

## GEAR LOSS CLAIM APPLICATION

### **Gear Claims Procedure:**

- Renewable energy developers recognize the possibility of offshore wind activity and commercial fishing gear encounters. However, with proper communication, gear interactions in connection with the construction and operations of offshore wind farms can be limited. In the event there is gear loss or damage caused by developer activities, a claim may be submitted in accordance with the claim procedure below. This joint developer claim form only facilitates the filing of a claim and does not dictate the claim review procedures each developer may follow.

### **Filing a Claim:**

- A fisherman who sustains gear loss/damage that she/he believes was caused by a developer's activities (surveys, cable laying, construction vessels) should document the time and location of the lost/damaged gear and, if possible, collect photographs or other visual evidence, but only if collecting such visual evidence does not entail risk of harm or injury to the fisherman. Please contact the appropriate Fisheries Liaison and notify her/him of the incident as soon as safe and practical via cell/text/email.

### **To Submit a Claim, Applicant Must:**

- Provide a complete, legible, executed application form, including accompanying photographic or visual evidence, if available, within 30 days of the incident. The form should be submitted to the Fisheries Liaison from the lease area where the loss/damage occurred (chart and contact information below). Fisheries Liaisons and Fishing Representatives are available to assist with the application form. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

### **Claim Review:**

- Claims will be reviewed by the developer to whom the claim form is submitted in accordance with the claim procedures established by the developer. A timeline of the event will be established and matched to the AIS tracks of the offshore wind vessels, and the ships' daily log of interaction/communication. Developers reserve the right to request additional information to support review of a claim.
- If the claim is approved or denied, a written explanation will be provided to the Applicant within 30 days of receipt of a completed claims application form.
- If the claim is approved, a check will be provided to the Applicant.
- Applicants who disagree with a claim decision, or part of a decision, may file a written notice of appeal, in accordance with the developer's claims procedures, which may include a third-party review. The decision on appeal will be final and not subject to any further right of appeal under the developer's procedures.

# Gear Loss Claim Application

Applicant Name	Date Submitted
Phone	Email
Business Name	Address
Vessel Name	Home Port
Vessel Documentation Number	Federal Fishing Permit
State Landing Permit	Gear Type
Date and Time of Incident	Weather Conditions (Optional)
Claim Amount	Location of Gear Loss (Lat/Long OR Loran)
Description of Loss or Damage Sustained	Description of Incident Causing Damage/Loss

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Description of Incident Causing Damage/Loss:	Gear Description (e.g., Markings/polyballs, highflyers, etc.)
Offshore Wind Vessel(s) in the Area	Last Time Gear was Set and Hauled:
Was any of the Gear Retrieved?	How Many Gillnets, Pots, Highflyers, Trawl, Doors, Ground Cables, Scissor Leggs, etc. are Lost/Damaged?
Attachments to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Invoice for Replacement Gear or Gear Repair (if applicable)</li><li>- Photo of chart plotter/tracks (if applicable)</li></ul>	
FILL OUT THIS SECTION IF CLAIMING LOST FISHING TIME	
Description of Normal Fishing Activity/Fishing Gear Configuration	
Date of Replacement	Date of Loss
Attachments to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Proof of Fishing Landing History through VTR, Sales Slip, or Similar Type of Documentation</li></ul>	

