# Introductions



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#### Navigation Risk Study of Central Atlantic Fairways

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The Assignment Conclusions Results Modeling Details (Optional)



## Assignment:

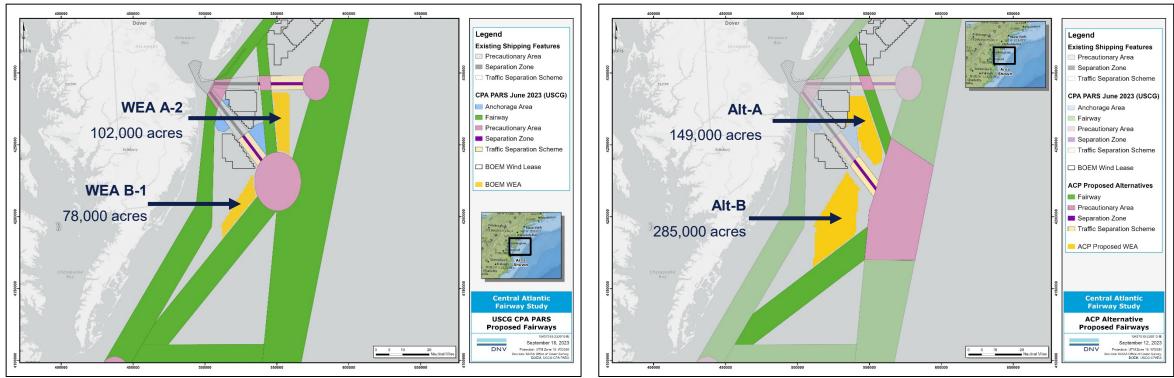
**Compare two Fairway schemes:** 

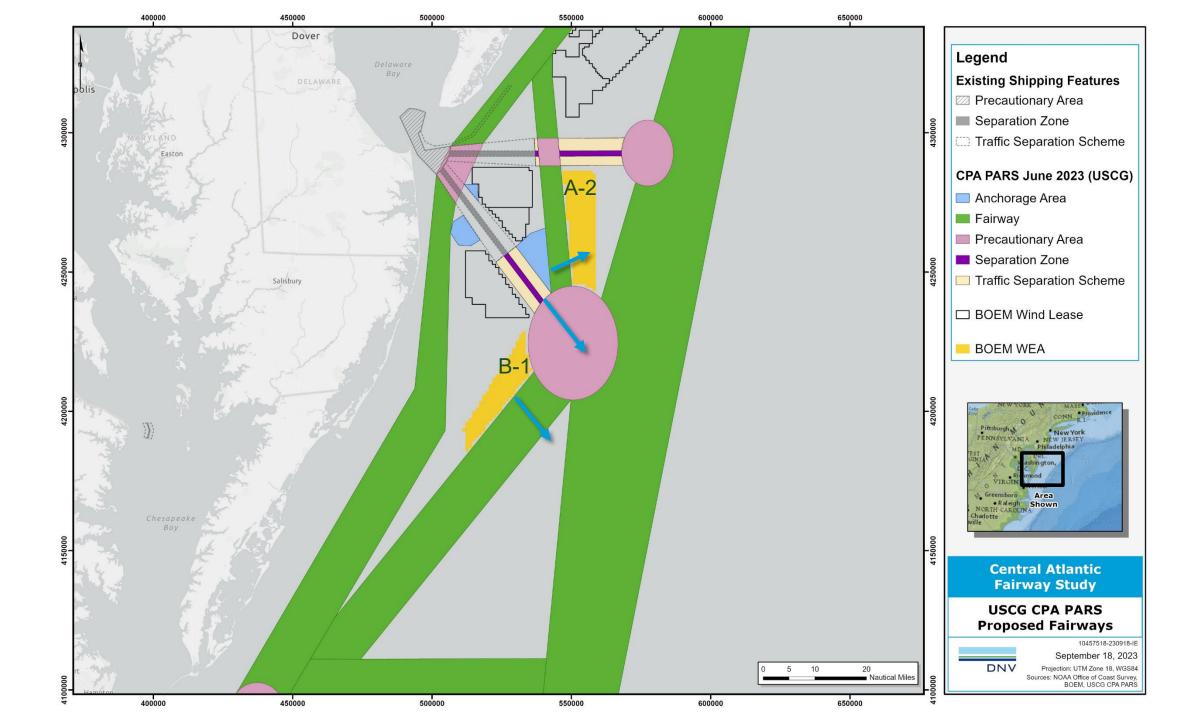
- 1. Risk (frequency) of collision, allision, grounding
- 2. Change in distance sailed/fuel consumed

