

**Maine Offshore Wind Research Array Project
Wildlife Work Session #2**

**March 26, 2021
AGENDA**

Register at: <https://cbuilding.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUpdOyoqTlqGtL3aleVoVMsYsJ-39SRygyD>

Objectives:

- Review expectations and goals of working sessions
- Provide update on work to determine which species are present in the research area of interest, focusing on those populations most vulnerable
- Consider potential options for configuration of turbines
- Generate ideas for areas of research to consider as part of state’s research framework
- Share next steps and schedule

Note: Participating in giving advice to IFW/GEO does not constitute approval nor endorsement of OSW development in the GOM generally or the Research Array in particular

	DESCRIPTION	DETAILS
1:15	Technology check	
1:30 – 1:45	Welcome and Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda Cross, Maine Department of Inland Fish & Wildlife • Laura Taylor Singer, Facilitator
1:45 – 2:15	Sharing Initial Thoughts from Fisheries Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carl Wilson, DMR
2:15 -2:35	Update on Siting Considerations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current approach to refining the MDAT model • <i>Discussion: What other co-variants should be considered as potential drivers of species presence in this area in relation to specific species?</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wing Goodale, Biodiversity Research Institute
2:35 – 3:00	Considering Array Configuration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial thoughts or considerations on array design, orientation of turbines and spacing • <i>Discussion: Which layout options can reduce risk? How can the layout inform research questions?</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda Cross, ME IF&W
3:00 – 3:15	Break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants select breakout group
3:15 – 3:30	Overview of Research Themes and Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda Cross, ME IF&W
3:30 – 4:00	Breakout <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Key Questions for Groups:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>What baseline data and initial monitoring should be considered prior to project operation?</i> 2. <i>What key questions should the research array investigate to better understand potential interaction of floating turbines with wildlife and the marine environment?</i> 	Two groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birds and Bats • Marine Mammals and Other Species
4:00 – 4:20	Report Back	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBI
4:20-4:30	Wrap-up and Next Steps: Additional Input or Questions?	