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Offshore Wind Transmission | Webinar Series

The Northeast Regional Ocean Council, in partnership with the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean, invites you to participate in a Friday morning webinar series to increase understanding and promote dialogue about offshore wind transmission planning in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic U.S.

There has been increased focus in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic on the importance of critical transmission infrastructure considerations when planning for the potential development of the offshore wind industry. Transmission is regulated and managed onshore and offshore by multiple state and federal agencies, as well as regional entities. This webinar series will provide NROC and MARCO members, partners, and others with an understanding of the current framework for transmission planning on land, and issues that are emerging as planning extends offshore.

➤ **WEBINAR 1 | January 29, 2021 | 10:00 – 11:30 AM**

Bringing Offshore Transmission to Shore: How It's Done and Stakeholder Considerations

Learn about the physical dimensions of marine cable installation, the environmental and marine use implications, best practices, and stakeholder considerations. Speakers from Global Marine Group will provide an overview of the cable installation process. David Slee of Burns & McDonnell will highlight lessons learned from the EU experience. Speakers and panelists from the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic will then discuss issues and potential impacts to protected species, habitat, and fisheries in the region.

➤ **WEBINAR 2 | February 5, 2021 | 10:00 – 11:30 AM**

The Role of Offshore Wind in Meeting State Decarbonization Goals and Why Transmission Matters

Johannes Pfeifenberger of The Brattle Group will share results from a recent analysis of the anticipated scale of offshore wind development needed to meet state public policy goals and the benefits of taking a systems approach to offshore wind transmission planning. Another potential speaker will highlight New England's vision for a clean, affordable and reliable 21st century regional electric grid. Speakers and panelists from the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic will then discuss issues and potential impacts related to protected species, habitat, and fisheries in the region.

➤ **WEBINAR 3 | February 12, 2021 | 10:00 – 11:30 AM**

How the Grid Works 101 and Offshore Wind Considerations

Learn about regulatory, operational and management characteristics of electricity transmission from offshore wind projects, and the challenges of shifting to a new planning paradigm offshore. Rob Gramlich of Grid Strategies, LLC will provide an overview of how the grid works. Mark Kalpin of Holland & Knight will address regulatory considerations for offshore wind transmission planning. Other experts have been invited to speak about New Jersey's recent announcement to align state offshore transmission policy with the grid operator's planning process. Presentations will be followed by discussion and Q&A.

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Registration and program details will be available in January 2021 via [NROC's ocean planning website](#)