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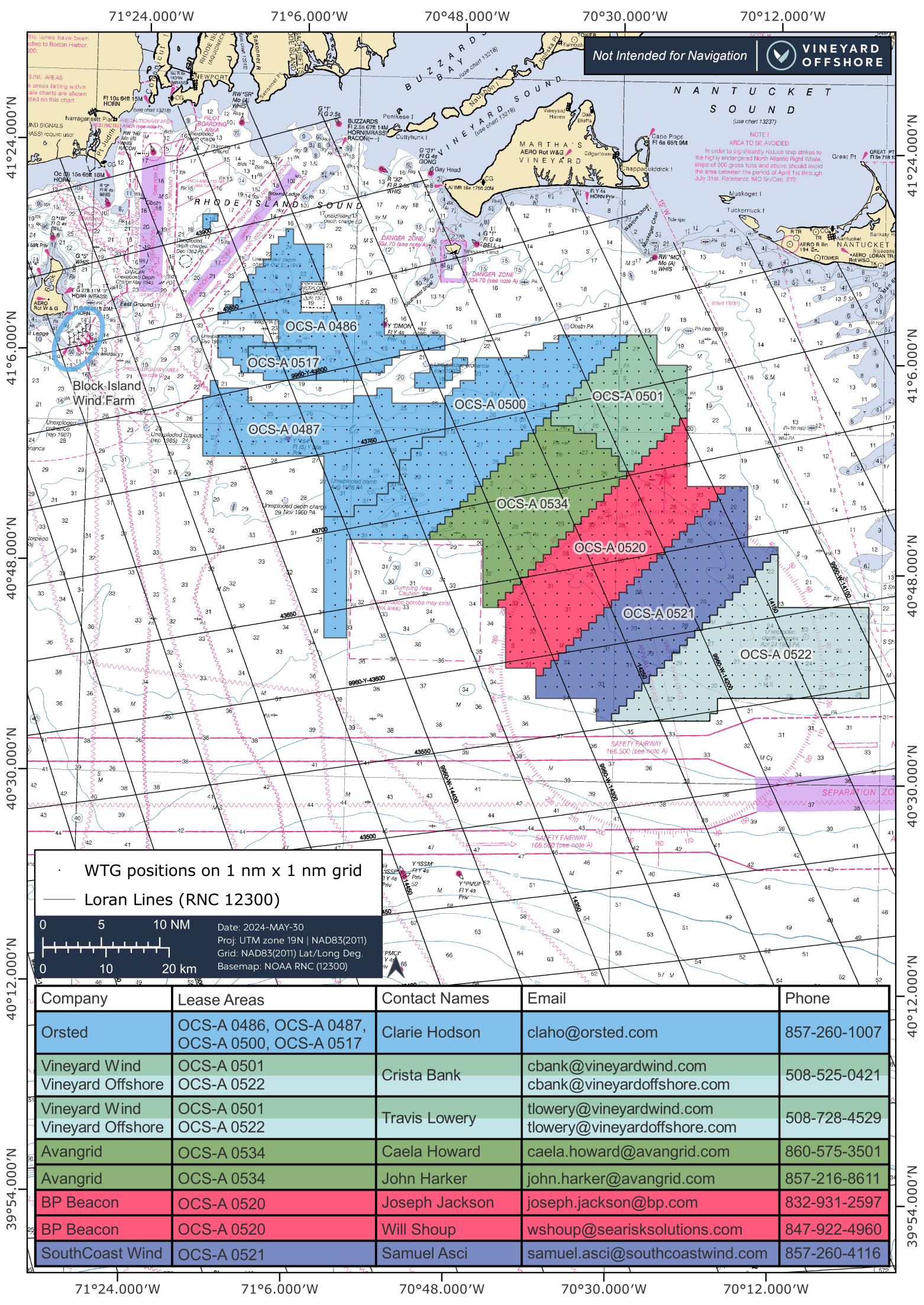
By submitting this Application to Vineyard Offshore, Applicant authorizes Vineyard Offshore to make whatever reasonable inquiries and investigations it deems necessary to verify the Application and request for compensation. Applicant understands that submitting this Application does not guarantee payment. Applicant further agrees that if the claim is accepted and paid, acceptance of such payment constitutes full, final and complete payment for this particular claim and that neither Vineyard Offshore, nor any of its affiliates, successors, officers, employees, representatives, partners, agents, or joint venture partners shall have any further outstanding or ongoing obligation with respect to this particular claim and Applicant shall not, directly or indirectly, assert any claim, or commence, join in, prosecute, participate in, or fund any part of, any suit or other proceeding of any kind against Vineyard Offshore, or any of its affiliates, successors, officers, employees, representatives, partners, agents, or joint venture partners. If a claim is denied in part, Applicant may accept payment for the undisputed part without waiving Applicant's right to appeal the disputed part of the claim. Applicant recognizes that submission of this Application does not affect Applicant's rights concerning matters other than those specifically identified in this Application.

I attest, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of my knowledge the information in this Application is true and correct.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