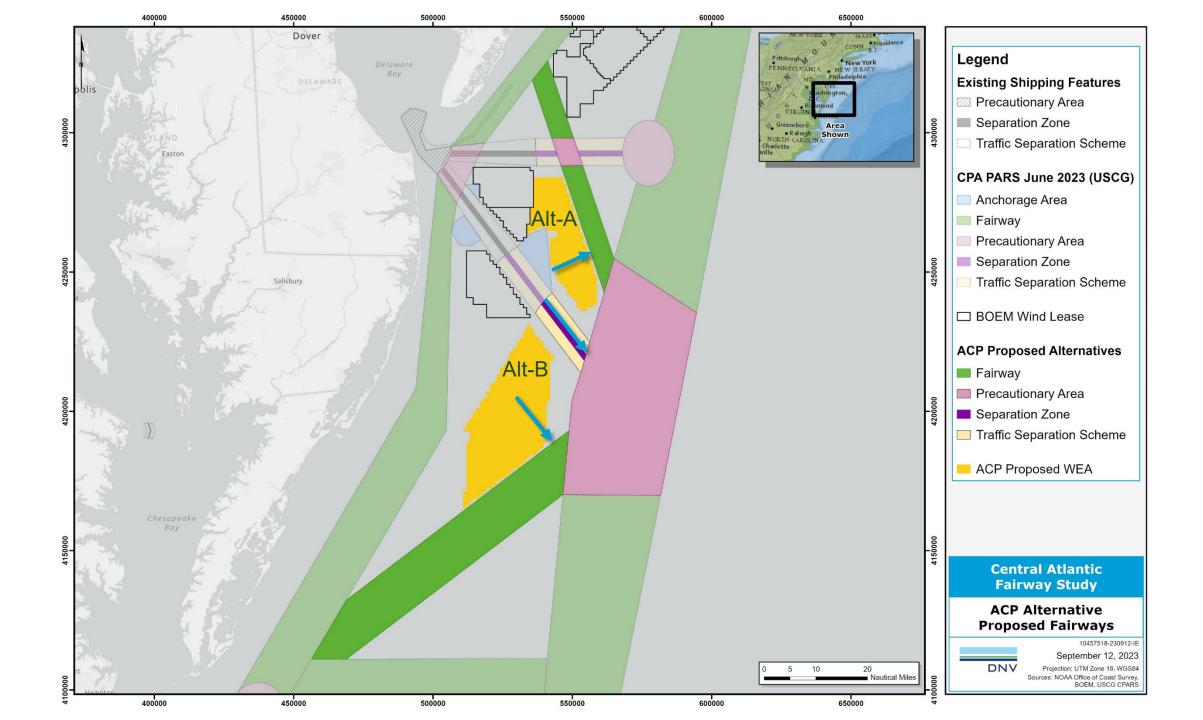
#### Fairways have a relationship to the potential size of WEAs



**Suggested Alternative Fairways** 







## Conclusions - No major risk increases

#### Immaterial difference (≤1%) between CPAPARS and Alternative Fairways for:

- Grounding risk
- Collision risk for fishing/passenger/ pleasure vessels
- Nautical miles sailed per year by tugs

#### Small but meaningful differences between CPAPARS and Alternative Fairways (AF) for:

- Alternative has additional 26,000 NM/year (+5%) for Cargo/Tanker, due to longer TSS
- Increased allision and collision frequencies

	Collision (vessel-vessel)	Powered Allision (vessel-object)	Drift Allision (vessel-object)
CPAPARS	1 in 42 years	1 in 3.4 years	1 in 1.1 years
Alternative	1 in 40 years	1 in 2.9 years	1 in 1.0 years
Change in frequency	+4%	+17%	+11%

\* Allision risk for the Alternative Fairways model is higher because it contains more wind turbine structures: 664 in the CPAPARS model versus 967 in the Alternative Fairways model. This is 303 more turbines, a 46% increase.

## **Risk Context**

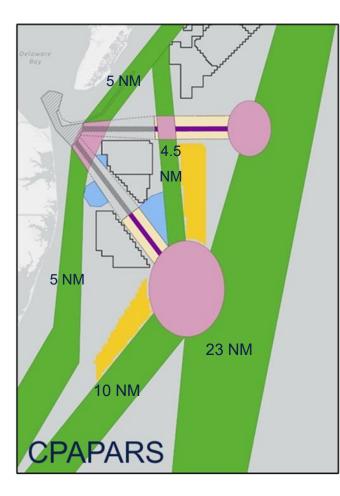
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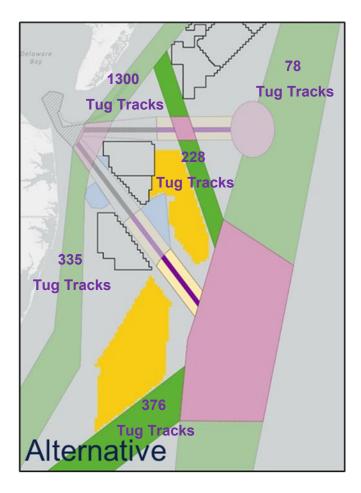
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- The risks under discussion fall in the yellow area of a plausible risk matrix. Within the yellow area, the risks merit mitigation when it is cost-effective to do so.
- The modeling shows that the risks from the CPAPARS fairways and the Alternative fairways lie within the same 5x5 risk matrix box.
- The Alternative fairways do not affect the risk enough to change which box any particular risk lies within.



### **Collision Results Overview**



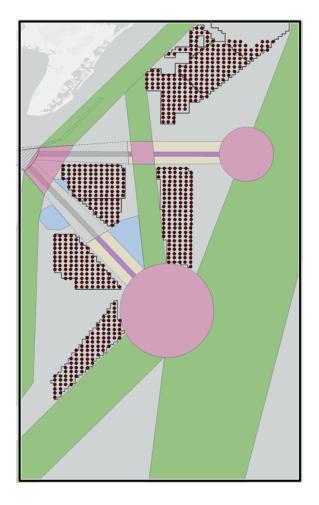


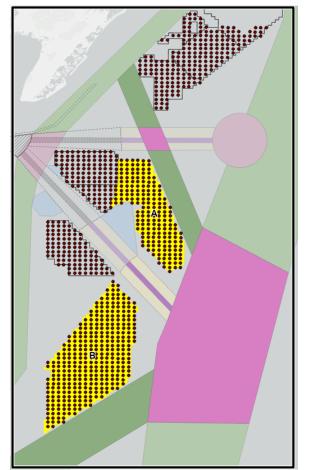
#### **Difference in collision recurrence**

Tug	Collision
CPAPARS	1 in 840 years
Alternative	1 in 820 years
Change	+2%

Cargo/Tanker	Collision
CPAPARS	1 in 120 years
Alternative	1 in 110 years
Change	+13%

