

Sunrise Wind New York Cable Project

Appendix 1-B

Agency Outreach and Correspondence

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**APPENDIX 1-B
AGENCY OUTREACH AND CORRESPONDENCE**

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Table 1-B-1 Agency Outreach and Meetings

Date	Entity	Topic
7/24/19	NYSERDA Kick-off Webinars	Project introduction to a broad audience
3/14/2019	BOEM	SRWF and SRWEC geophysical pre-survey meeting
3/19/2019	BOEM, Native American Tribes	SRWF and SRWEC geophysical pre-survey meeting
8/8/19	Suffolk County Executive Bellone	Review Project award details and discuss next steps
8/9/19	Brookhaven Town Supervisor Romaine	Review Project award details and discuss next steps
8/22/19	NYSERDA Leadership Team	Team introduction and overview of roles/responsibilities, next steps
8/28/2019	BOEM	HVAC Booster Station siting
8/29/19	Chief of Staff for Senator Monica Martinez	Review Project award details and discuss next steps
8/29/19	Assemblyman Steve Englebright	Review Project award details and discuss next steps
8/30/2020	BOEM	Start of bi-weekly Project update calls with BOEM
9/3/2019	BOEM	SRWF and HVAC Booster Station geotechnical pre-survey meeting
9/8/19	Senator Lavalle and Assemblyman Thiele	Review Project award details and discuss next steps
9/9/19	Brookhaven Town Councilmembers Panico, Loguercio, Foley	Review Project award details and discuss next steps
9/9/19	Suffolk County Legislator Calarco	Review Project award details and discuss next steps
9/10/19	Suffolk County Legislator Lindsay	Review Project award details and discuss next steps
9/10/19	Assemblyman Doug Smith	Review Project award details and discuss next steps
9/13/19	NYSERDA Fishing Webinar	Project introduction to fishing stakeholder audience
9/16/19	Assemblyman John DeStefano	Review Project award details and discuss next steps
9/16/19	Suffolk County Legislator Sunderman	Review Project award details and discuss next steps
9/19/2019	BOEM	Project introduction

Date	Entity	Topic
9/22/19	NYSERDA Kick-off Meeting	Team introduction and overview of roles / responsibilities, next steps
9/23/2019	USCG	Project introduction and HVAC Booster Station discussion
9/23/2019	BOEM, Native American Tribes	SRWF and HVAC Booster Station geotechnical pre-survey meeting
9/26/2019	NYSDEC, NYSDEP, NYSDOS, NYDOT, NYDPS, NPS, NYSERDA,	Project introduction
10/1/2019	BOEM, BSEE, USACE, USCG, NOAA, USEPA, MACZM, RICRMC, USFWS, NYSERDA	Project introduction
10/2/19	Suffolk County Executive Bellone	Project update and discussion of next steps
10/3/2019	NPS	Review of proposed nearshore geophysical survey work
10/29/19	Suffolk County Commissioners: Parks, DPW, Economic Development and Planning	Project kick-off meeting; review project details and next steps
11/4/19	NYSERDA M-TWG	Project introduction
11/12/19	Suffolk County DPW and Parks	Project update and next steps
11/15/19	NYSERDA Technology and Workforce Training Conference	Overview of Project-specific technology scopes and skill needs
11/19/19	NYSERDA F-TWG	Review of Fisheries Mitigation Plan
11/19/2019	NYSDEC, NYSDOS, NYNHP, BOEM, USFWS,	Approach to the avian assessment for COP
11/20/19	NYSERA E-TWG	Review of Environmental Mitigation Plan
11/21/2019	USACE Region 2	Project introduction
11/21/2019	BOEM, NPS, SHPOs, NYSERDA (Native American Tribes invited—no attendance)	Presentation of the visual impact assessment protocol
12/5/2019	BOEM, NOAA, NYSDEC, RICRMC, RIDEM, MACZM, MADMF, NYSERDA	Presentation of the benthic sampling protocol
12/6/2019	NYSDOS	Presentation of the benthic sampling protocol
12/17/2019	Suffolk County DPW Staff	Cable routing
12/18/2019	BOEM	Discussion of Site investigation MSIR, MARA, and geotechnical surveys
12/20/2019	NPS	Project introduction

