



**NYSERDA**

**Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation**

# **F-TWG Framework**

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# Mission, Objectives, & Members

# F-TWG Mission

- The mission of the Fisheries Technical Working Group (Fisheries TWG or “F-TWG”) is to **provide advice and guidance to help steer the State of New York’s efforts and advise the region’s efforts to advance offshore wind development in an environmentally responsible way and to protect and sustain the State’s and region’s fisheries and fishing communities.**

# F-TWG Objectives

- Enhance communication and coordination
- Disseminate information
- Provide advice and input
- Support scientific research

# Members

- **Fishing industry representatives** across ports, gear type, and species
- **State agency representatives** from surrounding states
- **Offshore wind energy developers** with leases in federal waters in New England and the Mid-Atlantic, and their fisheries liaisons

# Tasks

# Members

- Participate in **up to four in-person meetings** per year
- **Provide input** on the meeting content, documents, format of meetings, and logistics
- Participate in related **conference calls and webinars**
- **Help craft recommendations** including work between
- **Consult with your community**, organization, or constituents for input in the interim
- **Share data**, as appropriate

# New York State

- **Organize F-TWG meetings**
- **Prepare and present relevant issues** for member advice and input
- Provide **funding support** for support contractors and associated outreach
- Create a **F-TWG website**
- **Synthesize existing research**, data, best practices, and other information
- **Support other meetings** to directly involve more fishermen or others
- Hire a **fisheries liaison**
- Allow for **discussion of other agencies' work** (e.g. NMFWS, NY PSC, BOEM)
- Develop a **research and study design** incorporating F-TWG advice
- **Share with participants** how F-TWG advice has been taken



# Contractors

- Provide **technical support and guidance**, including developing draft frameworks, options papers, tools, and other materials
- Create and support **communications tools**
- **Facilitate** the overall process and meetings of the F-TWG
- Develop **meeting summaries/written record** of F-TWG work
- The facilitators will behave in a non-partisan manner, accountable to all participants for helping **ensure a fair, inclusive, and meaningful process**

# Expectations

# Member Expectations

- **Engage constructively** with one another
- **Acknowledge and articulate differences** with respect and clarity
- **Provide input and advice** recognizing decisions rest with multiple agencies and jurisdictions
- Provide input and advice, including broadly shared advice where possible. In lieu of agreement, **articulate the range of advice clearly** and the reasons for differences.

# Meetings and Members

- Members or participants **may be added to the group**
- Meetings will be by **invitation only**
- Meetings are generally expected to **include all participants**, but sectors or **sub-groups may meet among themselves**, from time-to-time
- Work will be **put in writing ahead**, when possible, to provide sufficient time for members to share such documents with their constituencies
- Meetings will be **scheduled in consultation with F-TWG members**
- Members and NYS **may convene specialist committees, hold public workshops, and engage additional experts**, as and when needed