#### **Allision Results Overview**



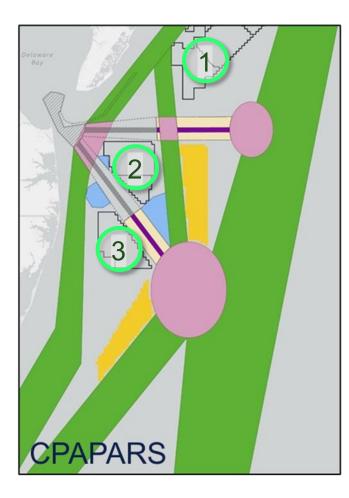


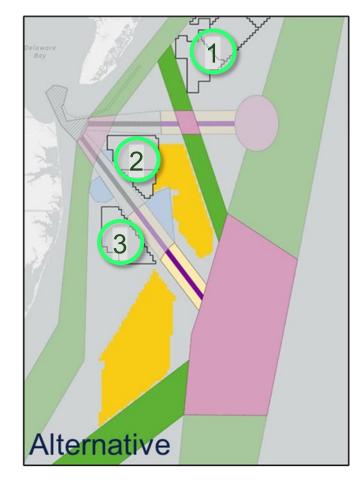
#### **Difference in allision recurrence**

Tugs	Powered allision	Drift allision
CPAPARS	1 every 14 years	1 every 2.8 years
Alternative	1 every 12 years	1 every 2.9 years
Change	+12%	-4%

Cargo/ Tanker	Powered allision	Drift allision
CPAPARS	1 every 18 years	1 every 3.8 years
Alternative	1 every 16 years	1 every 2.9 years
Change	+15%	+32%

#### Allision – Differences by location Existing Offshore Wind Leases

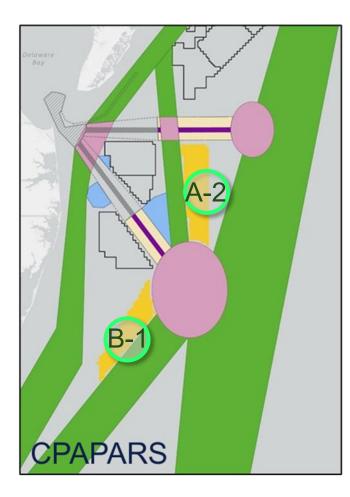


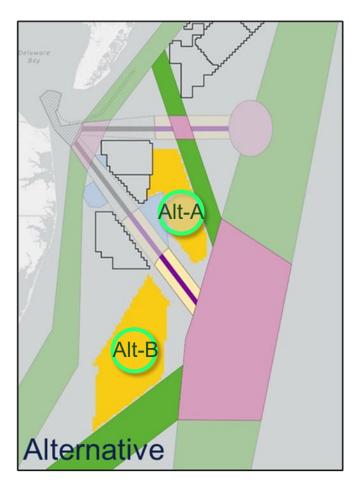


#### (1) Ocean Wind/Atlantic Shores S

Tug	0.004 allisions/yr +2%	
Cargo	<0.0005 allisions/yr	-1%
(2) Garde	en State/Skipjack	
Tug	-0.011 allisions/yr	-12%
Cargo	-0.001 allisions/yr	-1%
(3) US W	ind	
Tug	-0.005 allisions/yr	-14%
Cargo	-0.001 allisions/yr	-1%

#### Allision – Differences by location Wind Energy Areas





#### Alt-A compared to WEA A-2

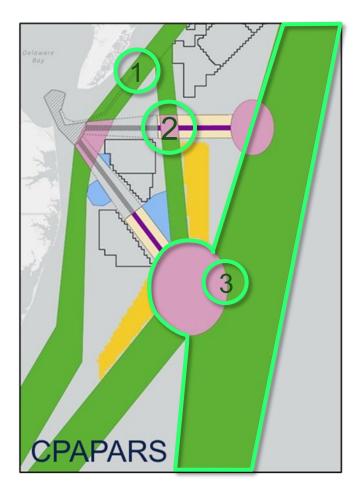
Tug	0.005 allisions/yr	+7%
Cargo	0.029 allisions/yr	+41%

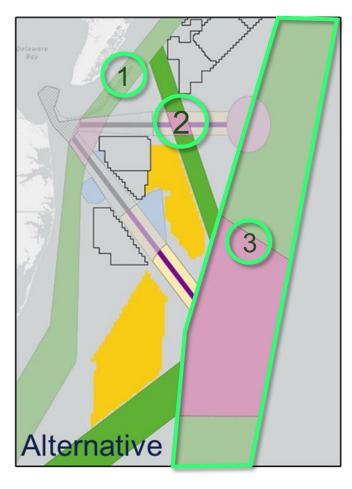
#### Alt-B compared to WEA B-1\*

Tug	0.002 allisions/yr	+3%
Cargo	0.065 allisions/yr	+148%

\*If Alt-B is set back from the fairway, the cargo and tug allision risk will decrease significantly

## **Collision – Differences by location**





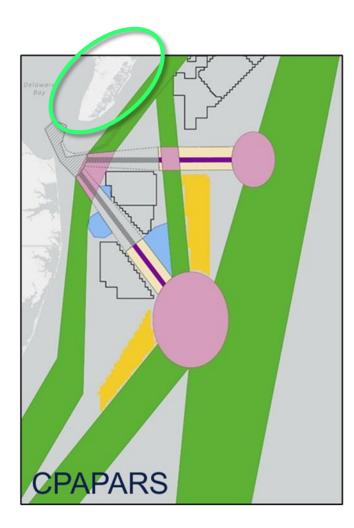
#### (1) Coastal fairway incl merge from (2)

