), and direct outreach (e.g., email) associated with Bluepoint Wind’s geophysical survey activities. Through these engagement activities, Bluepoint Wind identified fisheries concerns and implemented procedures, communications, and vessel trainings to address potential effects. It is anticipated that the funding of a Fisheries Representative, which occurred during this reporting period, will also provide valuable input from fishers.

#### Stakeholders

Bluepoint Wind has engaged with numerous local non-profits focused on workforce development, wraparound services, and overall community interests, as well as state universities and colleges, research centers, and business partnership groups. These groups have provided feedback, identified concerns, and asked questions related to the effects of the project; Bluepoint Wind’s stakeholder team has served as a resource to remain transparent and informative throughout the interactions. Questions of employment opportunities, community involvement, and university participation have been the focus of these conversations.

**Table 5 Potential Effects and Input from Parties on Project Design or Implementation**

Potential Effect	Affected Party(ies)	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
<b>Agencies</b>		
Export cable routes intersecting with constraints (such as Sand Resource Areas)	Federal and State agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early and often engagement with agencies on potential export cable routing to minimize impacts on sensitive resources and constraints.</li> </ul>
<b>Fisheries</b>		

Potential Effect	Affected Party(ies)	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
Fishing gear loss	Commercial fishers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-survey fisheries training for vessel crew</li> <li>• Fisheries liaison port visits and stakeholder engagement</li> <li>• Pre-survey reconnaissance</li> <li>• Gear Loss Compensation procedure</li> </ul>
Temporary displacement during surveys	Commercial and recreation fishers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear communication in advance of survey activity</li> <li>• Proactive dissemination of survey information, time of operation, equipment types</li> <li>• Utilize fishing area closures to complete activities when fishers are absent</li> </ul>
<b>Stakeholders</b>		
Economic development and job opportunities	Local Workforce Development Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequent meetings to discuss training and future job opportunities</li> <li>• Open discussions on wraparound services</li> </ul>
Knowledge Sharing and Transparency	Local community organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open channels of communication for progress updates</li> <li>• Frequent meeting opportunities for questions and concerns</li> </ul>

### 3.3. Feedback from Parties on Transmission Planning

Bluepoint Wind engaged with a number of Federal and State agencies during the Reporting Period to discuss export cable routing, as noted in Table 4 and Table 5 above, and has adjusted export cable routes to accommodate agency feedback to the extent practicable. Bluepoint Wind will continue to work with these agencies, as well as other relevant agencies, as potential export cable routes evolve. Bluepoint Wind will be able to provide more information and seek input about its export cable routing from other stakeholders as it moves beyond the early pre-development stage.

## 4. Anticipated or Scheduled Engagement Activities

Table 7 describes anticipated engagement activities Bluepoint Wind plans to initiate/attend during the next reporting period (May 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023).



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### Agencies

Bluepoint Wind will continue to meet individually with numerous agencies over the coming year to update agencies on the project development, discuss project design, and understand potential concerns and critical points of engagement. Bluepoint Wind also plans to meet with agencies to discuss approaches and protocols for upcoming environmental surveys and studies for COP assessments, as well as state permits for geotechnical survey work. Additionally, as discussed above, Bluepoint Wind will continue to engage with Federal and State agencies regarding export cable routing.

### Fisheries

In the next reporting period, Bluepoint Wind will continue the current level of fisheries engagement and communications while also seeking additional opportunities to share information regarding Bluepoint Wind activities and seek to further develop trusting relations with fishers. Bluepoint Wind will also continue to participate with other developers within the NY Bight and other nearby wind energy areas to coordinate fisheries-related activities in a manner beneficial to fishers.

#### *Direct Interaction with Fishers*

Bluepoint Wind's Fisheries Liaison will continue conducting individual and joint developer Port Hours visits in order to interact directly and develop dialogue with fishers at New York and New Jersey ports as well as other relevant ports in the region (New Bedford, MA and Port Judith, RI). The Fisheries Representative position will continue to be funded by Bluepoint Wind to provide fishers with a contact for conveying project-related concerns to Bluepoint Wind.

#### *Fisheries Management, Research, and Industry Group Meetings*

Bluepoint Wind's Fisheries Liaison and other representatives will continue to attend the MAFMC and NEFMC meetings, fisheries research-related seminars sponsored by regulatory agencies (BOEM, NOAA Fisheries), and fisheries working group meetings such as the NYSERDA fTWG and ACP Fisheries Subcommittee. Attendance and participation in these activities will keep Bluepoint Wind up to date on important regulatory changes, new research and emerging technologies, and fisheries stakeholder comments and concerns.

