Notice to Mariners South Fork Wind Export Cable Landing

Acoustic telemtry study examing fish behavior around offshore wind cables

About the Wind Farm

South Fork Wind is a 50-50 joint ventures between Ørsted and Eversource.

South Fork Wind is a planned offshore wind farm located 35 miles east of Montauk Point.

As part of the South Fork Wind (SFW) fisheries monitoring plan, SUNY Stony Brook and Cornell University Cooperative Extension and Monmouth University deployed an array of acoustic receivers around the SFW cable landing near Wainscott Beach. The study uses acoustic tags and receivers to help evaluate whether the electromagnetic fields (EMF) produced by the SFW export cable influences the migration or behavior of tagged fish. This project directly addresses concerns of stakeholders that EMF produced by the SFW export cable could affect commercially, recreationally and ecologically important species in the area.

The acoustic receivers in the study area are anchored to the seafloor with concrete moorings. To avoid entanglement with marine mammals and sea turtles, surface markers were not used to mark the receiver locations. These receivers will be left in place for the duration of the study, which intended to occur through 2025. Mariners are urged to use special caution when navigating in the vicinity of Wainscott Beach.

This information is also posted on our website <u>us.orsted.com/mariners</u>. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Orsted's regional fisheries liaisons.

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