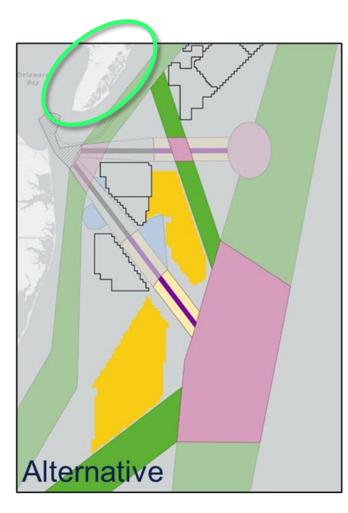
Tug	<0.0005 collisions/yr -	
Cargo	<0.0005 collisions/yr -	
(2) TSS +	- fairway	
Tug	<0.0005 collisions/yr	_
Cargo	<0.0005 collisions/yr	-

#### (3) Precautionary Area and offshore fairway

Tug	<0.0005 collisions/yr	-
Cargo	0.001 collisions/yr	-

## **Grounding Results Overview**

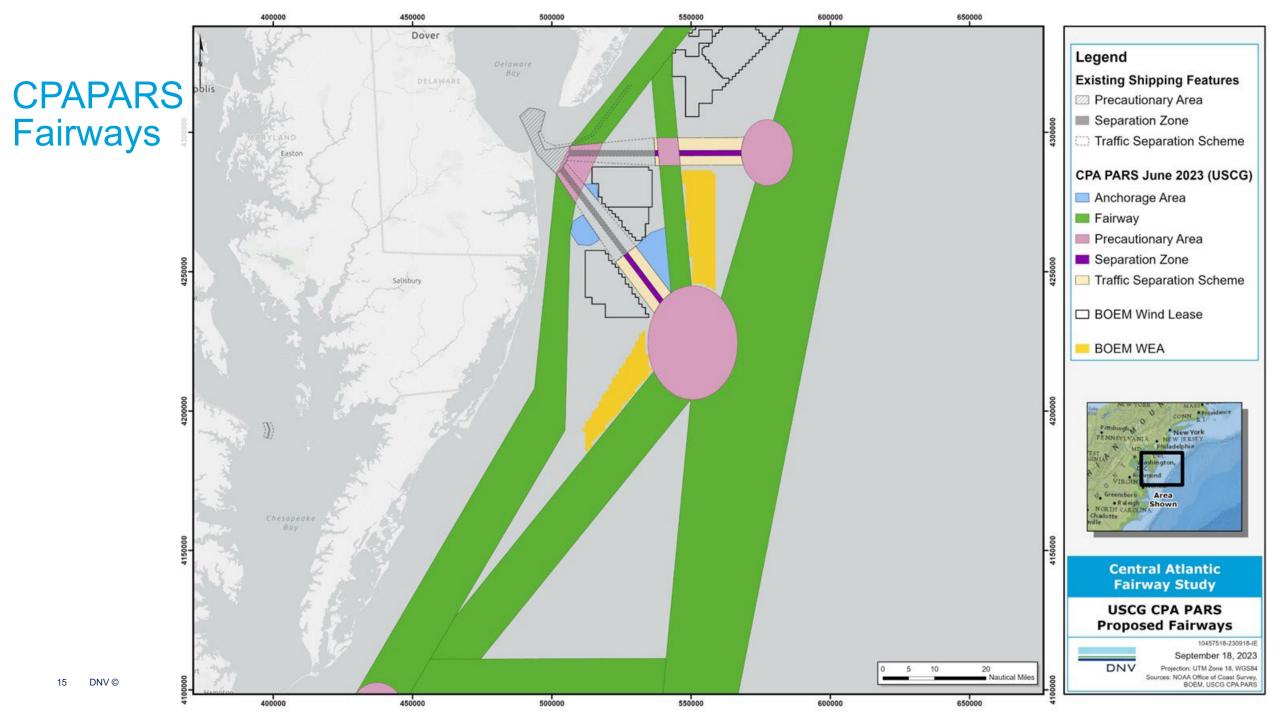


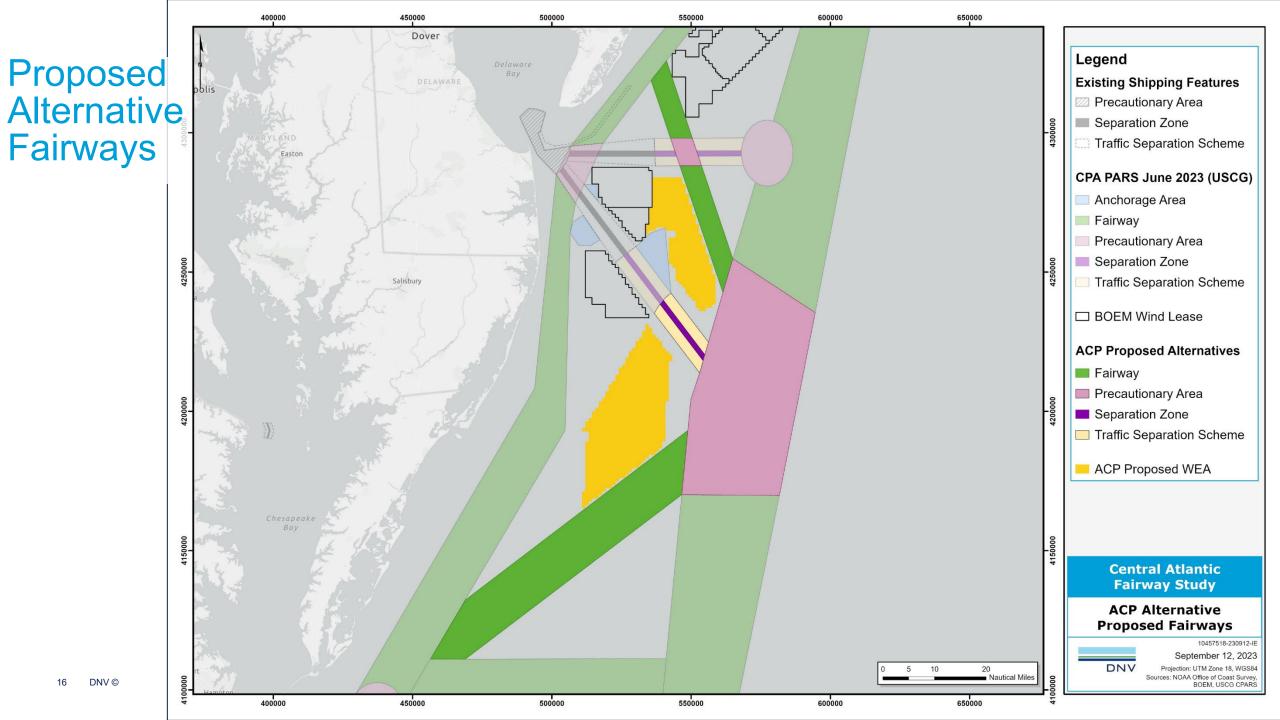


#### **Difference in grounding recurrence**

Tugs	Powered grounding	Drift grounding
CPAPARS	1 every 1,200 years	1 every 19 years
Alternative	1 every 1,200 years	1 every 19 years
Change	+3%	<1%

Cargo/ Tanker	Powered grounding	Drift grounding		
CPAPARS	1 every 11 million years	1 every 980 years		
