**US Wind[[1]](#footnote-1) Mariners Briefing – February 18, 2022**

Geophysical Survey Activities

US Wind’s geophysical survey vessel, the ***M/V Fugro Brasilis***, has been conducting geophysical survey work in the Lease area since January 8, 2022. On February 7, 2022, after confirming that local fishermen were not actively fishing in the Lease area and providing a seven-day notification window, the ***M/V Fugro Brasilis*** began survey work in **All** **Zones (A-D)** *(see chartlet below)*. Local scout vessels and observers onboard the survey vessel, including the Offshore Fisheries Liaison, have maintained a sharp lookout for fishing gear to ensure avoidance. Some lost gear has been identified and returned it to its owners. US Wind’s fisheries liaisons continue to share information and coordinate activities with local fishermen.

**A large red and white ship

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**M/V *Fugro Brasilis* – 219 ft LOA; Call Sign: C6AP7; MMSI: 311000115**

Geotechnical Survey Activities

US Wind continues to conduct geotechnical survey work using the ***PSV Regulus*** in the southeastern portion – **Zone A** - of the Lease area. No fishing gear interactions have been noted since the survey began on December 15, 2021. The ***PSV Regulus*** will continue to work in **Zone A** for the foreseeable future.



**PSV *Regulus* – 272 ft LOA; Call Sign: WDG8927; MMSI: 366987000**

Mariners briefings can be found on the US Wind website at <https://uswindinc.com/mariners/> or requested from Benjamin Cooper, US Wind’s Director of Marine Affairs ([b.cooper@uswindinc.com](mailto:b.cooper@uswindinc.com)). You may also wish to contact US Wind’s Fisheries Liaison Officers for fisheries specific information (Wolfgang Rain: 206-427-6553; [wrain@searisksolutions.com](mailto:wrain@searisksolutions.com) and Ron Larsen: 570-242-5023; [ronlarsen@searisksolutions.com](mailto:ronlarsen@searisksolutions.com)) or the Offshore Fisheries Liaison ([OFL2@Offshorewfs.com](mailto:OFL2@Offshorewfs.com)).

The below chartlet depicts survey zones in and around the US Wind Lease area off Maryland’s coast (not to be used for navigation purposes).[[2]](#footnote-2)

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1. In 2014, US Wind acquired a federal Lease area off the coast of Maryland, which has the potential to generate approximately 2,000 MW in offshore wind power. In 2017, Maryland approved the company’s ~300 MW **MarWin** project, and in December 2021, the state approved the 808 MW **Momentum Wind** project. For more information, please visit our website: <https://uswindinc.com>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *\*\*All Mariners transiting or fishing in the survey area are requested to give a ½ mile closest point of approach to all survey vessels as they may be limited in their ability to maneuver. Vessels in the vicinity of the survey vessels should operate in a manner that will not endanger the vessels or associated equipment. Both vessels will monitor VHF channels 13 and 16.\*\** [↑](#footnote-ref-2)