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12/20/2019	Superintendent Fire Island National Seashore	Provide Project overview and discussion of FINS jurisdiction
12/20/2020	Assemblyman Fred Thiele	Project update
12/23/2019	Brookhaven Town Supervisor and Staff	Project update
1/10/2020	Brookhaven Town Councilmen Panico and Foley	Project update
1/10/2020	Brookhaven Town Highway Superintendent Losquadro	Project introduction
1/10/2020	Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency	Project introduction
1/21/2020	Suffolk County Commissioners: Parks, DPW, Economic Development and Planning and Chief of Staff	Project update
1/22/2020	Labor and ENGO leaders	Project update
1/28/2020	NYS DOT	Project introduction
1/30/2020	NYSERDA M-TWG	Project update/opportunity feedback
1/31/2020	Brookhaven Town Legal, Planning, Engineering/Hwy and Environmental Staff	Project introduction
2/3/2020	Suffolk County Legislator Sunderman	Project update
2/3/2020	Brookhaven Councilman Lougercio	Project update
2/4/2020	ENGOS	Underwater Noise Webinar/educational, opportunity for feedback
2/11/2020	NYSDEC, NYSDOS, NYSDOT, NYSDPS, and NYS Parks	Pre-application meeting for 2020 geotechnical surveys
2/13/2020	Suffolk County DPW Staff and Chief of Staff for Leg. Sunderman	Project update
2/19/2020	Suffolk County Community College, Labor Representatives, Maersk Representatives	Next Steps for the National Offshore Wind Training Center
2/19/2020	Suffolk County Community College, Labor Representatives, Blue Green Alliance	Next Steps for the National Offshore Wind Training Center
2/21/2020	Brookhaven Town Staff – Matt Miner & Dan Panico	Project update
2/21/2020	Suffolk County Legislator/Presiding Office Calarco	Project update
2/24/2020	BOEM	2020 geophysical and geotechnical pre-survey meeting

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3/4/2020	NPS	Pre-permit issuance webinar for the nearshore geophysical survey
3/4/2020	Nassau County Community College Green Day	Presentation of OSW and NY projects
3/5/2020	USACE Region 1 and Region 2	New England portfolio meeting and Project update
3/5/2020	Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency	Project update
3/13/2020	Citizens Campaign for the Environment	Project update
3/18/2020	BOEM	Discussion of underwater noise modeling approach and approach to marine mammals in the COP
3/19/2020	BOEM	Project update meeting
3/23/2020	BOEM, Native American Tribes	2020 geophysical and geotechnical pre-survey meeting and discussion of cultural resources and visual impact assessments
3/25/2020	National Labor Training Center Coalition-Suffolk County Community College, Labor, Blue Green Alliance	Next Steps for the National Offshore Wind Training Center
4/8/2020	Wind Works Long Island Coalition	Project overview
4/16/2020	NYSDOS, NYSDEC	Discussion of Atlantic sturgeon restrictions as related to geotechnical surveys
4/20/2020	BOEM, NOAA Fisheries	Review of underwater noise modeling approach
4/24/2020	USFWS, NYSDEC, NYSDPS	Approach for onshore T&E species (including bats and birds and other) and avian assessment approach
4/24/2020	NYSDOS, NYSDEC, NYSDPS	Project introduction, Project siting review
4/28/2020	NYSDPS and Senior Staff	Project introduction
4/28/2020	BOEM	Lease assignment and segregation discussion
4/30/2020	USEPA Regions 1 and 2	Project introduction
5/11/2020	NPS, Suffolk County	Project overview and discussion of nearshore and on-land survey work
5/14/2020	NPS, Suffolk County	Project overview and discussion of nearshore and on-land survey work
6/1/2020	Native American Tribes	Review of proposed cultural coring locations
6/9/2020	NYSDPS Technical Staff	Project introduction