Alternative	1 every 13 million years	1 every 980 years		
Decrease	-9%	<1%		





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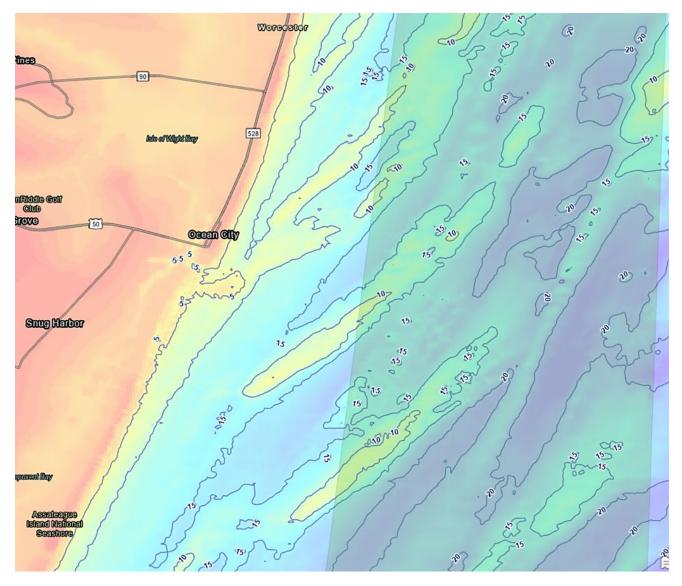
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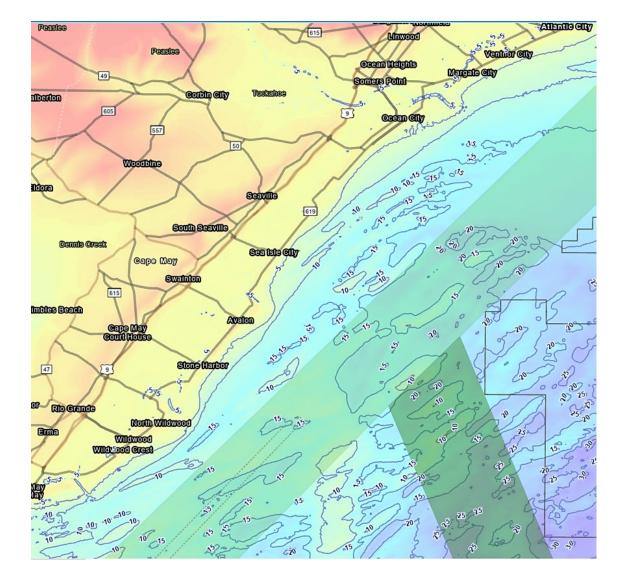
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## Bathymetry Ocean City, MD Inlet



## Bathymetry Hereford Inlet and Ocean City, NJ

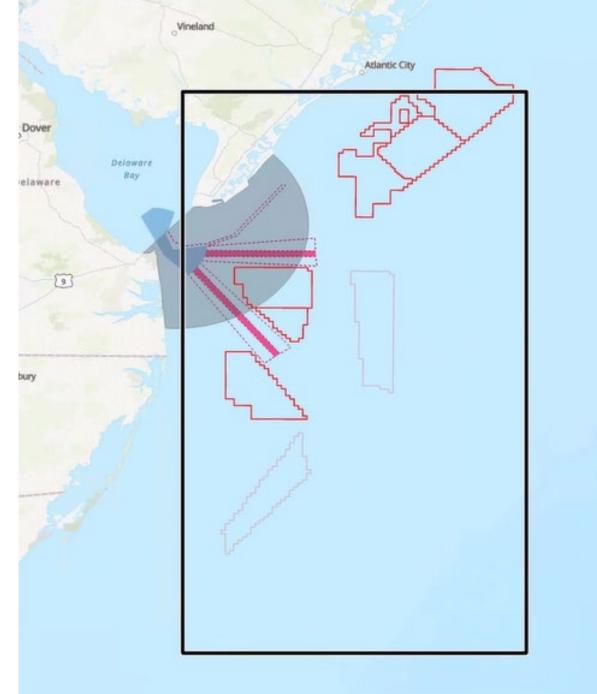


## Model Documentation



## Model Study Area

- Modeling focused on the area with changes to traffic interactions which are meaningful to safety risk.
- The only coast in the model was the southern NJ coast.



