



Mariners Briefing – March 12, 2024

US Wind buoy decommissioning and clearance survey

US Wind has completed its multi-year LIDAR buoy metocean data gathering campaign. Last fall the metocean buoy was recovered and brought to a site in Massachusetts for data validation, which will be used to further refine engineering plans for US Wind's Maryland Offshore Wind Project. A marker buoy was deployed at the LIDAR buoy's previous location.

In March and April 2024, our partners at OTS and Northstar will complete removal of the Trawl Resistant Bottom Mount (TRBM) system, and formally decommission the US Wind Lighted Meteorological Buoy (LLN 215) located off Ocean City, Maryland. Following removal of the TRBM and marker buoy, the University of Delaware will conduct an Autonomous Underwater Vehicle survey to confirm the removal of all objects on the seafloor. The vessels will be operating in the vicinity of: **38°21'10"N 074°45'13"W**. Mariners are requested to provide a slow bell and wide berth in vicinity of the vessel operations to ensure the safety of our crews.



Trawl Resistant Bottom Mount system



Marker buoy



Northstar 4



Northstar Challenger



US Wind is currently seeking federal, state, and local permits to install and operate an up to 2 gigawatt clean renewable power facility off the Atlantic coast of Maryland. Detailed information about the Project's Construction and Operations Plan and Environmental Reviews can be found at the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's website at: <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/maryland-offshore-wind>.

US Wind Mariners Briefings can be found on our website at <https://uswindinc.com/mariners/> or requested from Benjamin Cooper, US Wind's Director of Marine Affairs (410-340-9602; 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) and Ron Larsen (570-242-5023; ronlarsen@searisksolutions.com).