

Workshop on the Socio-economic implications of offshore wind on Fishing Communities (WKSEIOWFC)

2020/WK/HAPISG10 A Workshop on the Socio-economic implications of offshore wind on Fishing Communities (WKSEIOWFC), initiated by the Working Group on Offshore Wind Development and Fisheries (WGOWDF), and chaired by Tara Hooper, UK; and Annie Hawkins, USA, will hold an online meeting, 15–17 March 2021 to:

- a) Define the impact from offshore wind development for fishing behaviour, fishing communities and coastal economies;
- b) Review and report on fishing industry interactions with offshore wind development and document lessons learnt including effects on the distribution of fishing operations ([Science Plan codes: 2.2; 2.3; 2.7](#))

WKSEIOWFC will report by 1 April 2021 for the attention of SCICOM.

Supporting information

Priority	The activities of this workshop will lead ICES into issues related to the socio-economic effects of offshore wind farms on fisheries. In regard to the rapid expansion of the wind energy sector, these activities are considered to have a very high priority.
Scientific justification	<p>Term of Reference a)</p> <p>Europe has been operating offshore wind energy facilities for 20 years. North America is on the verge of large-scale development. The European experience can be used to document the effects of offshore development on fishery operations, fishing communities, and fisheries economics. Existing knowledge on the impact of wind energy on fisheries is focused mainly on ecological impacts, there is a clear knowledge gap on the economic and socio-cultural impact of the expansion on the fishing behaviour, fishing communities and coastal economies. While there are distinct differences in the scale and scope of fisheries between the North American and European wind development areas; there is also the opportunity to identify common issues and promote research to address these issues.</p> <p>Defining and describing the effects and impacts from offshore wind development on fisheries and fishing communities will ultimately support to understand the fishing industry interactions with offshore wind development.</p>
Resource requirements	No specific resource requirement beyond the need for members to prepare for and participate in the meeting, this will provide the main input to this workshop.
Participants	The workshop is expected to attract 25-30 WGOWDF members and guests from the field of fisheries economics, social science, fisheries, wind energy development, licencing/permitting authorities and other relevant stakeholders.
Secretariat facilities	Standard support.
Financial	No financial implications.
Linkages to advisory committees	There are no obvious direct linkages, but developing the expertise could link to ACOM in the future.
Linkages to other committees or groups	There is a very close working relationship with the WGMPCZM, WGECON, WGSOCIAL, WGMRE, WGMBRED, WGSEDA and WGMARS.
Linkages to other organizations	There are linkages to fishing organizations and wind developers in the USA and similar linkages in Europe, including wider links to licencing/permitting authorities and other relevant stakeholders.