## Modeling Cases

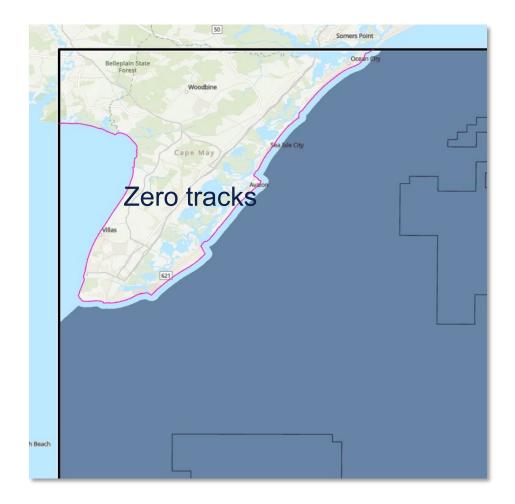
ID	Description	Purpose	Marine Traffic Routes for Commercial Vessels*	Offshore Wind Structures (20 m diameter**)		
1a	Case 1 Verification	For DNV verification purposes	<ul> <li>Commercial vessels take only:</li> <li>TSS and</li> <li>CPAPARS fairways</li> </ul>	None		
1b	CPAPARS Case	Baseline	<ul> <li>Commercial vessels take only:</li> <li>TSS and</li> <li>CPAPARS fairways</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Existing leases and BOEM WEAs filled with turbines</li> <li>Assumed 1x1 NM layout</li> <li>WEA turbines do not encroach within 2 NM of a TSS</li> <li>Structures removed at north end of Study Area to maintain &lt;1000 structures for all models</li> </ul>		
2a	Case 2 Verification	For DNV verification purposes	<ul> <li>Commercial vessels take only</li> <li>TSS,</li> <li>CPAPARS fairways except where they take the two Alternative Fairways<sup>†</sup></li> </ul>	None		
2b	Alternative Fairways Case	Alternative	<ul> <li>Commercial vessels take only</li> <li>TSS,</li> <li>CPAPARS fairways except where they take the two Alternative Fairways<sup>†</sup></li> </ul>	Existing leases and alternative WEAs filled with turbines Assumed 1x1 NM layout WEA turbines do not encroach within 2 NM of a TSS Structures removed at north end of Study Area to maintain <1000 structures for all models		

\* All passenger, pleasure (recreational), fishing, and other vessel traffic were assigned routes based on AIS data traffic patterns

\*\* A 28 m square is modeled because it encompasses the assumed 20 m diameter monopile

† The Off Delaware Bay to New Jersey Connector Fairway and the Chesapeake Bay to Delaware Bay Eastern Approach Cutoff Fairway

## Inshore and Coastal AIS Tracks Clipped Out of Modeling Effort

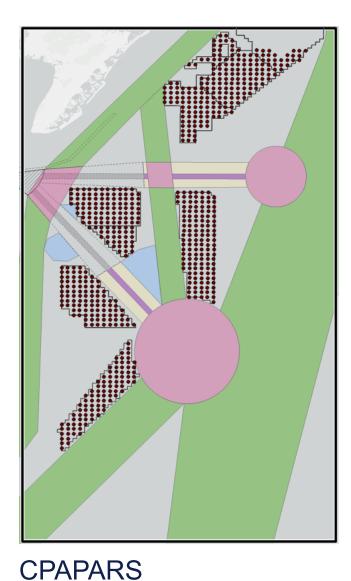


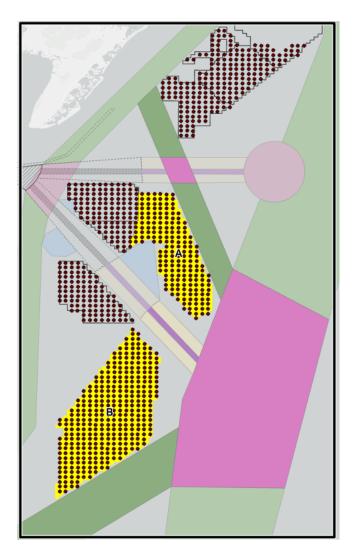
## Vessel Types

CargoTanker
Fishing
OtherUnknown
Passenger
Pleasure
TugTowline
TugATB

AIS tug transits in the Study Area were assumed to be 50% towline and 50% ATB. Towlines were assumed to be 920 m in length to account for the length of the tow.

