



# RESPONSIBLE OFFSHORE SCIENCE ALLIANCE



## Who We Are

The **Responsible Offshore Science Alliance (ROSA)**, is a new, 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization dedicated to provide for and advance regional research and monitoring of fisheries and offshore wind interactions in US state and federal waters through collaboration and cooperation.

ROSA seeks to involve states, federal agencies, fishermen, wind energy developers, and fishery scientists from Maine to South Carolina in regional science questions around offshore wind development and fisheries. ROSA is led by a board of directors comprised equally of wind energy developers, fishermen, and fishing industry leaders.

## What We Do

ROSA's primary focus is on research, communication, and regional collaboration. As such, ROSA will,

- Identify regional research and monitoring needs
- Provide a forum for coordinating existing research and monitoring
- Advance regional understanding through collaboration, partnerships, and cooperative research
- Help align research and monitoring protocols
- Support access to data
- Administer research by pooling funds from multiple sources
- And, communicate and share learnings.

*"To date there has been limited research conducted on the areas slated for offshore wind development in federal waters,, ROSA presents a clear solution to this problem that comes with strong fishing industry support and their direct involvement."*

- Janet Coit, Director,

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management



*"Sustainable fisheries AND renewable energy is our goal and the Regional Offshore Science Alliance will help the Northeast region get there."*

- Jon Hare, Science and Research Director,

Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries Service

For more information visit [rosascience.org](http://rosascience.org)

The Responsible Offshore Science Alliance is a 501 (c) 3 tax exempt nonprofit organization.

## How We Started

ROSA was initiated by the Responsible Offshore Development Alliance (RODA), a broad membership-based coalition of fishing industry associations and fishing companies with an interest in improving the compatibility of new offshore development and their businesses along with several offshore wind developers in January of 2019. RODA and the developers then engaged numerous states, federal agencies, additional fishermen, and others in on-going consultations and meetings through the fall of 2019.

## How we are supported

ROSA's operations are jointly funded by the contributions of offshore wind developers with federal leases. Current funding companies include:

- Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind
- Equinor
- Mayflower Wind Energy
- Ørsted
- Vineyard Wind

Fishing industry leaders provide in-kind support through individual participation and extensive RODA staff time. Events and specific research projects will be funded from a variety of federal, state and private sources.



*"One of the many concerns facing offshore wind development is its potential effect on fisheries, from safety to costs to fishing patterns and gear; their concerns frequently are best studied and considered on a regional, not state-specific level. In New York's view, ROSA will provide an important opportunity for states, fisheries, developers, federal agencies, and other stakeholders to address these concerns."*

- Alicia Barton, President and CEO,  
New York State Research and Development Authority

## ROSA Participation

ROSA has specific roles for states, commercial and recreational fishermen, offshore wind developers with federal leases, fishery management councils, and federal agencies.

ROSA will work and coordinate closely with the many states and federal agencies already undertaking research in pertinent areas along with on-going cooperative research efforts, existing regional data and monitoring networks, and interested research and academic institutions across the region.

Appointed committees of scientists from academia, research organizations, and technical firms will allow for even broader-based participation.



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