

Notice to Mariners

South Fork Wind Fisheries Monitoring Activity Gillnet Survey, South Fork Wind

From October 2021 through December 2021, the Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation of Rhode Island will be working with the fishing vessels *Cailyn and Maren* and *More Misery* in the South Fork Wind area and two control areas to complete a pre-construction gillnet survey for skates, monkfish, and other species. The gillnets will be sampled twice per month during this time period, and the gear will have a soak time of 24 hours. The attached chart shows the locations that will be sampled. Each gillnet string is composed of 6 (300-ft) net panels, for an approximate total length of 1,800 feet. The strings will be set in an East-West direction in the eastern control area, and will be set in a North-South direction in the South Fork Wind area and western control area. The strings will be marked with high-flyers and large Go-Deep Orange buoys and labeled as research gear.

No catch will be landed for sale from the fisheries monitoring surveys, and all animals will be returned to the water as quickly as possible after biological sampling is completed. A small subset of fish (10 or less per string) will be sacrificed for stomach content analysis to determine diet composition.

Communication:

VHF Channels 13 and 16 will be monitored at all times.

Vessels:

F/V Cailyn and Maren

Captain Greg Mataronas



F/V More Misery

Captain Todd Sutton



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