

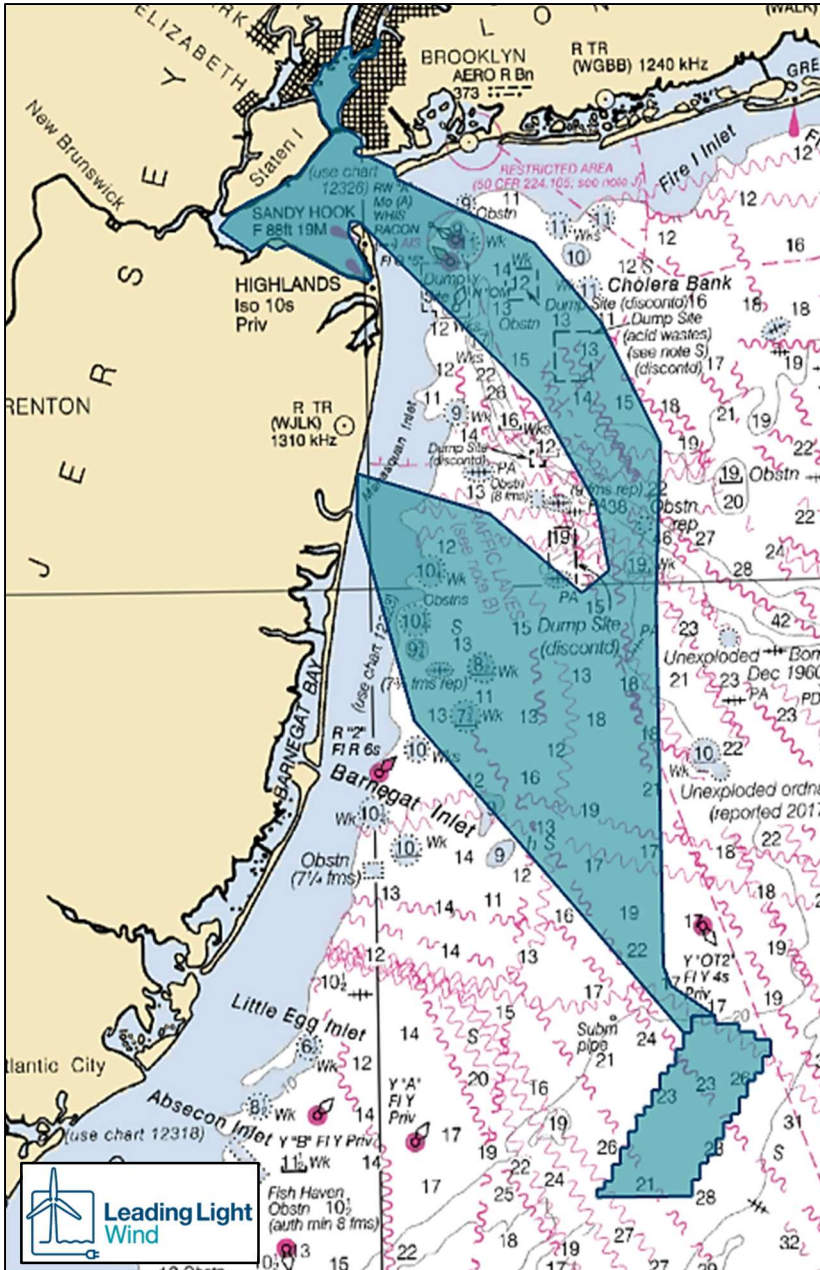
Leading Light Wind



Leading Light Wind (LLW) Offshore Wind Lease OCS-A 0542

LLW secured lease OCS-A 0542 in 2022. Development activities in the approximately 84,000-acre lease have begun with the intent of providing over 2 gigawatts (GW) of offshore renewable energy to the region. LLW is located approximately 40 nautical miles east of Atlantic City, NJ and 75 nautical miles south of Long Island, NY.

Ongoing Seabed Characterization & Avian Surveys



Mariners are advised of the ongoing and upcoming surveys for the Leading Light Wind project:

- Geotechnical operations with the **RV FUGRO EXPLORER** continue through early 2024. These surveys do not involve any towed survey gear.

- Avian surveys aboard the **ATLANTIC PEARL** will commence January 2024 and continue once per month (24-hr deployment) in the offshore lease through December 2024. These surveys do not involve any towed survey gear.

These surveys will be used to inform project design and establish baseline characterizations. Vessel speeds will be 10 knots or less during transits to/from port and between sampling stations.

Protected Species Observers (PSOs) will be deployed onboard all survey vessels. The LLW Fisheries Team will provide fisheries briefings as appropriate to survey vessel crew and continue communications with the fishing community to help avoid and/or minimize the potential for interactions with fishing operations and/or gear. Scout vessels will be deployed as necessary. Survey and scout vessels can be hailed directly via VHF (CH 16) or by contacting the fisheries team.

Mariners transiting or fishing in the survey area are requested to give a wide berth to the survey vessels, which may have limited maneuverability while surveying. Mariners should operate in a manner that will not endanger themselves, the survey vessels, or its equipment; 0.5 NM clearance is requested.

Project Survey Vessels



RV FUGRO EXPLORER

-Call Sign: 3FEV9 **-Flag:** Panama
-MMSI: 368230820 **-LOA:** 252 ft
-IMO: 9208564 **-Beam:** 52 ft



ATLANTIC PEARL

-Call Sign: WDK2882 **-Flag:** USA
-MMSI: 368039840 **-LOA:** 131 ft
-IMO: n/a **-Beam:** 26 ft

Contact Us

Leading Light Wind remains committed to maintaining communications with fishing communities and other mariners in the area via these periodic updates, dock visits, informational speaking engagements, and the additional information posted on [Mariners Page](#) on the [LLW website](#). Mariners are also encouraged to contact Leading Light Wind's Fisheries Liaisons with any specific questions about project activities in relation to fisheries.

Future Mariner Updates will be issued to provide information on planned and ongoing activities. Please consult the [Local Notice to Mariners for USCG Districts 1 and 5](#) for additional information on offshore activity and, as always, please adhere to the USCG Rules of the Road for mariners: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/NavRules/>.

If you believe your fishing gear was lost or damaged as a result of LLW survey activities, please alert the project Fisheries Liaison and complete a Fishing Gear Damage or Loss claim form which can be found on the LLW Webpage: www.leadinglightwind.com/mariners.

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Additional project information is available on the LLW web page: www.leadinglightwind.com