

IMPACTS OF OFFSHORE WIND FARMS ON FISH AND FISHING

- Electromagnetic fields around buried cables can cause sensitive fish species – such as sharks, skates, rays, tuna, mackerel and flounder – to avoid or be attracted to these areas. This can result in changes to their feeding or migration behaviors.
- Certain fishing practices may be impacted near wind towers and cables depending on the spacing between towers and other considerations
- Potential use conflicts can be reduced by appropriate placement of wind farms and turbines
- It is essential to identify the locations of important commercial and recreational fishing areas in order to mitigate impacts
- Fishermen will have the opportunity to help identify general use areas on planning maps