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UPDATE: Geophysical Survey Activities

US Wind’s geophysical survey vessel, the ***M/V Fugro Brasilis***, entered **Zone A** (see chartlet below for reference) on January 1, 2022; however, due to COVID and weather-related delays, the ***Brasilis*** was not able to conduct geophysical survey work in **Zone A** until January 8, 2022. Local scout vessels and observers onboard the survey vessel, including the Offshore Fisheries Liaison ([OFL2@Offshorewfs.com](mailto:OFL2@Offshorewfs.com)), have maintained a sharp lookout for fishing gear in the area to avoid any gear conflict. US Wind’s fisheries liaisons continue to reach out to local fishermen to share information and coordinate activities.

In addition to its continued geophysical survey work in **Zone A**, the ***M/V Fugro Brasilis*** will also be working in **Zone B**, beginning no earlier than January 28, 2022.

**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**

*\*\*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.\*\**

Mariners briefings are distributed to interested mariners, are found on the US Wind website at <https://uswindinc.com/mariners/>, or can be requested from Benjamin Cooper, US Wind’s Director of Marine Affairs, via email at [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)).

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).

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1. US Wind was founded in 2011 and has established itself as Maryland’s leader in offshore wind development. In 2014, US Wind acquired an 80,000-acre 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 go to our website at <https://uswindinc.com>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)