Date	Entity	Topic
6/12/2020	USACE Region 1 and Region 2	Project update, Onshore Transmission Cable routing and permitting
6/22/2020	USFWS	Wetland delineation and ecological surveys at Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge
7/1/2020	Congressman Zeldin and Staff	Project update
7/8/2020	BOEM, NOAA Fisheries, NYSDEC, RIDEM, MACZM, NYSERDA	Benthic survey results and discussion of video surveys, NYS waters benthic survey
7/9/2020	BOEM	Discussion of HVAC/HVDC approach in the COP
7/9/2020	NYSDEC	Discussion of Atlantic sturgeon mitigation and monitoring for geotechnical surveys
7/10/2020	NYSDOS, RICRMC, MACZM, MADMF, NPS	Benthic survey results and discussion of video surveys, NYS waters benthic survey
7/13/2020	BOEM	Follow up to lease assignment meeting
7/22/2020	NYSDEC, NYSDOS, NYSDPS, NYSOGS, BOEM, NPS, Town of Brookhaven	Review of NYSDEC comments on Joint Permit Application for geotechnical survey to occur nearshore and at the landfall in Fall 2020
7/22/2020	NYSDEC, NYSDOS, NYSDPS, NYSOGS, BOEM, NPS, Town of Brookhaven	Review of Project onshore routing and preliminary results of wetland and ecological surveys
7/22/2020	Congressman Zeldin's staff ¹	Initial meeting of regular biweekly product update meetings
8/11/2020	Suffolk County Parks and DPW	Project Update
8/12/2020	NYSDOT	Project update
8/12/2020	NOAA Fisheries and BOEM	Underwater acoustic modeling results
8/13/2020	RICRMC	Project update and discussion of EMF
8/14/2020	Long Island Association Energy and Environment Committee Webinar: LI's Energy Future	Project Update

¹ Meetings with Congressman Zeldin's staff are bi-weekly and ongoing.

Date	Entity	Topic
9/14/2020	Town of Brookhaven	Review of project onshore routing, alternate routes and discussion on Open House
9/15/2020	USACE	COP update and next steps
9/21/2020	BOEM, Tribes	Discuss terrestrial archaeological surveys
9/25/2020	NYSDEC	Discuss nearshore geotechnical permitting
10/5/2020	Suffolk County DPW	Project update and plan set review
10/5/2020	Suffolk County Staff	Project update
10/07/2020	NYSDOS	Review CZMA policies and project update
10/09/2020	BOEM, NPS, NOAA, NYSDOS, NYSDEC, NYSDOS	Review NYS Benthic survey results from August and September 2020
10/13/2020	Brookhaven Town Staff	Project update and route review
10/15/2020	National Labor Training Center Coalition	Next steps for National Offshore Wind Training Center
10/21/2020	NOAA	Presentation of Preliminary Benthic Video Survey Results
10/26/2020	Brookhaven Councilman Daniel Panico	Project update
11/5/2020	Brookhaven Councilman Daniel Panico and Suffolk County Legislator Rudy Sunderman	Project update and Open House
11/09/2020	NPS	Discuss NPS ROW and Temporary Construction Permits
11/12/2020	NYSDPS, NYSDEC, NYSDOS, NYSDOT	Pre-filing Meeting for Article VII Application
11/12/2020	Suffolk County Legislator Anthony Piccirillo	Project Update
11/13/2020	NYSERDA	Project Update/Pre-filing Meeting for Article VII Application
11/13/2020	Councilman Loguerico	Project Update
11/13/2020	NYSDOT	Project Update/Pre-filing Meeting for Article VII Application
11/15/2020	Councilman Robert Calarco	Project Update
11/16/2020	Assemblyman Joe DeStefano	Project Update
11/16/2020	Assemblyman Fred Thiele	Project Update
11/16/2020	Assemblyman Doug Smith	Project Update
11/16/2020	Suffolk County Deputy County Executive Lisa Black	Project Update
11/16/2020	Stakeholders/Public	Sunrise Wind Virtual Open House
11/16/2020	Councilman LaValle	Project Update

Date	Entity	Topic
11/17/2020	Councilman Foley	Project Update
11/17/2020	NYSDEC and NYS Parks	Pre-filing Meeting for Article VII Application
11/18/2020	County Executive Steve Bellone	Project Update

AGENCY LETTERS

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March 27, 2020

Sarah Boucher Gravel
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Re: Sunrise Offshore Wind Farm
County: Suffolk Town/City: Brookhaven

Dear Ms. Boucher Gravel:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to the above project.

