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Application for RIDEM Assistance with Data Analysis for the Vineyard Wind 1 Fisheries Compensatory Mitigation Program

Program Details

Compensation Program Description (from <https://vw1fisheriescomp.com/>)

Vineyard Wind has created a fisheries compensatory mitigation program with a primary objective to provide fair, equitable compensation to commercial fishermen for economic losses attributable to Vineyard Wind 1's construction, operations, and decommissioning activities.

For commercial fishermen, the first phase of the program will be the eligibility phase, which will require commercial fishing vessel owners to qualify for compensation payments based on defined eligibility criteria. Once qualified, a commercial vessel owner may elect to participate in either an expedited claims process or an individual claims process, both of which are based on a commercial fishing vessel owner's historic revenue dependence on the Wind Development Area but require different levels of proof. Fishermen will not need to demonstrate economic impacts from Vineyard Wind 1 to qualify for the program or receive compensation payments.

RIDEM Assistance

The RIDEM Division of Marine Fisheries is offering analytical assistance of Vessel Monitoring System data to potentially eligible commercial fishing vessel owners/operators that fished in the Vineyard Wind I Wind Development Area.

Vessel owners/operators must request data from NOAA (see below) and provide it to RIDEM to receive assistance, at which point the RIDEM will provide a report synthesizing the data into a format that is relevant to the Compensatory Mitigation Program (i.e., maps of annual VMS activity and a summary table of whether VMS points occurred inside the WEA for each year). The RIDEM is not authorized to release confidential federal data but can assist with analysis on data provided to the vessel owner/operator by NOAA.

To request your VMS data, email ole.helpdesk@noaa.gov with the following information:

- Your name and contact information (so they can contact you with any questions)
- Permit number and vessel name for data requested
- What data fields you would like:
 - At minimum, the following fields are necessary for analysis:
 - Vessel permit
 - Vessel USCG registration number
 - Declaration code

After completing this application, please mail this form or deliver it in person to:

**ATTN: Julia Livermore
Re: OSW VMS Assistance
RIDEM Division of Marine Fisheries
3 Fort Wetherill Road
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Julia will contact you upon receipt of your application to organize next steps.

If you have questions about filling this form out or requesting your data from NOAA, please call or email Julia Livermore (401-423-1937; julia.livermore@dem.ri.gov).

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Date and Time Application Received by RIDEM staff:

Name of RIDEM staff receiving application:

Signature of RIDEM staff receiving application:
