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2022: A Banner Year for Offshore Wind Power in New York *Industry Group Reports Real and Significant Progress*

ALBANY, December 8, 2022 — Today, the New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA) reviews the monumental progress made in 2022 in forging a vibrant and responsible domestic offshore wind industry in New York State, and releases videos from [industry](#), [labor](#), and [fisher](#) representatives on the environmental, economic development, infrastructure, and jobs benefits of offshore wind.

“This has been a banner year for New York’s offshore wind industry,” said Fred Zalzman, the director of NYOWA. “In 2022, six new Wind Energy Areas proximate to New York were leased to developers, several hundreds of millions of dollars were committed to local manufacturing and port development, and construction started on the state’s first offshore wind project. Clearly, New York’s investment in this new industry is beginning to pay off.”

Some of the more notable achievements of 2022 include:

- The [start of construction](#) of the 130 MW South Fork Wind Farm, the first utility-scale offshore wind project in New York, that, when complete later next year, will generate enough electricity to power over 70,000 Long Island homes.
- The federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management [award of six new offshore wind leases](#) in the New York Bight, comprising nearly a half-million acres and capable of supporting up to 12,000 MW of offshore wind generation.
- The announcement by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) of the [third offshore wind solicitation](#), now underway, seeking at least 2,000 MW of new offshore wind capacity. Together with earlier bid rounds, this solicitation puts New York in a position to achieve its nation-leading goal of 9,000 MW by 2035 ahead of schedule.
- Contracts executed by the developers of New York’s first five offshore wind projects with several suppliers for the manufacturing of offshore wind components, including wind towers and transition pieces in the Capital Region at [the Port of Albany](#), and secondary steel components in [Wellsville](#) (Allegheny County, NY) and [the Port of Coeymans](#) (Albany County, NY).
- Significant steps forward on the [National Offshore Wind Training Center](#) with the realization of major real estate and financial commitments by state and county governments, project developers, and organized labor toward the establishment of this training center in Suffolk County, Long Island to prepare the region’s workforce for skilled jobs in the offshore wind sector.

- Execution of an historic agreement for the redevelopment of a 73-acre site within the [South Brooklyn Marine Terminal](#) in Sunset Park, Brooklyn for the staging of construction, operations, and maintenance for several offshore wind projects. The project developer also earmarked \$5 million towards an Offshore Wind Ecosystem Fund to support sustainable growth, empowerment of underserved areas, and climate justice in the offshore wind ecosystem in New York City.
- Landmark agreements reached by project developers and national environmental groups for the protection of the critically endangered [North Atlantic Right Whale](#) during offshore wind construction and maintenance activities.
- The appropriation by the New York legislature of [\\$500 million](#) to leverage private investments in ports infrastructure and supply chain dedicated to the offshore wind industry in the state. Proposals for the first \$300 million tranche of this supply chain investment funding are now being sought.

“Looking forward to 2023, New York needs to build on this fantastic progress by awarding new contracts, with associated economic development, that will allow New York to achieve its nine-gigawatt target,” Zalcman said. “New York also needs to make some key and timely decisions on transmission investments to facilitate the significant levels of offshore wind energy that we will need beyond the nine gigawatts.”

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