

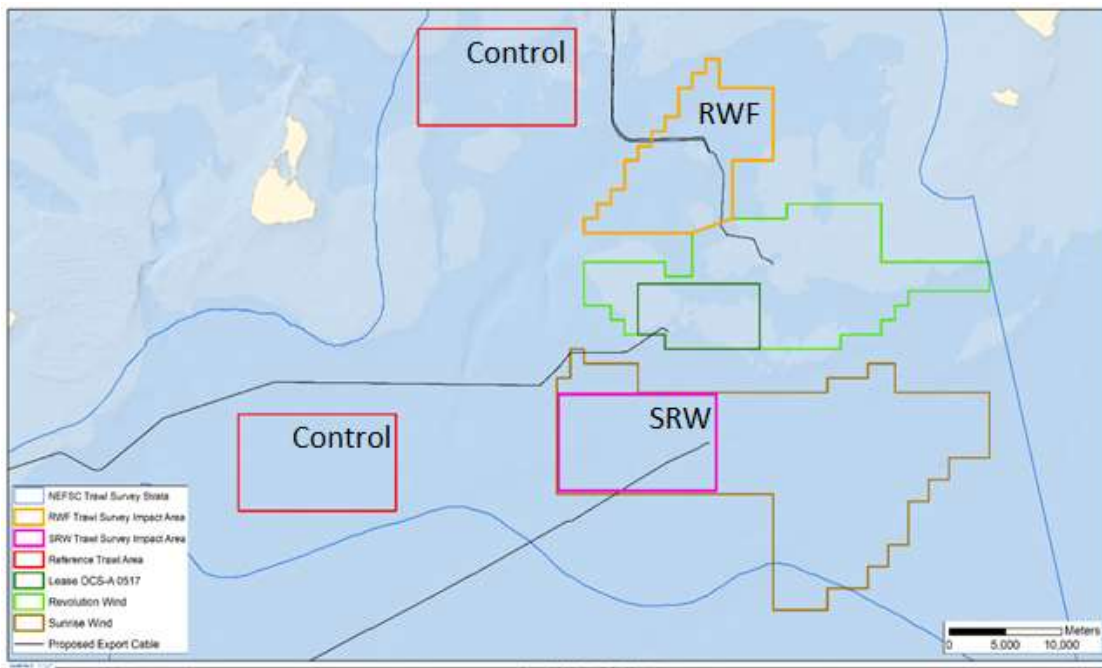


CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: RI & MA Trawl F/Vs

Deadline: October 31st, 2021

Project Description:

- The CFRF is seeking a commercial F/V interested in **applying** to conduct a Trawl Survey in the Revolution and Sunrise Wind Farm Areas (and control areas) from Winter of 2021 through Fall of 2023
- The project, if funded, will be conducted jointly between the CFRF and UMASS Dartmouth School for Marine Science & Technology (SMAST)
- This project aims to collect pre-construction data on the distribution, abundance and composition of fish and invertebrate species in the area
- The map below displays the Revolution Wind Farm (RWF), Sunrise Wind Farm (SRW) and two control (Control) areas which will be sampled during every season of the project



Participant Responsibilities:

- The F/V participant will charter 3 biologists to the SRW, RWF, and two Control Areas every season for two survey years
 - 'Winter' survey months: December, January, and February
 - 'Spring' survey months: March, April, and May
 - 'Summer' survey months: June, July, and August
 - 'Fall' survey months: September, October, and November
- During each trip, 15 randomly selected, 20-minute long, trawls will be conducted in each of the 4 survey areas

- 60 trawls will be completed each survey season
- 240 trawls will be completed each survey year
- The trawl survey will be completed using the standard trawl net developed for the NEAMAP survey
 - The survey net is a 400 x 12-centimeter (cm) three-bridle four-seam bottom trawl, and the net is paired with Thyboron, Type IV 168 cm (66 inch [in]) trawl doors
 - Equipment will be used to monitor door spread, wing spread, and headrope height during each trawl.
 - Survey net and equipment will be provided to the vessel by S Mast.
- The catch will be removed from the trawl by the fishing crew for processing, and the lead scientists will be responsible for collection of data and data recording. No catch will be sold for vessel compensation.

Participant Requirements:

- Eligible for A Letter of Acknowledgement or Exempted Fishing Permit from NOAA Fisheries
 - S Mast will apply for this with the selected vessel
- Current or recent experience trawling in the identified survey areas
- F/V of sufficient size to conduct year-round multiday trips to survey area with crew and 3 biologists aboard
- Dedicated crew members (captain and deckhand)
- Captain and all crew must be willing to complete the STCW Safety Training Course. This course requires up to 30-40 hours.
- If the Captain does not currently possess, must be willing to complete the Master 100-Ton Captain training (80 hours) and Radar Unlimited Certification (30-40 hours)
- Captain, crew, and F/V must be willing to work with the CFRF to complete all other necessary health and safety requirements
- US Coast Guard certification & proof of fishing vessel safety inspection
- Certificate of insurance

Proposed Compensation:

- Daily charter rate proposed for survey days will be \$7,000/day
- Gear setup and breakdown days each season will be paid
- Safety equipment and training fees will be covered by the CFRF. This is unlikely to include compensation for time spent at trainings.

Deadline for applications: Sunday, October 31st, 2021

If you are interested in applying, please complete and return the application form that was also linked to this email.

Note: This solicitation is looking for a vessel interested in joining the application process alongside the CFRF and SMAST. If funded, project details and requirements are subject to change as the survey design and agreed upon budget is finalized.

Questions?

Survey Related: Chris Rillahan, SMAST Technical Associate

Email: crillahan@umassd.edu

Phone: 508-910-6323

Safety or Training Related: David Bethoney, Executive Director, CFRF

Email: dbethoney@cfrfoundation.org

Phone: (401)-515-4662