

# Exploring Approaches to Fisheries Coexistence with Floating Offshore Wind

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# Project Overview

This project will equip the Maine Governor's Energy Office (GEO) with research on **fisheries coexistence** with floating offshore wind (FOW), to enable informed decision-making. ERM and GMRI will:

- Engage directly with the fishing community and other local stakeholders,
- Research FOW technology,
- Assess existing requirements and regulation to address unique local challenges and data gaps to FOW and fishing industry coexistence.

## Objectives and Outcomes

- Collaboration with community stakeholders, especially fishermen.
- Contribute to filling key data gaps that are not being addressed elsewhere.
- Build on existing resources and knowledge.
- Inform decisions and understanding - by GEO and beyond.



# Project Roles & Responsibilities



**Global Technical, Social  
Impact, and Regulatory  
Expertise**



**Local Insight**



**FOW Technologies**



**Stakeholder Engagement**



**Collaborative Development  
of Guidelines**



**Collaborative Research**

# Project Timeline



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## Spring (March – May)

- **Explore** – Existing understandings of "coexistence"
- **Research** – Fishing operations
- **Development** – Coexistence definition options
- **Refine** – Research questions
- **Consultation** – Maine initial reactions to options and scenarios

## Summer (May – October)

- **Review** – ERM to review regulatory, legal, and requirements
- **Evaluate** – ERM to evaluate FOW technology
- **Engage and Propose** – ERM and GMRI receive input from Maine stakeholders on technology best practices, and draft guidelines based on the engagement
- **Consultation** – Review FOW possibilities with stakeholders

## Fall (October – January 2025)

- **Recommendation** – Coexistence guidelines
- **Final Report and Presentation**

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