



New York Bight Transit Lane Workshop

March 27, 2019

8:30 to 4:30 PM

Danford's Hotel and Marina,
Port Jefferson, New York

Goals

- Explore the interests and needs of commercial fishermen in transiting through and around the New York Bight.
- Explore how these transit lanes may interact with proposed Wind Energy Areas
- Engage agencies, fishermen, and developers in exploring interests and options
- Identifying and to the extent possible prioritize potential lanes and overall packages of lanes for future consideration by agencies and developers

Rules of Engagement

- All parties have legitimate interests and constituents they represent
- No casting aspersions on others
- Stay on track with the agenda
- Seek clarity on interests and needs
- Consider options that meet multiple needs
- Stay focused on problem solving

Agenda

8:30 Registration and Coffee

9:00 Welcome, Annie Hawkins, Responsible Offshore Development Alliance (RODA) and Morgan Brunbauer, DEC

- Purpose and Intent of the Workshop
- Expected Outcomes and Next steps

9:15 Introductions, Name and Affiliation

9:25 Agenda, Rules of Engagement, Goal, Patrick Field, CBI Facilitator

9:30 Interests we are trying to Meet

- In small and large groups, participants explore the interests and needs they are trying to meet through identification of transit lanes



- 10:15** **Role of Agencies in Determining Transit through WEAs**
- BOEM's roles, authorities, and limitations, and timeline for NY Bight Lease Area designations, *Brian Hooker BOEM*
 - Coast Guard's roles, authorities, and limitations, including lane widths, allowable activities, *Ed LeBlanc, USCG*
- 10:45** **Break**
- 11:00** **What does the Data Show?** *Lyndie Hice Dunton, Ecology and Environment, and Doug Christel, NOAA*
- Presentation on the data we have gathered from various sources
 - Questions and Comments from the group
- 12:00** **Lunch**
- 1:00** **From Data to Possible Lanes**
- Given the data and what we know from experience and expertise in the room, what would be a potential set or transit lanes that would work for the New York Bight area?
 - Participants work in small groups
- 2:00** **Reporting Out on Potential Transit Lane Approaches**
- Each small group reports back their ideas, approach, and lingering questions
- 2:45** **Break**
- 3:00** **Considering What We've Learned Collectively**
- Given the various groups draft ideas or approaches, what are: 1) commonalities; 2) differences; 3) needed next steps to move from ideas to a specific approach across the New York Bight?
- 4:15** **Next Steps, Action Items, C&C, RODA and NYS**
- Deliverables from this Workshop
- 4:30** **Adjourn**