Enclosed is a report of rare or state-listed animals and plants, and significant natural communities that our database indicates occur along the proposed cable routes and landfall locations or in their vicinity. Note there are state-listed animal species documented from the proposed routes.

For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted; the enclosed report only includes records from our database. We cannot provide a definitive statement as to the presence or absence of all rare or state-listed species or significant natural communities. Depending on the nature of the project and the conditions at the project site, further information from on-site surveys or other sources may be required to fully assess impacts on biological resources.

The presence of the plants and animals identified in the enclosed report may result in this project requiring additional review or permit conditions. For further guidance, and for information regarding other permits that may be required under state law for regulated areas or activities (e.g., regulated wetlands), please contact the NYS DEC Region 1 Office, Division of Environmental Permits, at dep.r1@dec.ny.gov, (631) 444-0365.

Sincerely,



Nicholas Conrad
Information Resources Coordinator
New York Natural Heritage Program





The following state-listed animals have been documented along the proposed cable routes and landfall locations or in their vicinity.

The following list includes animals that are listed by NYS as Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern; and/or that are federally listed.

For information about any permit considerations for the project, contact the NYSDEC Region x Office, Division of Environmental Permits, at dep.r1@dec.ny.gov, (631) 444-0365.

The following species have been documented on or very near the proposed cable routes and landfall locations at Fire Island and Smith Point County Park.

<i>COMMON NAME</i>	<i>SCIENTIFIC NAME</i>	<i>NY STATE LISTING</i>	<i>FEDERAL LISTING</i>
Piping Plover <i>Breeding</i>	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	Endangered	Threatened
Least Tern <i>Breeding</i>	<i>Sternula antillarum</i>	Threatened	
Common Tern <i>Breeding</i>	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Threatened	

The following species have been documented in the offshore waters crossed by the proposed offshore cable route.

<i>COMMON NAME</i>	<i>SCIENTIFIC NAME</i>	<i>NY STATE LISTING</i>	<i>FEDERAL LISTING</i>
Humpback Whale <i>Nonbreeding</i>	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Endangered	Endangered
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Endangered	Endangered

The following species has been documented at several locations within .5 mile of much of the onshore cable routes, and several more locations are within 1.5 miles. Individual animals may travel 1.5 miles or more from documented locations.

The main impact of concern for bats is the removal of potential roost trees.

<i>COMMON NAME</i>	<i>SCIENTIFIC NAME</i>	<i>NY STATE LISTING</i>	<i>FEDERAL LISTING</i>
Northern Long-eared Bat <i>Maternity roosts and other summer locations</i>	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Threatened	Threatened

This report only includes records from the NY Natural Heritage database.

Information about many of the listed animals in New York, including habitat, biology, identification, conservation, and management, are available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.guides.nynhp.org, and from NYSDEC at www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7494.html.



The following rare plants, rare animals, and significant natural communities along the proposed cable routes and landfall locations or in their vicinity.

We recommend that potential impacts of the proposed project on these species or communities be addressed as part of any environmental assessment or review conducted as part of the planning, permitting and approval process. Field surveys of the project site may be necessary to determine whether a species currently occurs at the site, particularly for sites that are currently undeveloped and may still contain suitable habitat. Final requirements of the project to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential impacts are determined by the lead permitting agency or the government body approving the project.

The animals listed in this report, while not listed by New York State as Endangered or Threatened, are rare in New York and are of conservation concern.

The plants listed in this report are listed as Endangered or Threatened by New York State, and/or are rare in New York State, and so are a vulnerable natural resource of conservation concern.

