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## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

During the current reporting period between May 1, 2024, and October 31, 2024 (Reporting Period), Bluepoint Wind (the Project) has continued to make advances in outreach and thoughtful planning with regards to local stakeholders, mariners, and federal and state agencies. Through consistent follow-up meetings and open lines of communication with informal discussions and bidirectional information sharing sessions, Bluepoint Wind has remained committed to serving as a transparent resource for external parties as the Project has progressed.

Bluepoint Wind hosted several key information sharing meetings and collected Tribal feedback during this Reporting Period including preliminary results of the historical resources visual effects analysis (HRVEA), Project Design Envelope (PDE) including transmission planning, and sharing of the preliminary results of the marine archaeological resources assessment (MARA). Bluepoint Wind is committed to being deliberate and thoughtful of all Tribal outreach and engagement to address concerns and questions. Bluepoint Wind worked closely with the New York Bight (NY Bight) Lessees to draft the Joint Native American Tribal Communications Plan (Joint NATCP) to guide its communication with Tribes in a previous reporting period; Bluepoint Wind will continue to implement engagement approaches described in the Joint NATCP when communicating with Tribes.

Bluepoint Wind continues to maintain ongoing coordination with BOEM on regulatory requirements and Construction and Operations Plan (COP) development. We have engaged with numerous other Federal and State agencies to discuss various assessment protocol designs to gain feedback on the Bluepoint Wind PDE for the lease area and 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 port visits, academic seminars, industry events and other meeting channels. During the Reporting Period, the Project has provided and published information on lease area activity as requested by local mariners. The Project will continue to maintain open lines of communication with local fisheries and mariners to provide updates on the project as well as address any concerns or questions that may arise during the next Reporting Period.

The Bluepoint Wind stakeholder engagement team has continued to hold introductory and follow up meetings with local community organizations, municipalities, academic institutions, and other groups to create open channels of communication and ensure their feedback is accurately documented and considered. During the Reporting Period, Bluepoint Wind has conducted, attended, and sponsored meetings with relevant groups to serve as a resource to the community in providing general information and key updates as the Project progresses. In the coming/subsequent Reporting Period, Bluepoint Wind will maintain open lines of communication and continue outreach efforts to meet with local groups that may be unfamiliar to the Project or the offshore wind industry.

# **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 May 1, 2024, to October 31, 2024 (Reporting Period). The purpose of this Progress Report is to document Bluepoint Wind's overall progress and engagement activities undertaken with Tribes, mariners, parties, and stakeholders over the prior 6-month period. A list of Tribes, mariners, 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)**

## **2 TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT**

Bluepoint Wind has and will continue to engage with Tribes as sovereign governments recognized by the federal government. The 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 Tribes to contact us directly should they wish to engage Bluepoint Wind on the Project.

Bluepoint Wind has heard Tribal feedback concerning capacity constraints and scheduling conflicts; as such, Bluepoint Wind began offering two or more meeting times to share identical information to provide Tribes scheduling flexibility and to enhance attendance. This provided more opportunities for Tribes to participate and to provide feedback on the Project, and positive feedback was shared with Bluepoint Wind regarding this meeting approach.

Bluepoint Wind is now working with EnerTribe, a Native-American-owned consulting firm who is assisting Bluepoint Wind in proactive and meaningful engagement with Tribes. Bluepoint Wind anticipates future relationship building-focused conversations with Tribes either individually or with the NY Bight Lessees.

### **2.1 Overall Engagement Progress Since Last Report**

Tribes listed in Appendix A were invited to Bluepoint Wind's historical resources visual effects analysis (HRVEA) preliminary results sharing meeting held on July 16 and 19, 2024 to solicit Tribal feedback on culturally significant areas that could be within the Project's viewshed. Tribal members listed in Table 1 were in attendance.

Tribes listed in Appendix A were invited to Bluepoint Wind's Project Design Envelope (PDE) sharing meetings on August 7, 8, and 28, 2024 to garner Tribal feedback on Project design and siting, including onshore and offshore transmission planning. Most Tribal feedback received aligns with current Project siting and design, including the evaluation process, survey execution, and the qualified marine archaeologist (QMA)'s assessment. Tribal members listed in Table 1 were in attendance.

Tribes listed in Appendix A were invited to Bluepoint Wind's marine archaeological resources assessment (MARA) preliminary results meetings held on October 2 and October 3, 2024. The purpose of these meetings was to share MARA information early in the Project's development process (i.e., ahead of Section 106 commencement) as a response to Tribal feedback which Bluepoint Wind has recorded regarding early and meaningful engagement. The Tribal members listed in Table 1 were in attendance.

**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 |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| HRVEA preliminary results sharing                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delaware Tribe of Indians</li> <li>Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation</li> <li>Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe</li> <li>Shinnecock Indian Nation</li> <li>Stockbridge Munsee Community</li> <li>Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Tribal member provided information on a culturally significant resource in New Jersey. Bluepoint Wind followed up and is awaiting further information to include the resource in Project assessment</li> <li>Bluepoint Wind received positive feedback for sharing information early</li> </ul>                                                     | N/A                                       |
| PDE and transmission planning information sharing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delaware Tribe of Indians</li> <li>Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation</li> <li>Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe</li> <li>Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians</li> <li>Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)</li> </ul>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bluepoint Wind shared a topographic map to better see where natural resources are located in relation to onshore components, as requested</li> <li>GIS data sharing requested (to occur during Section 106 process by BOEM)</li> <li>Bluepoint Wind received positive feedback for sharing PDE and transmission planning information early</li> </ul> | N/A                                       |

| Focus of Discussion or Engagement | Tribe(s) Represented                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Preliminary MARA results sharing  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delaware Tribe of Indians</li> <li>Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation</li> <li>Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe</li> <li>Shinnecock Indian Nation</li> <li>Shawnee Tribe</li> <li>Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians</li> <li>Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request to share GIS MARA data (to occur during Section 106 by BOEM); Bluepoint Wind shared meeting notes and slide deck with maps Follow up on potentially providing a paleoshorline created with publicly-available data</li> <li>Bluepoint Wind received positive feedback about offering multiple meeting times to accommodate participate schedules</li> </ul> | N/A                                       |