#### *Fisheries Communications*

Bluepoint Wind's Fisheries Liaison and other staff will continue communications with fishers including website updates, e-mail, phone, and text messages regarding Bluepoint Wind survey activities and timing. Bluepoint Wind will be engaging in additional efforts as new activities are planned or as new needs or concerns associated with fisheries are identified.

### Stakeholders

Bluepoint Wind recognizes the importance of engaging with its stakeholders and values their input in the development of our offshore wind project. We remain committed to engaging with our stakeholders throughout the process and will continue to hold meetings to ensure that we maintain an open and transparent dialogue with our stakeholders.

*Stakeholder Meetings*

The intention of these meetings is for our team to hear the concerns and answer questions from local organizations. Transparency and open channels of communication are our ultimate goals. We plan to continue to hold meetings to update local organizations on our project’s progress as well as hear valuable feedback from the local communities we operate in.

*Informal Discussions*

While attending local events, we will continue to hold discussion with individuals and representatives from local organizations to serve as a resource for any questions or concerns related to Bluepoint Wind or Offshore Wind in general. While at these events we plan on hosting a table to share updates, information, and hold informative discussions around the project.

*Local Events*

Attending and sponsoring local events is important to create awareness around offshore wind and our project. During these events, we plan to serve as an open resource for networking, information sharing, and answering any questions that may arise.

*Conference Attendance*

Attending local conferences put on by universities, non-profits, or other various local groups is a key engagement moving forward to be present in industry discussions, research sharing, and general networking on renewable energy. At these conferences, we plan to exhibit or present as speakers to provide insight into the industry and the progress of our project and offshore wind in the local region.

**Table 6 Anticipated Engagement with Parties for the Next Reporting Period**

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement
<b>Agencies</b>		
COP and Impact Assessment Development	BOEM, USFWS, NOAA Fisheries, USCG	Multi-agency meetings to be held when appropriate
Export Cable Routing	Relevant Federal and State Agencies	Multi-agency meetings to be held when appropriate
Joint Permit Application for Geotechnical Survey	NYSDEC, NYSDOS, NYSOGS, USACE	Multi-agency meetings to be held when appropriate
Survey Notifications	Navy, USCG	

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Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement
<b>Fisheries</b>		
Survey coordination on lease area and potential export cable routes	Commercial and recreational fishermen	Utilize ACP’s NY Bight Fisheries Working group to develop coordinated engagement strategies  Joint developer port hours  Joint developer information sessions at fisheries council meetings
Multiple fisheries concerns with offshore wind (e.g., potential habitat & ecosystems changes)	Commercial and recreational fishers	Attendance at regional science groups focusing on fisheries issues (NYSERDA fTWG, RWSC Habitat & Ecosystems Subcommittee, ROSA)
<b>Stakeholders</b>		
Project Introductions	Local Non-Profits, State Colleges, Universities	Meetings to introduce the project, offshore wind, and the landscape of renewable energy
Progress Updates	Local community organizations, university research centers	Meet and serve as a resource for progress updates as well as answer questions as to the process for local offshore wind projects
Local Event Sponsorship	Local community groups, business partnership groups	Continued event sponsorship to raise awareness for local organizations to promote workforce development, wraparound services, and overall community development
Local Conference Attendance	Universities, NJ Wind Institute, research centers and community groups	Serve as a resource for students, faculty, and other interested parties for offshore wind, research opportunities, and overall renewable energy progress

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## 5. Survey Plan Activities

This section provides a summary of survey and development activities conducted during the second Reporting Period. See 8 and 9 for survey activities underway or are planned. Bluepoint Wind has received approval for the following survey activities:

- Received BOEM approval of Geotechnical Survey Plan and Geophysical Survey Plan on December 15, 2022
- Received NOAA Fisheries approval of Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) on February 28, 2022 (effective March 1, 2023)
- Submitted NJ Coastal General Permit #23 March 27, 2023 for upcoming geotechnical surveys

Survey activities have been and will be conducted in accordance with the approved plans/permit identified above.

**Table 8 Survey Plan Activities Under BOEM Review or Underway**

Type of Survey	Survey Activity Date	Purpose (i.e., what it will inform)	Location Description
Geophysical Surveys	Surveys initiated on: March 7, 2023 April 5, 2023 April 21, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COP development</li> <li>• Site characterization/ground model development</li> <li>• Siting and engineering design</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lease Area</li> <li>• Along potential export cable routes in federal and state waters</li> </ul>

**Table 9 Anticipated or Modified Survey Plan Activities**

Type of Survey	Proposed Date	Purpose (i.e., what it will inform)	Location Description
Benthic Survey	June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COP development</li> <li>• Site characterization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lease Area</li> <li>• Along potential export cable routes in federal and state waters</li> </ul>
Geotechnical Investigations	July – September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COP development</li> <li>• Site characterization/ground model development</li> <li>• Siting and engineering design</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lease Area</li> <li>• Along potential export cable routes in federal and state waters</li> </ul>