The natural communities listed in this report are considered significant from a statewide perspective by the NY Natural Heritage Program. Each community is either an example of a community type that is rare in the state, or a high-quality example of a more common community type. By meeting specific, documented criteria, the NY Natural Heritage Program considers these community occurrences to have high ecological and conservation value.

The following species and communities have been documented at the proposed cable route and landfall on Fire Island.

<i>COMMON NAME</i>	<i>SCIENTIFIC NAME</i>	<i>NY STATE LISTING</i>	<i>HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS</i>
Hairy-necked Tiger Beetle	<i>Cicindela hirticollis</i>	Unlisted	Critically Imperiled in NYS
Fire Island Great South Beach, 2017: Sand beach.			

Maritime Beach

High Quality Occurrence of Uncommon Community Type

Fire Island: A 32 mile long maritime beach along the south shore of Fire Island, 7 miles of which is designated as Federal Wilderness Area where driving is not allowed for most of the year. Natural processes are affected by stabilization and nourishment in some areas.

The following species has been documented within .5 mile of the proposed cable route.

<i>COMMON NAME</i>	<i>SCIENTIFIC NAME</i>	<i>NY STATE LISTING</i>	<i>HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS</i>
Sandplain Wild Flax	<i>Linum intercursum</i>	Threatened	Imperiled in NYS
Station Avenue roadside, 1996-08-08: The plants are on a pine barrens roadside with very sparse vegetation, dominated by grasses and legumes.			

The following significant community is crossed by the proposed cable route at Carmans River, and also extends along Yaphank Creek to within 100 yards of the proposed cable route.

COMMON NAME

HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS

Red Maple-Blackgum Swamp

High Quality Occurrence of Rare Community Type

Carmans River Wetlands, extending north and south of Montauk Highway: The swamp is of moderate size with good diversity and some large diameter trees. The swamp is minimally buffered and located at the edge of a locally intact landscape block.

The following species and community have been documented south of the proposed cable route in or along the Carmans River in Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge.

COMMON NAME

SCIENTIFIC NAME

NY STATE LISTING

HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS

Water Pigmyweed

Crassula aquatica

Endangered

Critically Imperiled in NYS

Carmans River, west side immediately south of Montauk Highway, 1988-08-31: Bank of an intertidal section of river at a road embankment.

Eastern Pirate Perch

Aphredoderus sayanus sayanus

Unlisted

Critically Imperiled in NYS

Carmans River within .3 mile south of Montauk Highway, also Yaphank Creek, 1990-11-15.

Atlantic Silverside

Menidia menidia

Unlisted

Imperiled in NYS

Carmans River within .4 mile south of Montauk Highway, 1990-11-14.

Brackish Tidal Marsh

High Quality Occurrence of Uncommon Community Type

Carmans River Wetlands, within .4 mile south of Montauk Highway: This is a large marsh in good to fair condition, in a good landscape that is mostly protected.

The following species have been documented north of the proposed cable route in Southaven County Park.

COMMON NAME

SCIENTIFIC NAME

NY STATE LISTING

HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS

Eastern Pirate Perch

Aphredoderus sayanus sayanus

Unlisted

Critically Imperiled in NYS

Carmans River just north of NYS Route 27, 2015-08-04.

Collins' Sedge

Carex collinsii

Endangered

Critically Imperiled in NYS

Southaven County Park, within .25 mile of proposed cable route, 1986-11-04: Abandoned fish hatchery (part of Suffolk County Park) in a red maple-tupelo swamp.

Blunt-lobed Grape Fern

Botrychium oneidense

Threatened

Imperiled in NYS

Southaven County Park, within .25 mile of proposed cable route, 1986-11-04: In wet soil under shrubs and vines in red maple swamp.

The following communities are crossed by the proposed cable route in the waters between Fire Island and the mainland (Smith Point County Park).

COMMON NAME

HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS

Marine Eelgrass Meadow

High Quality Occurrence of Rare Community Type

Great South Bay and Moriches Bay: This is an expansive patch of eelgrass in good condition within a fair quality landscape.