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

During Tribal meetings held during this Reporting Period, Tribes expressed concerns detailed 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                                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Presence of glauconitic sands could present challenges during construction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tribes listed in Appendix A</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bluepoint Wind is aware of this engineering concern, and Project engineers are working to evaluate this for foundations in the Lease Area. Glauconite is not a concern within the offshore</li> </ul> |

| Potential Effect                                                                                                                                                           | Affected Tribe                                                                | Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                               | export cable corridors (ECCs)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Wind turbine generator (WTG) design and/or installation could malfunction leading to marine debris                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tribes listed in Appendix A</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bluepoint Wind has not selected a WTG model yet, but is closely watching the recent blade failure investigation and will learn from this event</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Wind turbine generator (WTG) design and/or installation could malfunction leading to marine debris                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tribes listed in Appendix A</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bluepoint Wind has not selected a WTG model yet, but is closely watching the recent blade failure investigation and will learn from this event</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Concern regarding how onshore transmission planning and individual Project effects would be analyzed separately or collectively with proposed shared transmission projects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tribes listed in Appendix A</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bluepoint Wind is monitoring who would be responsible for each permitting duty, but these decisions would ultimately be determined in coordination with the relevant agencies</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Offshore industry-wide routing will disturb the seafloor and recommended use of a shared ECR corridor                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tribes listed in Appendix A</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bluepoint Wind documented this feedback. The Main Trunk portion of the ECC is designed so that it could be shared between Bluepoint Wind 1 and another offshore wind project in the NY Bight. Furthermore, Bluepoint Wind recognizes States are playing a larger role in offshore wind transmission planning. Bluepoint Wind has included known shared transmission initiatives in the PDE</li> </ul> |

| Potential Effect                                                                                                                  | Affected Tribe                                                                | Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Geotechnical samples retrieved in an area that has previously been surveyed by other developers causing more seafloor disturbance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tribes listed in Appendix A</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bluepoint Wind conducted 3<sup>rd</sup> party QMA and benthic habitat clearances ahead of geoarchaeological or geotechnical survey activities</li> </ul>                                                                                            |
| Concern that there were not enough geoarchaeological samples taken in the ECC                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tribes listed in Appendix A</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 3<sup>rd</sup> party QMA selected geoarchaeological locations based on available data and the likelihood that the observed subsurface acoustic reflector represented a potential preserved portion of a former subaerial environment</li> </ul> |
| The sea-to-shore transition could disturb sensitive habitat or archaeological resources                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tribes listed in Appendix A</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seafloor disturbances associated with construction activities will only occur within areas with adequate survey (geophysical, geotechnical/geoarchaeological) coverage</li> </ul>                                                                   |

## 2.3 Tribal Feedback on Transmission Planning

To continue an open dialogue on transmission planning, Bluepoint Wind hosted three identical PDE sharing meetings, as described in Table 1, with interested Tribes to discuss, in part, onshore and offshore transmission planning.

Bluepoint Wind had several conversations with participating Tribal members regarding the constraints analysis during the PDE sharing meetings. For the offshore cable routing, an extensive GIS-based constraints analysis was performed to identify known anthropogenic hazards, sensitive benthic habitats, and known cultural resources in the offshore Project Area. Onshore cable routing was also presented to Tribes during these meetings. Bluepoint Wind discussed how onshore routing prioritized the use of existing disturbed rights-of-way. No concerns were raised by participating Tribal members on the siting and routing process

Bluepoint Wind undertook or the proposed routes themselves, based on the existing mapped desktop data shared.

Participating Tribal members provided guidance on where Bluepoint Wind may encounter culturally sensitive areas in the NY Bight. Bluepoint Wind also received Tribal feedback concerning sensitive benthic habitats that should be considered while planning offshore ECRs. More generally, Bluepoint Wind received feedback about specific nearshore environments of importance and of interest to Tribes. As Project engineering and design progresses, Bluepoint Wind will share relevant ECC siting information and micrositing will be conducted to avoid and/or minimize impacts to these resources, to the extent practicable, in coordination with relevant agencies.

Bluepoint also notes that the states of New York and New Jersey are increasingly taking ownership of offshore and onshore transmission planning, and that the specific transmission routing for the Bluepoint Wind project, and the utilization of any shared corridors, may be decided by the states and not Bluepoint Wind. Bluepoint Wind updated Tribes on these developments in recent conversations and will continue to do so as regional transmission planning activities move forward.

## 2.4 Anticipated or Scheduled Tribal Engagement Activities

Bluepoint Wind will continue to meaningfully engage with Tribes as described in the NY Bight Joint Native American Tribal Communication Plan (Joint NATCP).

Near-term Project engagement with Tribes includes coordination while planning for the terrestrial archaeological resources assessment (TARA) Phase IA, as listed in Table 3. Bluepoint Wind also plans to share the draft TARA Phase IA report with Tribes before the report is finalized.

