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Office of Protected Resources  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
1315 East-West Highway  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Subject: Final Technical Monitoring Report for Incidental Harassment Authorization for Ocean Wind LLC Site Characterization Survey off of New Jersey (OCS-A 0498)

Ocean Wind LLC (Ocean Wind 1) was issued a renewal incidental harassment authorization (IHA) on 13 May 2022 (87 Federal Register [FR] 29289), pursuant to Section 101(a)(5) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act and 50 Code of Federal Regulations § 216 Subpart I to allow for the incidental Level B harassment of small numbers of marine mammals during marine site characterization surveys in coastal waters off of New Jersey in the areas of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)-A 0498 (Lease Area).

The issued IHA, valid from 10 May 2022 to 09 May 2023, includes the condition (6) to submit a final technical monitoring report to NMFS after the completion of survey activities or expiration of the IHA.

6. Reporting – Ocean Wind is required to report to NMFS in accordance with the following requirements:
  - (a) A final technical monitoring report must be provided to NMFS within 90 days after completion of survey activities or expiration of this IHA, whichever comes sooner. The report must fully document the methods and monitoring protocols, summarize the data recorded during monitoring, describe, assess, and compare the effectiveness of monitoring and mitigation measures. Any recommendations made by NMFS must be addressed in the final report prior to acceptance by NMFS. PSO datasheets or raw sightings data must also be provided with the draft and final monitoring report.

During the period from 10 May 2022 to 09 May 2023, Ocean Wind 1 did not conduct any survey activities that required monitoring or mitigation as described in the IHA and therefore is not required to submit a final technical monitoring report.

Please feel free to contact Pilar Patterson, Head of Mid-Atlantic Permitting, at [pilpa@orsted.com](mailto:pilpa@orsted.com) if you have any questions.

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