

FALL 2020 NEWS

Dear ROSA Community,

It has been wonderful to connect with many of you at the recent Synthesis of Science meeting and other meetings over the past month.

ROSA has been busy and is offering a number of ways to engage in our work in coming weeks. These opportunities are outlined below. We look forward to your input on the guidance document and seeing you at upcoming meetings.



**ROSA Working Group Seeks Input on
Interim Fisheries Resources Research and Monitoring Guidelines**

In June of this year, ROSA formed a working group to draft guidelines to inform the development of fisheries research and monitoring plans at commercial offshore wind farms and associated areas. BOEM and some Atlantic Coast states require developers to create these plans, which summarize the potential impacts of offshore wind development on physical and biological resources. The working group's guidelines are intended to build upon existing guidance from BOEM and outline the key elements to include in these plans, as well as identify resources to help create them.

The working group is comprised of representatives of various sectors involved in fisheries and wind development, including state and federal government fisheries managers, fisheries scientists, fishing industry representatives, and offshore wind developers.

The first draft of the guidelines is now complete and the working group is seeking input before November 18. To provide comments on the guidelines, go to the [Resources](#) page on our website.



Join us Tomorrow at the Synthesis of Science Meeting

I will be leading a breakout session on How to Prioritize Research at the final day of the Synthesis of Science workshop tomorrow, October 30. Join us! The presentations at this meeting have been excellent and there has been a lot of great discussion, which will help inform ROSA's research agenda. I extend a huge thanks to the Responsible Offshore Development Alliance (RODA), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) for hosting this event.

Save the Date for the Next Advisory Council Meeting

The next Advisory Council meeting, which is open to the public, will be held on November 23. Please save the date, and I will be in touch with more details in coming weeks.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Please check our website for updates, as we will be posting them regularly: rosascience.org.

Best Regards,

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