**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 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| TARA planning and draft report review                 | Tribes listed in Appendix A            | Q4 2024/Q1 2025       | N/A                                                   |
| Relationship building in coordination with EnerTribes | Interested Tribes listed in Appendix A | Ongoing               | N/A                                                   |

### **3 ENGAGEMENT WITH POTENTIALLY AFFECTED PARTIES**

#### **3.1 Overall Engagement Progress Since Last Report**

Bluepoint Wind has participated in various party meetings and engagement activities during the Reporting Period and a summary of engagement with agencies, fisheries, and stakeholders are presented below. Engagement with Tribes during the Reporting Period is covered in above in Section 2.

##### **3.1.1 Agencies**

During this Reporting Period, Bluepoint Wind has continued to participate in agency meetings and engagement activities. These include regularly scheduled bi-weekly meetings as well as agency meetings to discuss specific Project authorizations, protocol development, and provide updates to Bluepoint Wind's PDE and COP. Agency engagements for this review period included the following:

- Regularly scheduled monthly or bi-weekly coordination meetings
- Impact assessment discussions
- Project design, schedule, and siting
- Early coordination meetings for federal permits

Bluepoint Wind held a multi-agency meeting, as listed in Table 4, with BOEM and other Federal agencies in order to reduce consultation burden and ensure coordinated feedback from agencies.

##### **3.1.2 Fisheries**

During the current Reporting Period Bluepoint Wind continued building upon fisheries engagements from the prior periods. Given that commercial fisheries from both the Mid-Atlantic and New England fish within the Bluepoint Wind Lease Area, the Fisheries Liaison team made a consistent and significant effort to engage with fisheries from major ports from Cape May, NJ to New Bedford, MA. This included continued outreach by our Fisheries Liaison to commercial and recreational fishers, and attendance at port hours, management Council meetings, working groups, academic seminars, fishing expos, and trade/industry events. Fisheries engagements during the Reporting Period continued to show strong outreach efforts consistent with previous Reporting Periods.

Strategies used by Bluepoint Wind to execute our fisheries engagement activities during the Reporting Period included the following:

- Bluepoint Wind's Fisheries Liaisons conducted 9 port visits covering fishing ports from New Bedford, MA to Barnegat Light, NJ. These port visits resulted in over 75 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) as well as individual visits to commercial ports in NJ.

- Bluepoint Wind continues to work to expand its relationship with Fisheries Representatives, including several FR such as New Bedford Port Authority, Commercial Fisheries Center of Rhode Island, MA Lobstermen's Association. Bluepoint Wind will continue working to develop relationships with other Fisheries Representatives in the Mid-Atlantic region through the next reporting period.
- Notices and updates on both upcoming and ongoing survey activities as well as notification upon the conclusion of survey work were emailed to over 170 individual fisheries stakeholders, including state and regional fisheries organizations, many of which forwarded the communication to their members which represent a much wider audience.
- 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.
- Fishing vessels working in close proximity to the survey vessel were contacted to spread awareness of survey area coverage and timing.
- Attended three (3) regional Fisheries Management Council meetings. Attendance included both in person and remote participation as well as in person attendance of at Council meetings and convenings of Advisory Panels, Committees, and Plan Development Teams. Through Council meeting attendance, Bluepoint Wind Fisheries Liaisons had the opportunity to connect with various fisheries stakeholders such as the executive director and staff of the New England Fishery Management Council, Council members, staff from the NOAA Fisheries, the Fisheries Survival Fund, the Sustainable Scallop Fund, Atlantic Capes Fisheries, among various other individuals representing fisheries in the region. 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 engaged in multiple one-on-one discussions with fishery stakeholders on how they utilize the project area while fishing (e.g., tow directionality, areas of avoidance, seasonality, duration of fishing trips) to better inform project design, survey timing, and other aspects of project development.
- Bluepoint Wind attended offshore wind and fisheries-related academic seminars, including the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) Working Group on Offshore Wind Development and Fisheries (New Bedford, MA) and the NYSERDA State of the Science Workshop at Stony Brook University (Long Island, NY).
- Bluepoint Wind participated in a Surfclam Stock Enhancement Workshop (with a focus on resource enhancement as a form of OSW fisheries mitigation) hosted by the Special Initiative on Offshore Wind, ROSA, Rutgers, and several representatives of the surfclam/ocean quahog fishery. Bluepoint Wind will continue participating in this effort, including at the next workshop in November 2024 in Philadelphia.

Bluepoint Wind’s fisheries deconfliction activities included the following:

- Pre-survey fisheries training for all survey vessels prior to deployment and at crew changes,
- Pre-survey port visits to provide in person updates to members of the commercial fishing industry,
- Maintenance of real time group communication between survey vessels, Bluepoint Wind’s survey managers, and the Fisheries Liaison,
- Involvement in shared communication channels with Fisheries Liaisons affiliated with projects in the New York Bight to distribute information on fixed gear locations provided by fishers, and
- Regular communication with fishers both in advance of and during surveys who may be impacted by survey activities and using their information to deconflict survey operations.

Providing notice to fishing industry members via email when survey activity had concluded.