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## Appendix A: Tribes and Other Parties Relevant to the Project

In accordance with the lease stipulation 3.1.1, Bluepoint Wind has identified Native American Tribes and other parties in which are relevant to the Project, see Table A-1 and Table A-2. Native American Tribes and other parties include, but are not limited to:

- Coastal Communities
- Commercial and Recreational Fishing Industries
- Educational and Research Institutions
- Environmental and Public Interest Non-Governmental Organizations
- Federal Agencies
- State Agencies
- Local Agencies
- Federally recognized Tribes (see 5.3.3)
- Mariners and the Maritime Industry
- Ocean Users
- Submarine Cable Operators
- Underserved Communities, as defined in Section 2 of Executive Order 13985

### A-1. Federally Recognized Tribes Relevant to the Project

Name of Native American Tribe
• Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
• Delaware Tribe of Indians
• Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
• Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation
• Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
• Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut
• Shawnee Tribe
• Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians
• The Delaware Nation
• The Narragansett Indian Tribe
• The Shinnecock Indian Nation
• Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)

**Table A-2 Parties Relevant to the Project**

Name of Party	Party Type
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisory Council on Historic Preservation</li> <li>• National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service</li> <li>• United States Army Corps. Of Engineers</li> <li>• United States Coast Guard</li> </ul>	Federal Agencies

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Name of Party	Party Type
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• United States Department of Defense</li> <li>• United States Environmental Protection Agency</li> <li>• United States Fish and Wildlife Services</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection</li> <li>• New Jersey Board of Public Utilities</li> <li>• New York State Department of Environmental Conservation</li> <li>• New York State Department of State</li> <li>• New York State Department of Transportation</li> <li>• New York State Office of General Services</li> <li>• New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation</li> <li>• New York State Public Service Commission</li> <li>• New York State Energy Research and Development Authority</li> </ul>	State Agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County governments</li> <li>• Municipal governments</li> </ul>	Local Agencies and Coastal Communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Universities and Colleges</li> <li>• Local Universities</li> <li>• University Research Labs</li> <li>• Non-Profit Education Organizations</li> </ul>	Educational and Research Institutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chambers of Commerce</li> <li>• Non-Profit Workforce Development Organizations</li> </ul>	Economic Development Organizations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Non-Profit Organizations</li> <li>• Wraparound Service Groups</li> <li>• Community Based Organizations</li> </ul>	Underserved Communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-Profit Environmental Organizations</li> <li>• Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative</li> <li>• Responsible Offshore Science Alliance</li> <li>• New York State Energy Research and Development Authority Environmental Technical Working Group (e-TWG)</li> </ul>	Environmental Organizations and Working Groups
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishing vessel operators and owners</li> <li>• Commercial fishing organizations, associations and NGOs</li> <li>• Port Managers and Port Authorities</li> <li>• Fishermen’s Cooperatives</li> <li>• Regional Fisheries Management Councils</li> <li>• Marine Safety Consultants</li> <li>• NOAA Port Agents</li> <li>• Regional Fisheries offices e.g. Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NOAA</li> </ul>	Commercial Fishing Industry
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vessel owners and captains</li> <li>• For hire “party fishing boats”</li> </ul>	Recreational Fishing Industry

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Name of Party	Party Type
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marina and similar facilities</li> <li>• Recreational fishing associations</li> <li>• Fishing Expo and trade show organizers</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Port Managers and Port Authorities</li> <li>• Marine Pilots</li> <li>• Maritime Associations</li> <li>• Tug and barge operators</li> <li>• Cargo and Tanker operators</li> </ul>	Maritime Industry/Mariners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submarine cable operators through Lease Area</li> <li>• Submarine cable operators crossing potential ECR in New York Bight area</li> </ul>	Submarine Cable Operators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research Institutions</li> <li>• Aquariums</li> <li>• Marine tour agencies (bird and whale watching tours)</li> <li>• Recreational boaters</li> <li>• Other Offshore Wind developers</li> </ul>	Ocean Users

## Appendix B: Lessee and Liaison Contact Information

Name	Role	Contact Information
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## Appendix C: Communications Plans

Please find the following Communications Plans status/location listed below.

- 1) Native American Tribes Communication Plan (NATCP). To reduce the burden to Native American Tribes, BOEM has asked NYB Lessees to draft a single NACTP document (Joint NACTP) rather than present six separate documents for input. The Joint NATCP will be finalized during the next Reporting Period.
- 2) Fisheries Communication Plan is located [here](#).
- 3) Agency Communication Plan is located [here](#).