

## October 17, 2023 | STAC Subcommittee Kickoff

Attendees: Mark Nardi (Subcommittee Chair, STAC Member, USGS MD-DE-DC Water Science Center), Bart Wilson (Geomorphologist, FWS), Meghan Noe Fellows (Director of Science and Restoration, CIB), Doug Janiec (STAC Vice Chair/Restoration Ecologist, Sovereign Consulting), Lesley Baggett (Environmental Consultant, AKRF)

Not in attendance: Kelly Somers (EPA Region 3), David Krantz (Oceanographer and Coastal Geologist, University of Toledo), Natalie Motley (EPA), Taylor Krolik (EPA R3 Standards and Coordination, Delaware State Representative)

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Timing of Response due to Center: November 10

Committee to submit to Center, Center to make comment to BOEM by November 20

Discussion for what to submit to Center:

- Introduction with bulleted list?

- Or more technical and detailed where we can?

- Provide enough detail to establish credibility. . .

- Some things can be more generic, some may be very specific

- Don't need to comment on everything - just the most pertinent things that others won't make substantive comment on

- Make sure they discuss it well enough; make sure agree with their assessment it is minor or moderate and why?

No Action response - often boilerplate - Focus should be on Alternative B, the preferred action - impacts associated with the action proposed, cumulative actions also applicable, usually discussed at end of alternative

By resource?

- Look at their analysis of impacts - did they consider all of them - e.g. EMF considered, but did they consider heat?

- Did they adequately cover a topic?

Subset of documents to focus on:

Volume 1: Chapter 3: example of inshore starts on page 3-39, but section starts earlier with description of offshore impacts.

Appendix F: this we think will have minor impacts

## Appendix G: mitigation measures

US Wind DEIS (written by BOEM)

<https://tethys.pnnl.gov/publications/maryland-offshore-wind-draft-environmental-impact-statement-deis>

Lead Reviewer for STAC subcommittee:

Lesley: 3.5.2 benthic resources, 3.5.5 fish

Doug: 3.5.4 coastal habitats and 3.5.8 wetlands

Mark: 3.4.2 water quality

Bart: look for contaminants across multiple chapters

\_\_\_\_\_David?\_\_\_\_\_ : Pathway - alternative pathway suggestion; look in chapter 1 for dismissed alternatives; look for summary of alternatives

Mark/Lesley: Sediment Plume/Contaminant Transport comments - addressed here at all? - change should be in the COP (written by USWIND)

Center should also review, but not to be addressed by the subcommittee:

3.6.1 commercial/recreational fishery

3.6.8 recreational and tourism

Look into Appendix E for each chapter to identify known unknowns

Helpful Hint: Appendix D - future projects and parameters

From meeting comments:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/10/06/2023-21749/notice-of-availability-of-a-draft-environmental-impact-statement-for-us-wind-incs-proposed-wind>

All STAC invited to hear initial analysis; Christophe and Center staff.

Next Meeting October 31, 2023 2:00pm