### 3.1.3 Stakeholders

Bluepoint Wind stakeholder engagement has continued to expand since the last progress report through continued stakeholder meetings, attendance at local events, and local speaking engagements. Bluepoint Wind aims to serve as a resource for local organizations and individuals for any questions, and to provide updates on our progress throughout the lifespan of the Project. Stakeholder meetings have increased with a focus on project design, the progress of the Project to date, and to also provide offshore wind industry insight. Bluepoint Wind continues to attend a number of community events (See Table 4). These stakeholder engagement activities included the following:

- Information sharing, Q&A, open discussion, progress updates meetings
- Attended and sponsored local community events
- Spoke and 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 with other NY Bight and Other Lessees   |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Agencies</b>                       |            |                                                                                          |                                                                |
| NY Bight Leaseholders monthly meeting | BOEM       | Coordination and updates between BOEM and NY Bight Leaseholders on PEIS and other topics | Meetings facilitate coordination between NY Bight Leaseholders |
| Bi-weekly Project updates             | BOEM       | Various                                                                                  | N/A                                                            |
| Marine Site Investigation Report      | BOEM       | N/A - reviewed GIS information                                                           | N/A                                                            |

| Focus of Discussion or engagement                                            | Party(ies)                                               | Follow up Actions / Activities / Outcomes                                                                                                                     | Coordinated Engagement with other NY Bight and Other Lessees                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Draft PEIS                                                                   | BOEM                                                     | Touchpoint on the Draft PEIS and AMMMs                                                                                                                        | NY Bight Lessees; ACP                                                                        |
| Fisheries mitigation plan                                                    | BOEM, NMFS                                               | Continue to work on a regional mitigation mechanism                                                                                                           | BOEM and NMFS hosted and included NY Bight lessees                                           |
| COP progress, PDE and schedule                                               | BOEM, NOAA, NOAA Fisheries, EPA, USACE, USCG, USFWS, DoD | Shared updated COP progress. Will continue coordination as development progresses. Keep agencies informed of timeline                                         | N/A                                                                                          |
| COP progress                                                                 | BOEM                                                     | Shared COP progress. Will continue coordination as Project progresses                                                                                         | N/A                                                                                          |
| COP PDE, Project updates, schedule, general permitting application timelines | USACE                                                    | Discussion of routing options and PDE, 408 and general permit application timelines, USACE ongoing projects. Will continue coordination as Project progresses | N/A                                                                                          |
| COP PDE, Project updates, and schedule                                       | NOAA Fisheries GARFO                                     | Provided update on COP progress, PDE overview, discussed benthic habitat mapping, and gathered feedback on PDE and offshore ECRs                              | N/A                                                                                          |
| COP PDE, Project updates, EPA permitting, and schedule                       | EPA Region 2                                             | Introductory meeting for OCS Air permit. Will continue coordination as Project progresses                                                                     | N/A                                                                                          |
| Dredged material disposal sites                                              | USACE, EPA                                               | Bluepoint Wind and agencies will coordinate as needed                                                                                                         | N/A                                                                                          |
| COP PDE, Project updates, and schedule                                       | NYSDOS                                                   | Provided updated PDE overview and permitting timeline, discussion of consistency statements for NY. Will establish regular calls with agency                  | N/A                                                                                          |
| Environmental Justice and the draft NY Bight PEIS                            | BOEM                                                     | Continue to engage BOEM EJF participants from local organizations on potential project impacts                                                                | BOEM hosted and NY Bight lessees and NY and NJ organizations and state agencies could attend |

| Focus of Discussion or engagement          | Party(ies)                                            | Follow up Actions / Activities / Outcomes                                                                                                                                                                         | Coordinated Engagement with other NY Bight and Other Lessees                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Federal Agency Support and Coordination    | NE OSW Developers Quarterly Meeting with USCG and CBP | Discussion of challenges projects are facing in construction and operations, concerns from USCG, CPB and other port partners with regard to resource demands from OSW                                             | NY Bight and NE developers join these quarterly meetings                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Fisheries</b>                           |                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Meeting attendance                         | New Bedford Port Authority (NBPA)                     | Regular Check In Meetings, engagement during regular port hours in MA. Communications on survey activities, updates on permitting progress, etc.                                                                  | Check in meetings are direct between Bluepoint Wind and NBPA. Joint developer port hours are hosted at the New Bedford Port Authority during winter months. Developers maintain a close relationship with executive staff. |
| Meeting attendance                         | Commercial Fisheries Center of Rhode Island (CFRCI)   | Regular Check In Meetings with executive directors of the Commercial Fisheries Center of Rhode Island, engagement during regular port hours in RI. Communications on survey activities, permitting progress, etc. | Check in meetings are direct between Bluepoint and CFRCI. CFRCI regularly attends joint developer port hours in Point Judith RI.                                                                                           |
| Meeting attendance                         | MA Lobstermen's Association (MLA)                     | Regular Check In Meetings, communications on survey activities, updates on permitting progress, etc.                                                                                                              | Check in meetings are direct between Bluepoint Wind and MLA.                                                                                                                                                               |
| Meeting attendance                         | NEFMC                                                 | Scallop fishery update, offshore wind discussions                                                                                                                                                                 | Multiple offshore wind developers are involved and active and the fisheries liaisons interact                                                                                                                              |
| Meeting attendance (regular standing call) | ACP Fisheries Subcommittee                            | Knowledge sharing and outreach coordination for fisheries topics                                                                                                                                                  | Multiple offshore wind developers are involved including the NY Bight Fisheries Working Group                                                                                                                              |
| Meeting attendance                         | ACP New York Bight Fisheries Working Group            | Knowledge sharing and coordination for NY Bight specific efforts                                                                                                                                                  | Regularly scheduled interactions with other Fisheries Liaisons affiliated with NY Bight leases                                                                                                                             |
| Meeting attendance                         | ACP Recreational Fisheries Working Group              | Knowledge sharing and coordination on recreational fishing efforts                                                                                                                                                | Regularly scheduled interactions with other Fisheries Liaisons affiliated with NY Bight leases and other regions.                                                                                                          |

