

## Meeting to discuss criteria for prioritization of offshore wind-related environmental and fisheries research

Hello,

**You're invited to a meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (10:30-12 EDT), to discuss criteria for prioritizing research and monitoring on the environmental effects of offshore wind energy development.**

As you likely know, several groups are focused on identifying research needs and/or funding regional research to better understand the effects of offshore wind energy development on wildlife, fisheries, and marine ecosystems. There is a mutual recognition that our individual efforts could be collectively more effective if we can identify a shared set of criteria with which to help prioritize future work.

Thus, several of these collaborative groups, including the Responsible Offshore Science Alliance (ROSA) and the regional synthesis workgroup of the Offshore Wind Environmental Technical Working Group (E-TWG), are hosting a conversation on prioritization criteria and processes to help identify priority studies for funding in the immediate term. **Each funding entity or research entity will likely have its own specific criteria for prioritizing research and monitoring efforts. However, we hope to have a transparent conversation about ideas for *general* prioritization criteria that all entities could augment with their own additional organization-specific criteria as needed.**

The open Zoom meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup> is intended to provide a forum for discussion and encourage attendees to think about prioritization criteria. If you are interested in participating in this discussion, please register for this meeting using this link:

<https://cbuilding.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkcO-tpzMvHddbYuB7xF6NE8xR-4OtUamV>.

Please also feel free to forward this meeting invitation on to others who you think might be interested in participating.

Prior to the meeting, we will send registrants a “straw dog” list of possible criteria for discussion. The meeting will be professionally facilitated by the Consensus Building Institute.

If you have questions or ideas about this, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We hope to see you on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Cheers,

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