## Modeled layouts of wind turbine structures

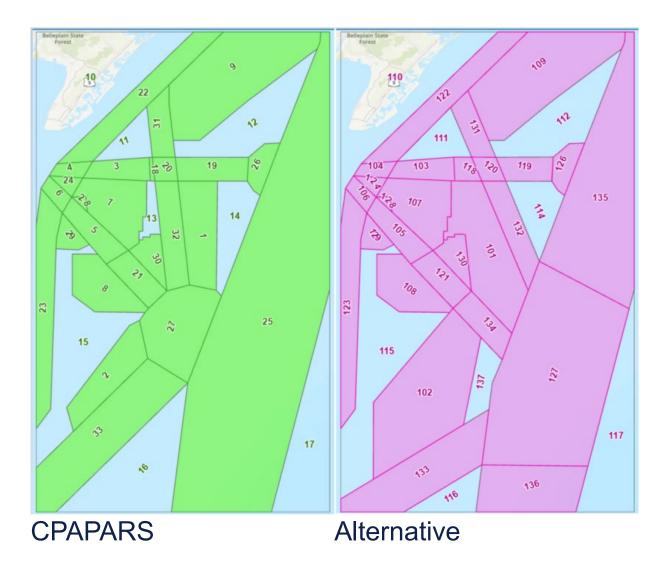




#### Alternative



## Subareas Enable Spatial Summary of Results

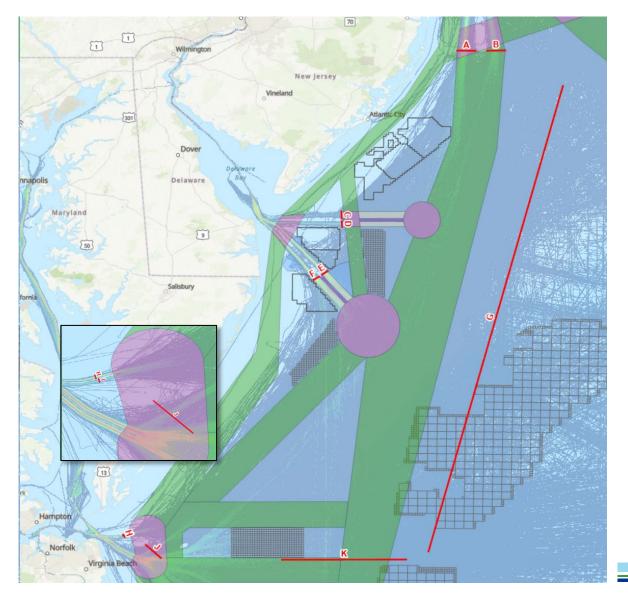


Subareas from CPAPARS and Alternative Fairways were "mapped" to enable a comparison



## Information on AIS Traffic: Cargo and Tanker Vessels

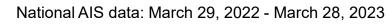
Transect	AIS Track count			
А	1692			
В	1194			
С	359			
D	512			
E	1556			
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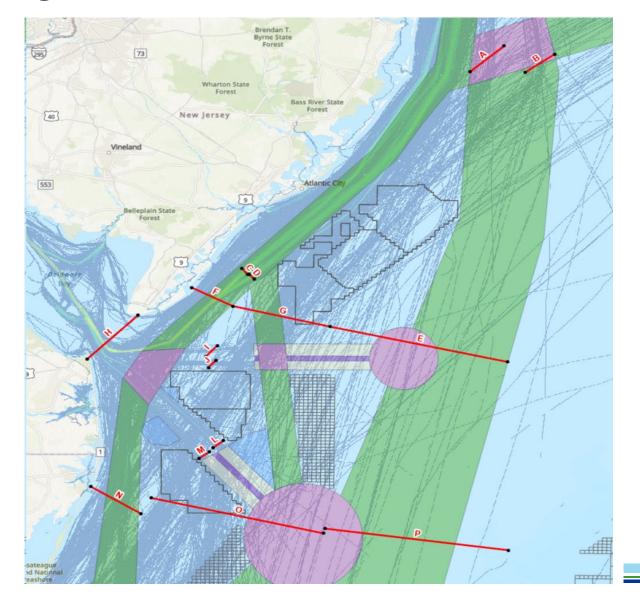


National AIS data: March 29, 2022 - March 28, 2023

## **Baseline AIS Traffic: Tug Vessels**

Transect	AIS Track count			
А	41			
В	37			
С	519			
D	417			
E	54			
F	1072			
G	244			
Н	990			
I	14			
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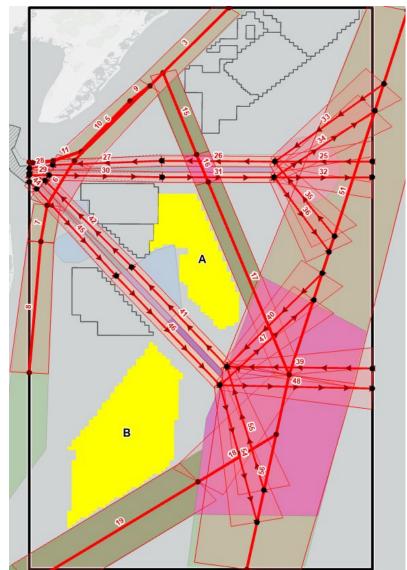




# Routes Represent the Traffic for Modeling

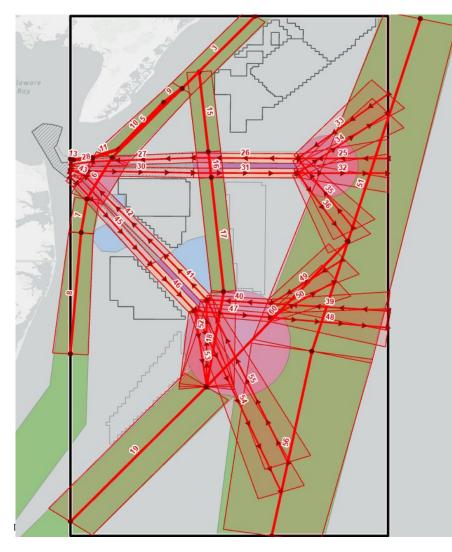
Each route line has:

- A width at each end.
- A traffic density distribution across the width.
- Assigned transiting traffic appropriate to each vessel type based on AIS tracks.
- A separate, analogous set of routes were developed for the Alternative Fairways.
- Routing effort focused on route structure for merchant traffic.
  - A simplified approach was taken to represent other types of traffic in the model.
  - Cruise ships were not identified and assigned deep draft routes, but typically receive special attention because they are very large ships in the generally small passenger ship type.