| Focus of Discussion or engagement      | Party(ies)                                                    | Follow up Actions / Activities / Outcomes                                                                                                                 | Coordinated Engagement with other NY Bight and Other Lessees                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Meeting attendance                     | MAFMC                                                         | Collected information and attended meeting sessions on surf clam/ocean quahog fishery updates                                                             | Fisheries Liaisons from multiple developers maintain communication with Council staff and attend meetings jointly                                                                                                 |
| Meeting attendance                     | NYSERDA F-TWG                                                 | Engagement during regularly scheduled meetings of working group                                                                                           | Involves state agencies, developers, commercial fishers, and fishing industry groups                                                                                                                              |
| Meeting attendance (multiple meetings) | Responsible Offshore Science Alliance (ROSA)                  | Discussion of ROSA priorities including research and development of Regional Monitoring Plans, research repository development                            | Involved regulators, fishing industry, OSW developers, and scientists                                                                                                                                             |
| Meeting attendance                     | ICES Working Group on Offshore Wind Development and Fisheries | Working group discussion to develop guidance issues related to the overlap of fisheries and OSW development.                                              | International working group that included multiple US developers (Ocean Winds [Southcoast, Bluepoint], Vineyard Wind, Avangrid, Orsted), regulators (BOEM/NMFS), and international scientists and policy experts. |
| Meeting attendance                     | NYSERDA State of the Science Workshop                         | Engagement with industry members and scientific organizations that lead fisheries monitoring, research in OSW.                                            | All NYB and MA/RI OSW developers in attendance                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Meeting attendance                     | Surfclam Stock Enhancement Workshop                           | Engagement with scientists, OSW developers, and surfclam/ocean quahog fishery members to develop concept of stock enhancement as form of mitigation       | Yes, multiple NYB OSW developers involved along with regulators, scientists, fishery reps.                                                                                                                        |
| Meeting attendance                     | MA Fisheries Working Group on Offshore Wind                   | Engagement with fishing industry members, regulators, and other OSW developers on OSW related issues.                                                     | Participation by MA/RI OSW developers in addition to some NYB lease holders                                                                                                                                       |
| Meeting Attendance                     | NJ Regional Monitoring Initiative                             | Engagement with scientists, state officials, developers and suppliers on regional monitoring needs and how these could be incorporated into OSW projects. | Participation by NY Bight OSW developers.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Stakeholders</b>                    |                                                               |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

| Focus of Discussion or engagement            | Party(ies)                                                                              | Follow up Actions / Activities / Outcomes                                                                                                          | Coordinated Engagement with other NY Bight and Other Lessees                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Meeting attendance (regular standing call)   | ACP Environmental Subcommittee                                                          | Knowledge sharing and coordination on industry-wide permitting topics                                                                              | Multiple offshore wind developers are involved including NY Bight developers                                                                                                                                                                     |
| NYSERDA Master Plan 2.0 Birds & Bats PAC KOM | NYSERDA                                                                                 | Purpose and objectives of the Deepwater 2.0 Master Plan, avian & bat committee plans, review of existing information                               | NYSERDA hosted and NY Bight lessee could participate                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Environmental Justice                        | NYSERDA EJ-TWG                                                                          | Discussion of effective engagement with environmental justice groups and disadvantaged communities                                                 | NYSERDA hosted and NY Bight lessees and NY and NJ organizations and agencies could participate                                                                                                                                                   |
| NY State/Regional Science Collaboration      | NYSERDA eTWG                                                                            | Stakeholder discussions on 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 |
| NY State/Regional Maritime Collaboration     | Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)                                                     | Knowledge sharing of lease area dynamics for passive acoustic monitoring (PAM) buoy deployment for Marine Mammal, Habitats & Ecosystems            | Research fishing trends in lease area for recommendation to WCS for PAM research buoy deployment.                                                                                                                                                |
| NY State/Regional Maritime Collaboration     | NYSERDA mTWG                                                                            | Stakeholder discussions on advancing current and future offshore wind projects while minimizing impacts to other maritime users.                   | All NY Bight developers have a seat on this working group along with NY State/federal agency representatives and other maritime users.                                                                                                           |
| Regional Science Collaboration               | Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative (RWSC)                                          | Knowledge sharing and participation in subcommittees: Avian & Bat, Marine Mammal, Habitats & Ecosystems, Protected Fish, and Sea Turtles.          | Collaborative working group with regional interest stakeholders                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Local Non-Profit Meetings                    | Local Workforce Development, Wraparound Services, and various specialized organizations | Follow up meetings on programming support and updates. Continued meetings around programming, industry outlook, and project expectations/timelines | Various support mechanisms for local events in the short term, and long-term partnership opportunities                                                                                                                                           |

| Focus of Discussion or engagement | Party(ies)                                                                           | Follow up Actions / Activities / Outcomes                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Coordinated Engagement with other NY Bight and Other Lessees                                                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Local Governmental meetings       | Local municipalities, county offices, state representatives                          | Provide project updates, industry insight and gain feedback on preliminary project design plans                                                                                                                                                                   | N/A                                                                                                                         |
| Higher Education Meetings         | State Colleges, Universities, and University Affiliated Research Labs                | Serve as an ongoing resource to provide updates and insight into the industry and relevant projects. Provide insight into offshore wind industry and discuss training programs, educational growth, local programming                                             | Sponsor upcoming events and serve as guest speaker to introduce the Project and industry                                    |
| Local Event Attendance            | Various local events, networking sessions, and knowledge transfer events             | Listen to local feedback, projects and concerns. Continue to provide insight into the status of the industry and updates of various projects. Gain feedback around industry updates, project impacts and provide information into local updates and project plans | Conduct follow up meetings with local groups and universities to give project updates and answer industry-related questions |
| Local Conference Attendance       | Conferences/symposiums run by local universities, organizations, and interest groups | Serve as an on-site industry resource for individuals and groups and table, when possible, to share Bluepoint Wind project progress. Provide in depth information on Bluepoint Wind through tabling opportunities, when possible                                  | Sponsorship and speaking engagements with local groups                                                                      |

## 3.2 Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Parties

Potential Project effects identified through engagement and how the Project plans to address these potential effects are listed in Table 5. Potential effects to Tribes from the Project are addressed in Section 2.2 and Table 2.

