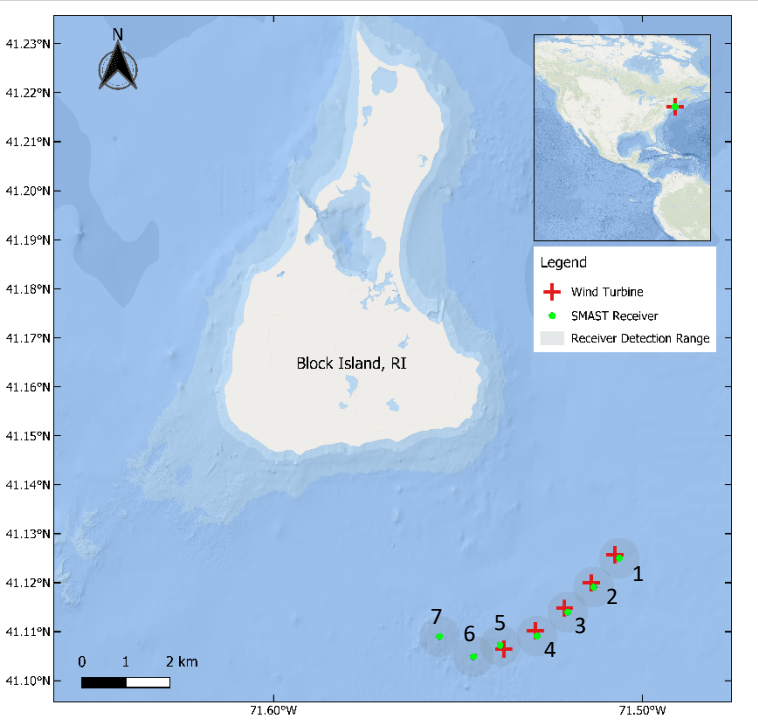
Notice to commercial and recreational fishermen active around the Block Island Wind Farm

Project: Connectivity, Movement and Distribution of Fish in Offshore Wind Farm Areas

Who: University of Massachusetts Dartmouth School for Marine Science and Technology (SMAST), funding from the US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

Where: The acoustic receivers will be anchored 12 ft off the bottom. Receivers 1-4 will be on the SE side of the turbines connected in a row with a bottom trawl line. The trawl line will be marked with a red/orange float and white buoy stick at either end of the trawl. Receivers 5, 6, & 7 will be individually anchored with a red/orange float and white buoy stick marking the location.

When: Acoustic receivers will be deployed May 2024–November 2024.



Receiver	Lat	Lon
1	41.125	-71.5068
2	41.1193	-71.513
3	41.114	-71.5206
4	41.1094	-71.5278
5	41.1069	-71.5393
6	41.1051	-71.5464
7	41.1081	-71.5598

Why: Scientists will be using acoustic telemetry (receivers and tags) to study the movement patterns of **striped bass, black sea bass, and fluke** around offshore wind turbines to improve understanding of ecosystem interactions between fish and offshore wind farms.

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