Marine Back-barrier Lagoon

High Quality Occurrence of Rare Community Type

Great South Bay and Moriches Bay: This is a very large marine back-barrier lagoon that is in good condition within a fair quality, but mostly developed landscape.

This report only includes records from the NY Natural Heritage database. For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted, and we cannot provide a definitive statement as to the presence or absence of all rare or state-listed species. Depending on the nature of the project and the conditions at the project site, further information from on-site surveys or other sources may be required to fully assess impacts on biological resources.

If any rare plants or animals are documented during site visits, we request that information on the observations be provided to the New York Natural Heritage Program so that we may update our database.

Information about many of the rare animals and plants in New York, including habitat, biology, identification, conservation, and management, are available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.guides.nynhp.org, from NatureServe Explorer at www.natureserve.org/explorer, and from USDA's Plants Database at <http://plants.usda.gov/index.html> (for plants).

Information about many of the natural community types in New York, including identification, dominant and characteristic vegetation, distribution, conservation, and management, is available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.guides.nynhp.org. For descriptions of all community types, go to www.dec.ny.gov/animals/29384.html for Ecological Communities of New York State.

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Subject: Sunrise Wind Phase IA Report

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Matt and Nicole:

I completed my review of the report and I wanted to say thank you. No one appreciates a well-prepared massive report like the SHPO reviewer that has to read it. Well done.

Tim Lloyd, Ph.D.

Scientist – Archaeology
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In Reply Refer To:

March 11, 2020

Consultation Code: 05E1LI00-2020-SLI-0367

Event Code: 05E1LI00-2020-E-00839

Project Name: Confidential Project

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location, and/or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/TOC-GLOS.PDF>

Please be aware that bald and golden eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*), and projects affecting these species may require development of an eagle conservation plan (http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/eagle_guidance.html). Additionally, wind energy projects should follow the wind energy guidelines (<http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/>) for minimizing impacts to migratory birds and bats.

Guidance for minimizing impacts to migratory birds for projects including communications towers (e.g., cellular, digital television, radio, and emergency broadcast) can be found at: <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/towers.htm>; <http://www.towerkill.com>; and <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/comtow.html>.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List
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Official Species List

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

Long Island Ecological Services Field Office

340 Smith Road

Shirley, NY 11967-2258

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Project Summary

Consultation Code: 05E1LI00-2020-SLI-0367

Event Code: 05E1LI00-2020-E-00839

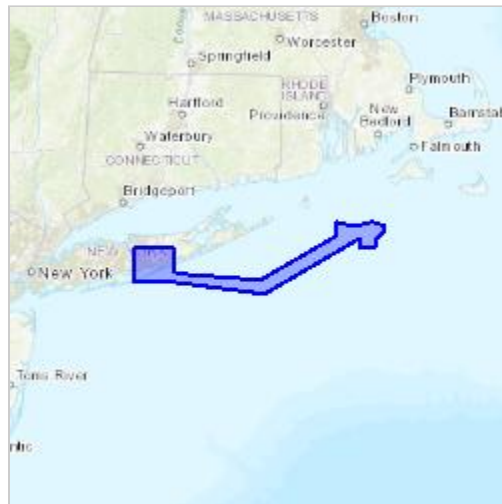
Project Name: Confidential Project

Project Type: POWER GENERATION

Project Description: Proposed wind energy project

Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/40.81649280425459N72.91040200081957W>



Counties: Suffolk, NY

Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 6 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

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1. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

Mammals

NAME	STATUS
Northern Long-eared Bat <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045	Threatened

Birds

NAME	STATUS
Piping Plover <i>Charadrius melodus</i> Population: [Atlantic Coast and Northern Great Plains populations] - Wherever found, except those areas where listed as endangered. There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6039	Threatened
Red Knot <i>Calidris canutus rufa</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1864	Threatened
Roseate Tern <i>Sterna dougallii dougallii</i> Population: Northeast U.S. nesting population No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2083	Endangered

Flowering Plants

NAME	STATUS
Sandplain Gerardia <i>Agalinis acuta</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8128	Endangered
Seabeach Amaranth <i>Amaranthus pumilus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8549	Threatened

Critical habitats

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.