### 3.2.1 Agencies

Bluepoint Wind engaged with a number of Federal, State, and local agencies in New York State and New Jersey during the Reporting Period to discuss various COP assessment approaches, PDE, and COP schedule. These agencies have provided valuable feedback on cable siting, permit process and timing, and other useful information.

### 3.2.2 Fisheries

Bluepoint Wind’s Fisheries Liaisons engaged with commercial and recreational fisheries often during the Reporting Period through port visits, attendance at fisheries management council meetings, government and industry-related working groups, recreational fishing expos, and industry events (e.g., NEFSC Cooperative Research Summit), and direct outreach (e.g., one-on-one meetings, email, phone calls). Outreach focused on providing information on Bluepoint Wind’s geophysical and geotechnical survey activities, gathering feedback from the industry on navigation safety, and socializing project design with fishers. Through these engagement activities, Bluepoint Wind identified fisheries concerns and implemented procedures, communications, and vessel trainings to address potential effects during surveys as well as help inform potential project AMMMs. As the industry has matured and projects continue to evolve, local fisheries, among other parties, have expressed concerns over possible effects of potential Electric and magnetic Fields (EMFs) associated with export cables and onshore cabling. The Project has utilized fact sheets and resources generated by BOEM, NOAA, and other industry groups to share related information to these stakeholders. In the coming Reporting Period, the Project plans to prepare in house documentation to address evolving concerns around EMFs and other possible impacts to marine and onshore environments.

### 3.2.3 Stakeholders

Bluepoint Wind has continued to engage with numerous local non-profits focused on environmental justice, workforce development, supply chain, and overall community interests, as well as state universities and colleges, research centers, and business associations. During these engagements, Bluepoint Wind discussed opportunities to support local programming and events to raise awareness about the project, the offshore wind industry, and opportunities for local businesses to participate in the offshore wind supply chain. Follow up meetings have been focused on in depth project updates and discussion around project plans and potential opportunities to expand outreach to additional stakeholders.

**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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Agencies</b>                                                   |                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Project updates are not shared with agencies in an early fashion. | Federal and State Agencies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hosted inter-agency meeting in 2023 Q4 to discuss PDE, COP, and schedule</li> <li>Regular meetings with BOEM to advise all processes and to discuss PDE, COP, and schedule.</li> <li>Discussed assessment approaches and survey plans to identify potential effects</li> <li>Conducted outreach with regulatory agencies in New York on preliminary onshore routing</li> </ul> |

| Potential Effect                                                                                                | Affected Party(ies)    | Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Project transmission planning is not shared with Tribes to garner feedback, as stated per lease stipulation 3.1 | BOEM                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bluepoint Wind shared offshore ECCs with Tribes in previous reporting periods and recorded feedback for consideration and incorporation into the Project</li> <li>Bluepoint Wind hosted three meetings during the current Reporting Period with Tribes to share and solicit feedback on PDE, including transmission planning. Tribal feedback was recorded for consideration and incorporation into the Project</li> </ul> |
| Shared transmission planning is not considered in Project planning                                              | BOEM                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bluepoint Wind has incorporated known regional transmission plans into the Project, as practicable. As more information about regional transmission plans become known, Bluepoint Wind will consider how the Project aligns with these plans</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                    |
| WTG spacing is not aligned with the MARIPARS recommendations                                                    | BOEM                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bluepoint Wind has discussed layout with USCG and no initial concerns have been raised</li> <li>Bluepoint Wind's spacing is aligned with previously approved spacing in the NY Bight</li> <li>Bluepoint Wind's Lease Area is not sited directly adjacent to any other Lease Area as are the Lease Areas referred to in the MARIPARS</li> </ul>                                                                             |
| Uncertainty around pre-build infrastructure permitting responsibilities                                         | USACE                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bluepoint Wind is continuing to monitor the outcome of proposed regional transmission solicitations</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Concern that WTG blades will overhang the Lease Area boundary                                                   | USCG                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bluepoint Wind has sited the WTGs so blades will be fully within the Lease Area</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Potential future suspension of contaminated sediments during cable installation                                 | NOAA Fisheries – GARFO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bluepoint Wind is aware of the potential to encounter contaminated sediments and will analyze this as Project refinement continues</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Recommend hard clam habitats be avoided                                                                         | NOAA Fisheries – GARFO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bluepoint Wind is aware of the potential to encounter hard clam habitats and will analyze this potential and coordinate with relevant stakeholders and agencies as Project refinement continues</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Fisheries</b>                                                                                                |                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 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> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

