



Maine Research Array Process 2021

Research Array Process Elements

State of Knowledge Workshop

- Setting stage
- Building common information

Webinars

- Build understanding across sectors

Work Sessions

- Detailed dialogue on data, siting, and research approach

Dockside and Informal

- Direct engagement with fishermen
- Direct engagement with interested others

Joint workshops

- Coordinating and refining advice from wildlife, fisheries and other

Research Array Engagement Process Timeline

Maine's Pathway to a Floating Offshore Wind Research Array



* Dates approximate

Visit <https://www.maine.gov/energy/> for more information.

Work Sessions



Fisheries (commercial and recreational)



Wildlife (birds, marine mammals, bats, zooplankton)

Other Topics that May Arise

- Tribal interests and cultural resources
- Navigation
- Coastal communities
- Work force
- Other

Work Sessions: Fisheries Wildlife

Meeting #1

- What data do we have?
- What's missing?
- How and what could we get during this process?

Meeting #2

- What are better and worse areas?
- Why?
- What are cabling considerations?
- How might turbines be placed inside the site?

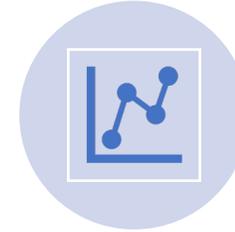
Meeting #3

- How to further hone site options?
- What is the research approach and key questions?

What You Get Out of Participating in a Work Session



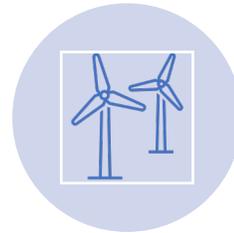
ACCESS TO AND DEEP DIVE INTO EXISTING DATA



IDENTIFYING FUTURE DATA YOU WANT AND WHAT, HOW, WHEN, AND BY WHOM



DETAILING IMPACTS, ISSUES AND CONCERNS YOU CARE ABOUT



INFLUENCING WHERE THE ARRAY GOES AND HOW IT IS CONFIGURED



SHAPING THE RESEARCH APPROACH



GAINING EXPERTISE AND KNOWLEDGE FOR THE FUTURE

What Sessions Need From You

Time: 1-3 working sessions (~2-3 hours) and reading in between plus 1 to 2 other joint meetings to integrate views and issues

Knowledge: fish, wildlife, habitat, data sources, etc.

Expertise: in fishing, science methods, wind array operations, research

Dialogue: to engage with others through on-line meetings

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Informed?**