

Mariners Briefing

South Fork Wind Fisheries Monitoring Activity

Gillnet Survey:

Date of Notice: April 25th, 2022

Overview:

From April through June and October through December 2022, the Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation will be working with Rhode Island based commercial fishing vessels to complete a pre-construction gillnet survey for skates, monkfish and other species. Sampling will occur inside South Fork Wind (SFW) and at two control areas to the east and west of SFW (see attached chart). No catch will be sold from this study; a subset of the catch (10 or fewer individuals per string will be sacrificed for diet composition. All other animals will be returned to the water as quickly as possible after biological sampling is complete.

Survey details:

Purpose: To assess the impacts of offshore wind activities in SFW on the abundance, diet composition and demographics of monkfish, skate and other species compared to the control areas.

Vessels: *F/V Cailyn and Maren and F/V More Misery (see below for vessel details)*

Sampling frequency: Gillnets will be sampled twice monthly. Strings will be set and hauled on separate trips.

Gear configuration: 6 300-ft tie-down panels with an approximate length of 1800 ft and a floatline height of approximately 8 ft. Strings will have a 24-hour soak. Strings will be set in an east/west orientation in the eastern control area and in a north/south orientation in the SFW and western control areas.

Gear marking: All strings will be marked with high-flyers and large orange Go-Deep buoys and labelled as research gear. The north or west end will be marked with highflyers and the south or east end will be marked with buoys.

Communications: VHF channels 13 & 16 will be monitored as all times.

For more information, please contact:

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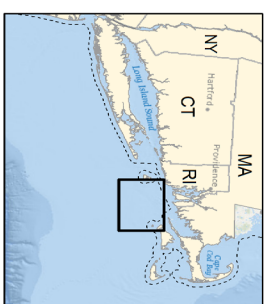
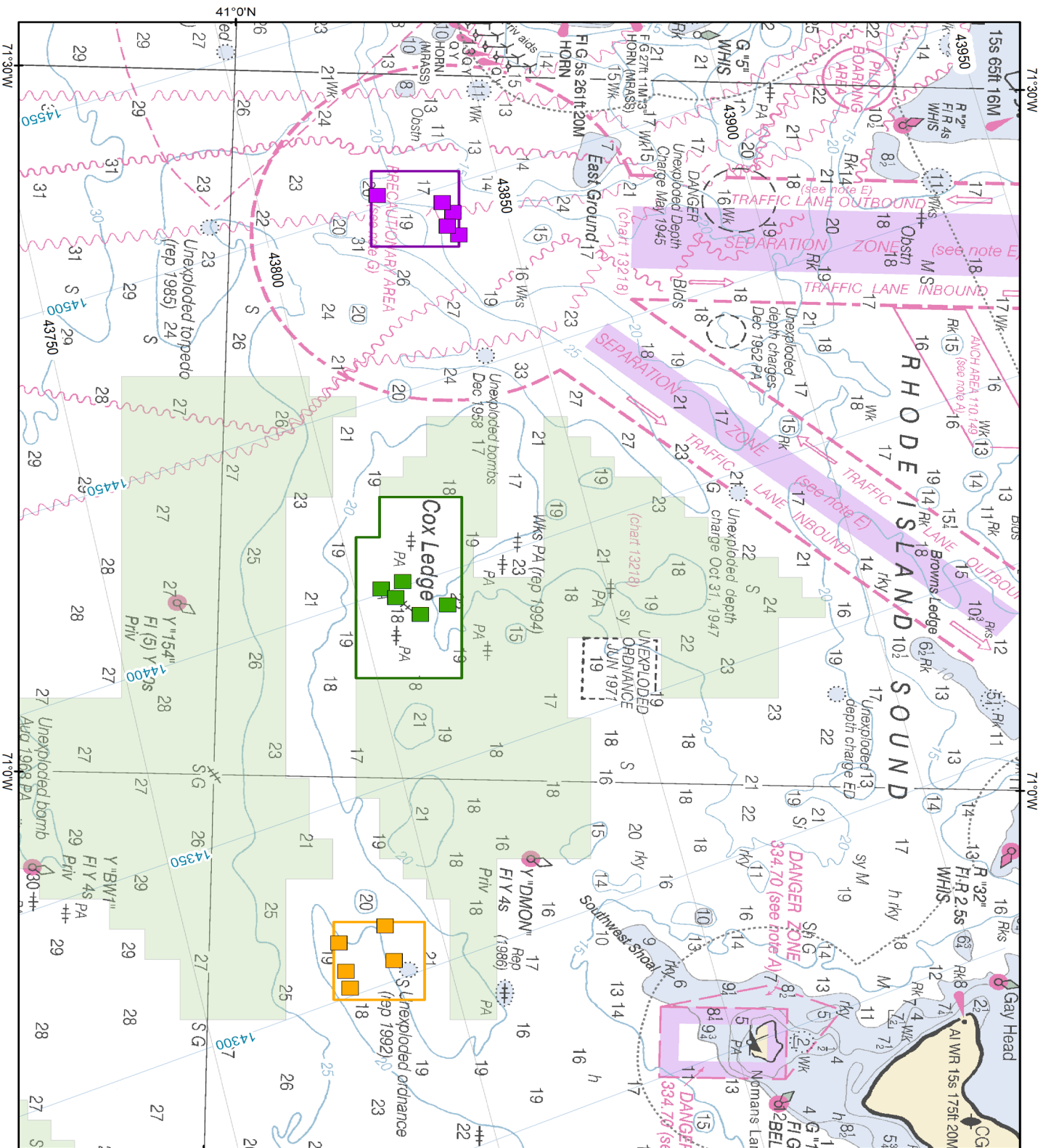




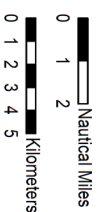
F/V Cailyn and Maren
Captain Greg Mataronas
Homeport: Sakonnet, RI



F/V More Misery
Captain Todd Sutton
Homeport: Newport, RI



- 3 Nautical Mile State Waters
- Boundary
- Other Lease Areas
- South Fork Wind Lease Area (OCS-A 0517)
- West Control Area
- East Control Area
- Glinet Sampling Locations
- Lease Area Station
- West Control Station
- East Control Station



Depth Soundings in Fathoms
 Source: BOEM, NOAA Chart 12300
 Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 19N (meters)
 Date: 3/25/2022 SFW01