| Potential Effect                      | Affected Party(ies)                 | Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gear Loss Compensation procedure</li> <li>• Discussion and review of fishermen's questions about possible gear loss related to surveys</li> <li>• Presentation created for fishers about technical aspects of OSW survey</li> <li>• Participation in shared communication channels between Fisheries Liaisons of NY Bight projects to distribute fixed gear locations with permission from fishermen</li> </ul>                                                       |
| Temporary displacement during surveys | Commercial and recreation fishers   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear communication in advance and following the completion 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, to extent feasible</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Presence of Structures                | Commercial and recreation fishers   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developed fisheries specific project design presentation to present on during meetings with fishing organizations.</li> <li>• Discussed predominant tow direction with Fisheries Representative and a retired multi-fishery captain who informed staff grid direction aligns with predominant tow direction for mobile gear.</li> <li>• Collected feedback on scour protection and preferred materials from members of the recreational fishing community.</li> </ul> |
| EMFs                                  | Commercial and recreational fishers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide information available from scientific and reputable bodies</li> <li>• Collect feedback and concerns surrounding export cable routing and mitigation measures</li> <li>• Generate plan to create in house informational sheets to address evolving concerns</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Presence of Cables                    | Commercial and recreational fishers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collected information regarding cable burial preferences (6 foot minimum).</li> <li>• Received feedback on potential methods to minimize amount of seabed cabled (ex: possibility for shared inter-array networks)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Cooling Stations                      | Commercial and recreational fishers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collecting feedback on potential impacts and mitigation measures.</li> <li>• Continue collecting feedback and determining best methods to convey materials and address concerns.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Stakeholders</b>                   |                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

| Potential Effect                           | Affected Party(ies)                       | Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Economic development and job opportunities | Local Workforce Development Organizations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow up meetings to discuss programming, training, and job opportunities as the project progresses and gathers more feedback</li> <li>Continued discussions around wraparound services and employment support mechanisms at a local level as the industry matures</li> <li>Bidirectional conversations to understand existing workforce development programs that can be expanded through industry investment to fit the anticipated demand in workforce skills, and which jobs available/in-demand currently will be essential as wind farm construction ramps up</li> </ul> |
| Knowledge sharing and transparency         | Local community organizations             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open lines of communication for project and industry updates<br/>Frequent meetings for questions and concerns around project design, in both closed door and public forums</li> <li>Frequent tabling opportunities to share project plans and industry updates with local community members</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

### 3.3 Feedback from Parties on Transmission Planning

Bluepoint Wind engaged with a number of Federal, State and local agencies during the Reporting Period to discuss PDE and Project development, as noted above, and has incorporated this feedback to the extent practicable. There was a large focus on Bluepoint Wind's inclusion of shared transmission in permitting documents. Bluepoint Wind's PDE includes shared transmission proposals currently known and will continue to closely monitor the outcome of future regional transmission planning solicitations. Bluepoint Wind has also discussed siting with Tribes (see Section 2.3) and the Maritime Industry. Much of the outreach around transmission planning outreach during the Reporting Period was geared towards hearing fishers' logistical and economic concerns for any potential construction affecting benthic species, such as scallops. As a result of this feedback, Bluepoint Wind Fisheries Liaisons and its Fisheries Representatives researched, in coordination with trusted validators and partners in the New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts mariner's communities, strategic opportunities to engage with fishers and respond to their concerns. As a result of that work, the Bluepoint Wind fisheries team has created outreach materials around anticipated PDE and construction impact and mitigation efforts, such as scour protection. In addition, Bluepoint Wind met with, and solicited feedback from, environmental justice and advocacy groups in New York and New Jersey to gain feedback on our PDE and potential impacts to local communities and ecosystems. Bluepoint Wind will continue to work with these Parties and others, as the Project PDE evolves. 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.

### **3.4 Anticipated or Scheduled Engagement Activities**

Table 6 describes anticipated engagement activities Bluepoint Wind plans to initiate/attend during the next reporting period (November 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025). Anticipated or scheduled engagement with Tribes during the next reporting period are covered in Section 2.4.

#### **3.4.1 Agencies**

Bluepoint Wind will continue to meet individually or jointly with agencies to provide updates on Project development, discuss Project design and assessment approaches, and understand potential concerns and critical points of engagement as Bluepoint Wind advances its COP development. See Table 6 for a list of anticipated engagement activities with Agencies during the next reporting period.

#### **3.4.2 Fisheries**

Bluepoint Wind will continue to maintain the current level of fisheries engagement and communication, as well as seek out additional opportunities to share information regarding activities and further develop trusting relations with fishers. Bluepoint Wind will also continue to collaborate with other developers within the NY Bight and nearby wind energy areas to coordinate activities and provide fisheries-related updates in a manner beneficial to fishers.

#### **3.4.3 Direct Interaction with Fishers**

Bluepoint Wind's Fisheries Liaison will continue conducting individual port visits and joint developer Port Hours and 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).

#### **3.4.4 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 and environmental monitoring related workshops hosted by academic institutions (ex: Rutgers University, Kean University, etc.), fisheries research-related seminars sponsored by regulatory agencies (BOEM, NOAA Fisheries, NJEDA, NYSEDA), and fisheries working group meetings such as the NYSEDA F-TWG, ROSA, ACP Fisheries Subcommittee, MA Fisheries Working Group and ACP New York Bight Fisheries Working Group. 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.

### **3.4.5 Fisheries Communications**

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

### **3.4.6 Stakeholders**

Bluepoint Wind recognizes the importance of engaging with its stakeholders and values their input in the development of our offshore wind project. We continue to engage with stakeholders to provide updates on the Project timeline, PDE, and industry progress. We strive to maintain a conducive environment of collaboration and transparency to gather stakeholder input on Project design. As the project progresses, we plan to continue holding consistent meetings and attend local public meetings to understand evolving concerns, address new questions, and keep the communities informed of project updates.

### **3.4.7 Stakeholder Meetings**

The intent of these meetings is for our team to hear the concerns and answer questions from local community organizations about the Project and to raise awareness around the offshore wind industry. We continue to hold meetings to document the concerns of stakeholders as the Project reaches key milestones, to ensure we are making thoughtful decisions with input from the groups that our Project could potentially impact. Furthermore, as the industry grows and other projects reach milestones, we hope to serve as a resource for community groups to better understand possible effects.

