



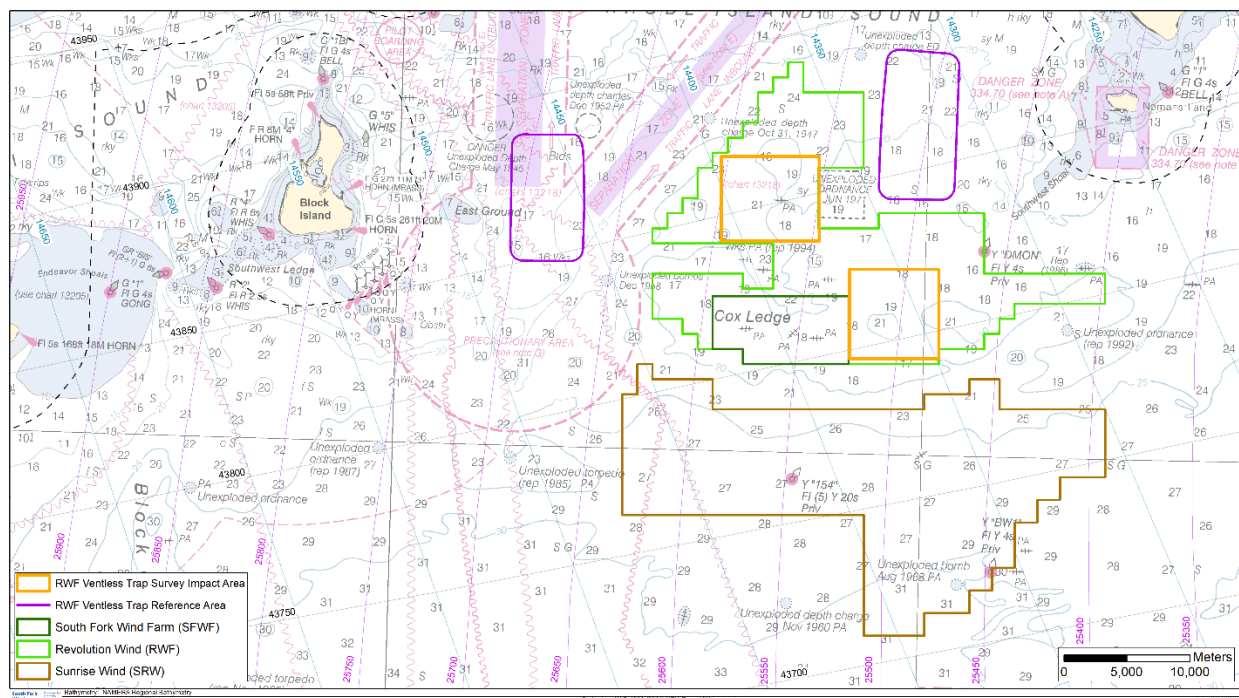
# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

## SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND LOBSTER AND CRAB F/Vs

**Deadline: January 21st, 2022**

### Project Description:

- The CFRF is seeking two commercial F/Vs interested in applying to conduct a ventless trap survey in the Revolution Wind Farm (RWF) in May-November of 2022 and 2023, with potential to extend through 2027
- The project, if funded, will be conducted jointly between the CFRF and University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography
- This survey aims to collect pre-construction data on the distribution, abundance and composition of lobster and crab species in the area
- The map below displays the two Revolution Wind Farm areas (orange boxes) which will be sampled during the survey around Cox Ledge



### Participant Responsibilities:

- Each F/V participant will charter two biologists for three days per month from May-November in each year of the project
- The first survey day each month will be dedicated to baiting and setting 80 traps (8 trawls of 10 traps).
- The second survey day will be devoted to hauling and resetting the gear and sampling the catch.
- The third survey day will be devoted to hauling the gear and sampling the catch.
- All survey days within a month aim to be five days apart to achieve a standardized soak time.
- F/V crew will be responsible for setting and hauling all traps, and the two biologists

will be responsible for sampling and data collection of all catch. All catch will be returned to the water, and no catch will be landed for sale.

**Participant Requirements:**

- Eligible for an Exempted Fishing Permit from NOAA Fisheries, CFRF will apply for this with the selected vessels
- Current or recent experience lobster or crab fishing around the two identified survey areas
- F/V length greater than 35 feet with enclosed cabin
- 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, including US Coast Guard Medical Exam
- US Coast Guard certification & proof of fishing vessel safety inspection
- Certificate of insurance

**Proposed Compensation:**

- Daily charter rate proposed for survey days will be \$3,000 per day
- Gear setup and breakdown days each year will be paid \$800 per annual setup & breakdown
- Safety equipment and training fees will be covered by the CFRF. This is likely to include minimal compensation for time spent at trainings.

**Deadline for applications: January 21st, 2022**

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 vessels interested in joining the application process alongside the CFRF and the University of Rhode Island. If funded, project details and requirements are subject to change as the survey design and agreed upon budget is finalized.

**Questions?**

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