



Beyond heat maps: understanding fisheries conflict and coexistence with offshore wind energy to advance a just energy transition

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Abstract: Commercial fishers may be disproportionately impacted by offshore wind development compared with other ocean users due to possible conflicts with fishing gear in productive fishing grounds. Spatially explicit models can inform near-term siting of offshore wind power and facilitate collaboration between the commercial fishing and offshore wind industries in the United States. This presentation will review a model that was developed to examine conflict and compatibility of surfclam and scallop fisheries with offshore wind in the mid-Atlantic. Furthermore, interviews with fishers and other key stakeholders can help examine the issues among the industries in a more nuanced way. This presentation will also review results of recent interviews with fishers and key stakeholders, identifying what may lie ahead for future offshore wind developments, including floating wind in the Gulf of Maine.



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