### **3.4.8 Informal Discussions**

While attending local events, we continue to hold discussions 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 events we will continue to host spaces to share updates, information, and hold informative discussions around the Project.

### **3.4.9 Local Events**

Attending and sponsoring local events is an important avenue to build awareness around our Project. During these events, we also continue to serve as an industry resource for networking, information sharing, and answering any questions that may arise. Additionally, we continue to increase our speaking engagements on relevant topics in the industry such as workforce development and building an inclusive supply chain.

### **3.4.10 Conference Attendance**

Participating in and supporting local conferences hosted by universities, non-profits, or other community groups on sustainability, climate, and energy is a crucial area for engagement. Bluepoint Wind will continue to be present in, and contribute to, relevant academic and

industry discussions, research sharing, and general networking on renewable energy. At these conferences, Bluepoint Wind plans to exhibit or present to provide insight into the industry and updates on our Project and offshore wind in the 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>                                                                                                                         |                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Bi-weekly meeting with BOEM to discuss project updates                                                                                  | BOEM                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilize weekly meetings to cover project updates, COP timeline, and impact assessments</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                  |
| Underwater noise modelling                                                                                                              | NOAA Fisheries                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Permit application coordination                                                                                                         | EPA                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Project updates and permit application coordination                                                                                     | USACE                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Project updates                                                                                                                         | NJDEP                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Fisheries</b>                                                                                                                        |                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Survey coordination for projected for 2025 survey scope                                                                                 | Commercial and recreational fishers                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilize ACP's NY Bight Fisheries Working group to continue developing coordinated engagement strategies</li> <li>Joint developer port hours</li> <li>Joint developer information sessions at fisheries council meetings</li> </ul> |
| Multiple fisheries concerns with offshore wind (e.g., monitoring needs, federal survey mitigation, regional compensation fund approach) | Commercial and recreational fishers                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendance at regional science groups and academic institutions focusing on fisheries issues (NYSERDA F-TWG, ROSA)</li> </ul>                                                                                                      |
| PDE Input                                                                                                                               | Commercial and recreational fishers                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue scheduling meetings regarding project design and collecting feedback from fishing industry members.</li> </ul>                                                                                                            |
| <b>Stakeholders</b>                                                                                                                     |                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Project Introductions                                                                                                                   | Local Non-Profits, State Colleges, Universities, governmental bodies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meetings to introduce the Project, offshore wind, and the landscape of renewable energy</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                 |
| Project Updates                                                                                                                         | Local Non-Profits, State Colleges, Universities, governmental bodies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meetings to serve as a resource for project progress updates as well as answer questions as to the overall offshore wind industry</li> </ul>                                                                                       |

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|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Local Event Sponsorship                       | Local community groups, business partnership groups                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued event sponsorship to raise awareness for local organizations to promote workforce development, underway or are planned wraparound services, and overall community development</li> </ul> |
| Local Conference Attendance and Presentations | Universities, local government, research centers and community groups | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serve as a resource for attendees and provide information via formal and informal engagements around project initiatives and industry milestones</li> </ul>                                        |

## 4 SURVEY PLAN ACTIVITIES

Bluepoint Wind does not have any active survey campaigns underway at the time of this report, however, geotechnical survey activities were conducted during the Reporting Period. Bluepoint Wind has operated under the approved geotechnical survey plan.

Table 7 includes survey activities that are completed, underway, or are planned. Survey activities have been and will be conducted in accordance with the approved plans/permit received.

**Table 7 Survey Plan Activities Under BOEM Review or Underway**

| Type of Survey                         | Survey Activity Date                                                    | Purpose (i.e., what it will inform)                                             | Type of Survey                                                                                        |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Geotechnical Investigations            | Completed 2024 Scope in September. Expected to be ongoing through 2027. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Siting and engineering design</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lease Area</li> </ul>                                          |
| ECR Geophysical & Geotechnical Surveys | 2025                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Siting and engineering design</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Along potential export cable routes in state waters</li> </ul> |

## APPENDIX A: TRIBES AND OTHER PARTIES RELEVANT TO THE PROJECT

In accordance with the lease stipulation 3.1.1, Bluepoint Wind has identified Tribes/Tribal Nations and other parties in which are relevant to the Project, see Table A-1 and Table A-2. Tribes/Tribal Nations 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 Tribe/Tribal Nations                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------|
| • 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                                     |
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| <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> <li>• United States Department of Defense</li> <li>• United States Environmental Protection Agency</li> <li>• United States Fish and Wildlife Services</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                              | Federal Agencies                               |
| <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>• Wraparound Service Groups</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 |

| Name of Party                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Party Type                    |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fishing vessel operators, owners, and crews</li> <li>Commercial fishing organizations, associations, and NGOs</li> <li>Port Managers and Port Authorities</li> <li>Fishermen's Cooperatives</li> <li>Seafood Processors</li> <li>Regional Fisheries Management Councils</li> <li>NOAA Port Agents</li> <li>NOAA Law Enforcement Liaisons</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 charter and "party fishing boats"</li> <li>Marinas and similar facilities</li> <li>Recreational fishing associations</li> <li>Fishing Expo and trade show organizers</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Recreational Fishing Industry |
| <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                   |

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## **APPENDIX C: COMMUNICATIONS PLANS**

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

1. Native American Tribes Communication Plan is located [here](#).
2. Fisheries Communication Plan is located [here](#).
3. Agency Communication Plan is located [here](#).