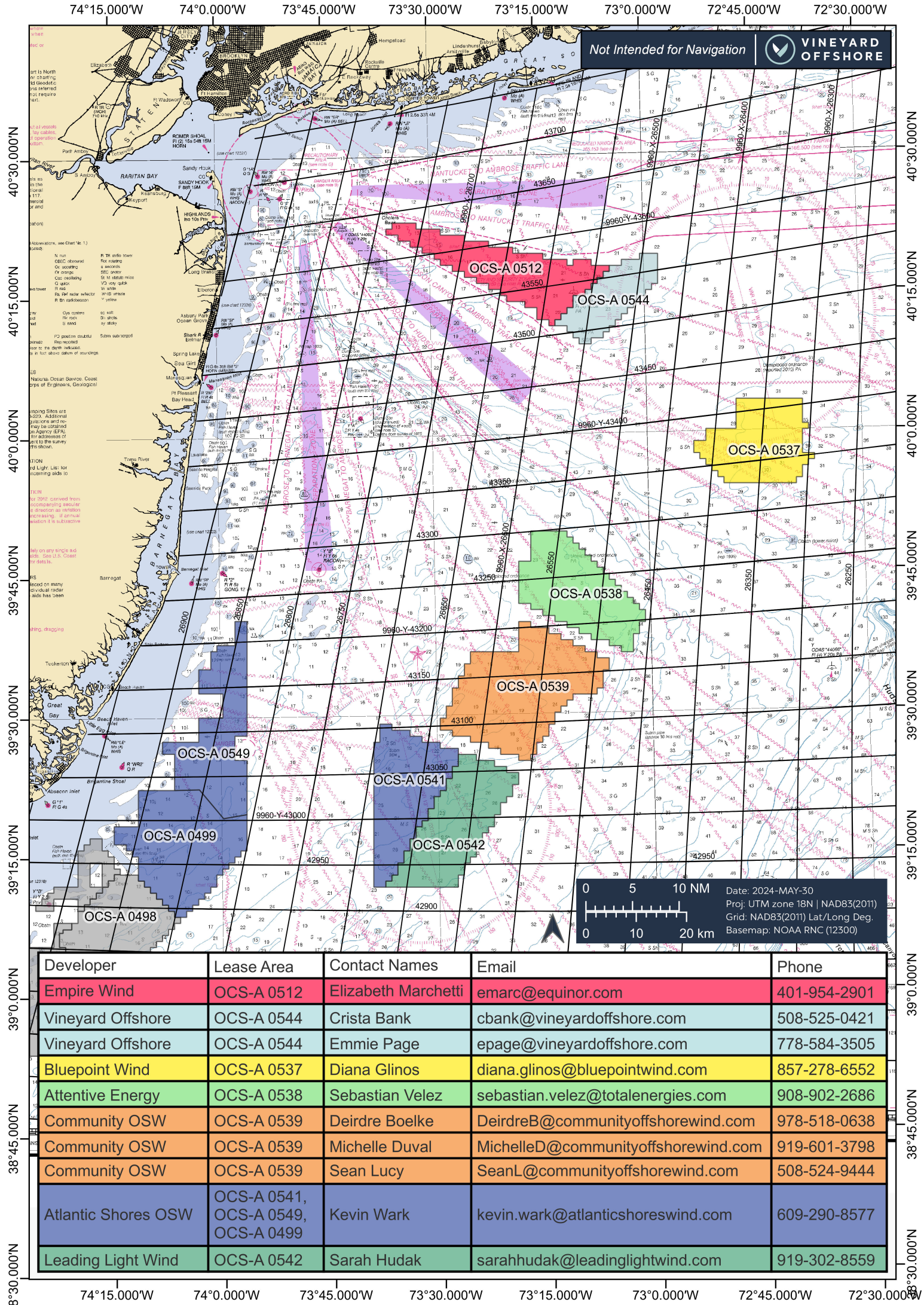
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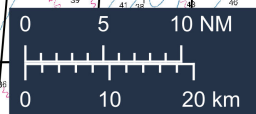


Company	Lease Areas	Contact Names	Email	Phone
Orsted	OCS-A 0486, OCS-A 0487, OCS-A 0500, OCS-A 0517	Clarie Hodson	claho@orsted.com	857-260-1007
Vineyard Wind	OCS-A 0501	Crista Bank	cbank@vineyardwind.com	508-525-0421
Vineyard Offshore	OCS-A 0522	Travis Lowery	tlowery@vineyardwind.com	508-728-4529
Vineyard Offshore	OCS-A 0501	Travis Lowery	tlowery@vineyardoffshore.com	508-728-4529
Avangrid	OCS-A 0534	Caela Howard	caela.howard@avangrid.com	860-575-3501
Avangrid	OCS-A 0534	John Harker	john.harker@avangrid.com	857-216-8611
BP Beacon	OCS-A 0520	Joseph Jackson	joseph.jackson@bp.com	832-931-2597
BP Beacon	OCS-A 0520	Will Shoup	wshoup@searisksolutions.com	847-922-4960
SouthCoast Wind	OCS-A 0521	Samuel Ascí	samuel.asci@southcoastwind.com	857-260-4116





Not Intended for Navigation



Date: 2024-MAY-30  
Proj: UTM zone 18N | NAD83(2011)  
Grid: NAD83(2011) Lat/Long Deg.  
Basemap: NOAA RNC (12300)

Developer	Lease Area	Contact Names	Email	Phone
Empire Wind	OCS-A 0512	Elizabeth Marchetti	emarc@equinor.com	401-954-2901
Vineyard Offshore	OCS-A 0544	Crista Bank	cbank@vineyardoffshore.com	508-525-0421
Vineyard Offshore	OCS-A 0544	Emmie Page	epage@vineyardoffshore.com	778-584-3505
Bluepoint Wind	OCS-A 0537	Diana Glinos	diana.glinos@bluepointwind.com	857-278-6552
Attentive Energy	OCS-A 0538	Sebastian Velez	sebastian.velez@totalenergies.com	908-902-2686
Community OSW	OCS-A 0539	Deirdre Boelke	DeirdreB@communityoffshorewind.com	978-518-0638
Community OSW	OCS-A 0539	Michelle Duval	MichelleD@communityoffshorewind.com	919-601-3798
Community OSW	OCS-A 0539	Sean Lucy	SeanL@communityoffshorewind.com	508-524-9444
Atlantic Shores OSW	OCS-A 0541, OCS-A 0549, OCS-A 0499	Kevin Wark	kevin.wark@atlanticshoreswind.com	609-290-8577
Leading Light Wind	OCS-A 0542	Sarah Hudak	sarahhudak@leadinglightwind.com	919-302-8559