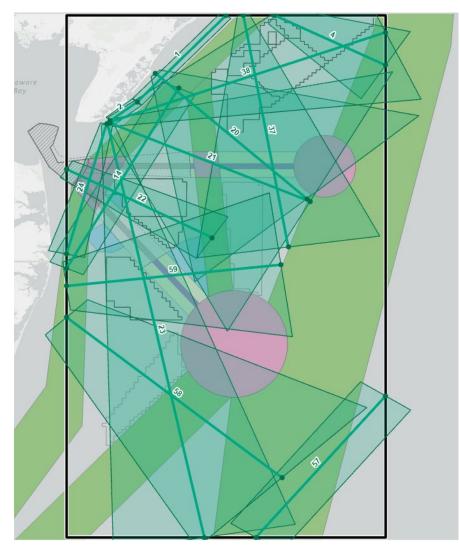


## Route Structure for CPAPARS Scenario

#### Cargo and tug traffic

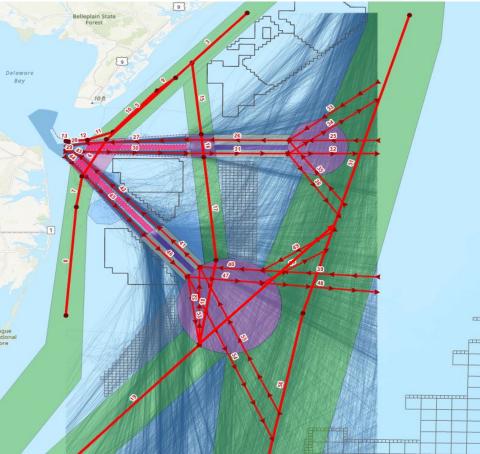


#### All other traffic



# Route Schemes for CPAPARS Merchant Traffic with Tracks

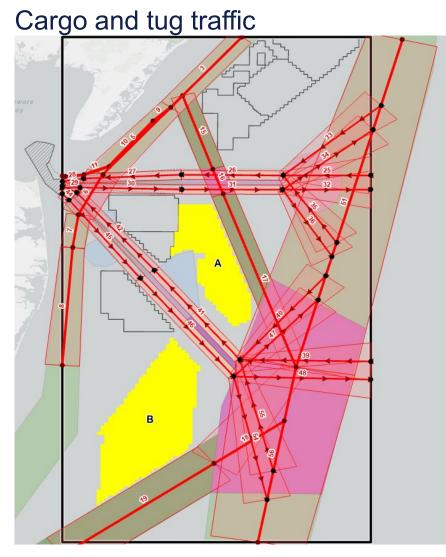
#### Routes and Cargo/Tanker Tracks



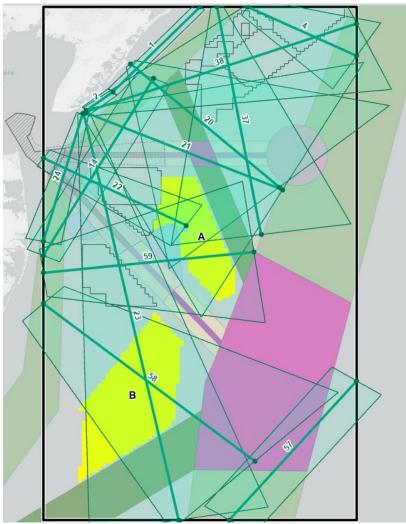
#### **Routes and Tug Tracks**



## Route Structure for Alternative Scenario



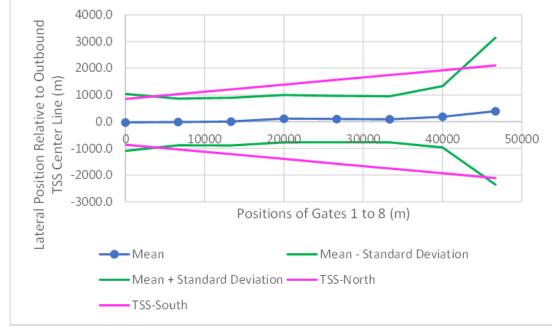
All other traffic



# Philosophy for Assigning Merchant AIS Traffic to Fairways

- Based on analysis of tracks per vessel type from Virginia to New York.
- All merchant traffic was required to be assigned to a TSS or fairway none were assigned to any other routes.
- Based on AIS, cargo/tankers solely approach ports via TSS, so none were assigned to the coastal fairways.
- All northbound traffic from VA bound to/from NY was assigned to the furthest offshore fairway.
- Only ATBs transit the NY TSS. All other tugs were assigned to either the coastal or the cutoff fairways based on which half of the DE SE TSS they cross. (NW -> coastal; SW -> cutoff fairway).

#### Traffic Distributions Across TSS were based on Previous DNV Work in the Public Domain

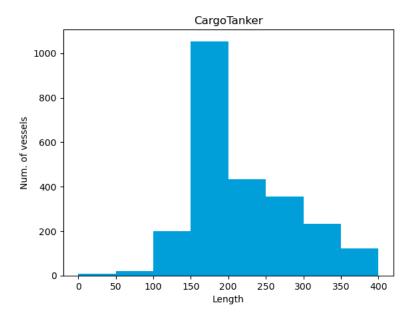


See US Wind NSRA Appendix E



## Vessel Size Distributions Affect Specific Accident Types

- Were based on AIS data, so are representative rather than accurate in detail.
- The exception: all tug lengths were manually assigned as follows
  - Towlines were assigned 927m and widths of 463m to account for the barge and the long line.
  - ATBs were assigned 50:50 to length bins of 125-150m and 150-175m.





#### Wind Direction/Speed Affects Specific Accident Types (COGOW point at 38.25 N, 74.75 W)

Wind Speed in knots	Ν	NE	E	SE	S	SW	w	NW	Total
< 20 (Calm)	5.14%	4.92%	4.13%	3.95%	4.16%	4.54%	5.21%	5.62%	37.66%
20 – 30 (Fresh)	9.06%	9.13%	8.75%	0.00%	8.30%	8.63%	8.83%	8.89%	61.58%
30 – 45 (Gale)	0.24%	0.25%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.25%	0.74%
> 45 (Storm)	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.02%
Total	14.44%	14.30%	12.88%	3.95%	12.45%	13.17%	14.04%	14.76%	100.00%

\*Per DNV practice, for this region 2% of Gale winds were added to Storm in every cardinal direction

## Visibility Affects Specific Accident Types (Wildwood Cape May Airport)

Visibility < 2 NM 7.60% of an average year Visibility > 2 NM 92.4% of an average year

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