

# ***"MOCEAN: Accelerating A Just Energy Transition While Nurturing Healthy Oceans and New Blue Economies Through Innovative Nature-Inclusive Offshore Wind Farms"***

## **Agenda**

**10:00 Welcome, Agenda, and Introduction to Regional Innovation Engines Program**

**10:10 a. Overview, Vision, and Rationale**

Q&A on Purpose of Engine

**10:25 b. Proposing Team and Organizational Structure**

Communities Needed for Achieving Engine Objectives

Introduction to Working Groups, Convergent Projects, and Engine Infrastructure

Approach to Working Group Leadership and Collaboration - Examples

MOCEAN Engine Infrastructure

Q&A on All Part (b) Items & Jamboard

**10:48 c. Strategic and Implementation Plans**

Use-inspired research and development

Convergent Project-1: Impact of Materials & Geometry on Marine Ecosystems

Convergent Project-2: Concrete Gravity Base Foundations

Convergent Project-3: The New Blue Economy for Fisheries (NJ)

Convergent Project-4: Monitoring Marine Life around Monopiles

Convergent Project-5: Establishing Equitable Pathways to Opportunity

Workforce development to grow and sustain regional innovation

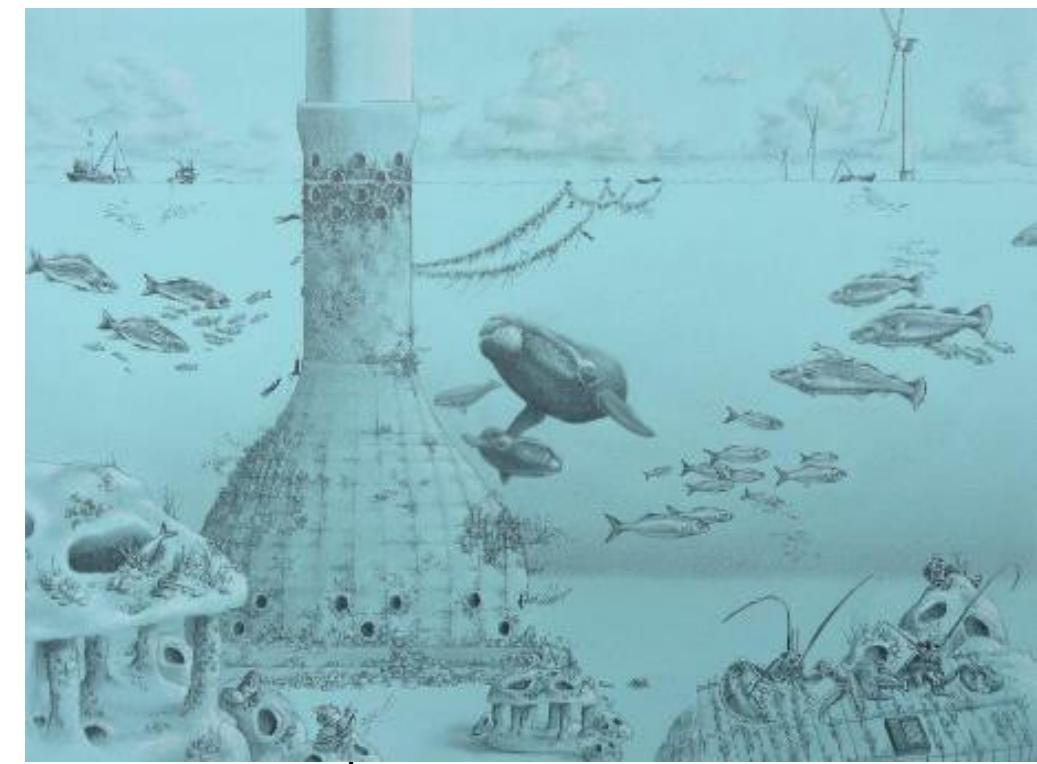
Culture of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility

Q&A on Convergent Projects

**11:20 d. Management Plan - Long-term Sustainability Plan**

**11:23 e. Broader Impacts**

**11:26 Closure and Next Steps**



## Regional Innovation Engines



Facing global competition for talent and leadership in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics research and education<sup>1</sup>, the U.S. must expand its innovation capacity by leveraging the resources, creativity, and ingenuity that exists across all geographic regions of the country.

Through a bold, new U.S. National Science Foundation initiative, the Regional Innovation Engines, or NSF Engines, program catalyzes and fosters innovation ecosystems across the U.S. to:

- Advance critical technologies
  - Address national and societal challenges
  - Foster partnerships across industry, academia, government, nonprofits, civil society, and communities of practice
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- Type-1 Engines: Fund up to 50 \$1M Projects in Development Phase
  - **Type-2 Engines: Fund about Five \$160M Engines over 10 years; Budget is \$7.5M/year (yrs 1 & 2), \$15M/year (yrs 3-5), and \$20M/year (yrs 6-10).**
  - Type-3&4 Engines: TBD – Higher TRL Levels

# Characteristics of an NSF Engine



## R&D innovation to achieve regional economic growth

- Robust regional partnerships
- Use-inspired R&D
- Translating innovation to practice
- Comprehensive workforce development

## Building an inclusive innovation ecosystem that will thrive for decades to come

- Financial sustainability
- Culture of innovation
- Diversity, equity, Inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) at all levels
- Community wealth building

## Flexible Engine structure and activities with accountability to NSF

- Engine structure
- Leadership
- Accountability through evaluation

**Definition of a region of service:** U.S. geographical area, ranging from a single metropolitan area (including rural areas) to multiple adjacent states.

**RIEs must be driven by partnerships, stakeholders, and end-users within the defined region of service and must be rooted in regional interests:**

- Driven by applications important to the local regional economy
- Potential to grow regional talent and jobs



Horizon 2020 is the financial instrument implementing the [Innovation Union](#), a [Europe 2020](#) flagship initiative aimed at securing Europe's global competitiveness.

## Horizon Program 2014-2027 (€175 Billion)

Seen as a means to drive economic growth and create jobs, Horizon 2020 has the political backing of Europe's leaders and the Members of the European Parliament. They agreed that research is an investment in our future and so put it at the heart of the EU's blueprint for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and jobs.

By coupling research and innovation, Horizon 2020 is helping to achieve this with its emphasis on excellent science, industrial leadership and tackling societal challenges. The goal is to ensure Europe produces world-class science, removes barriers to innovation and makes it easier for the public and private sectors to work together in delivering innovation.

Horizon 2020 is open to everyone, with a simple structure that reduces red tape and time so participants can focus on what is really important. This approach makes sure new projects get off the ground quickly – and achieve results faster.

The EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation will be complemented by further measures to complete and further develop the [European Research Area](#). These measures will aim at breaking down barriers to create a genuine single market for knowledge, research and innovation.

Well more than half of the funding goes to industry

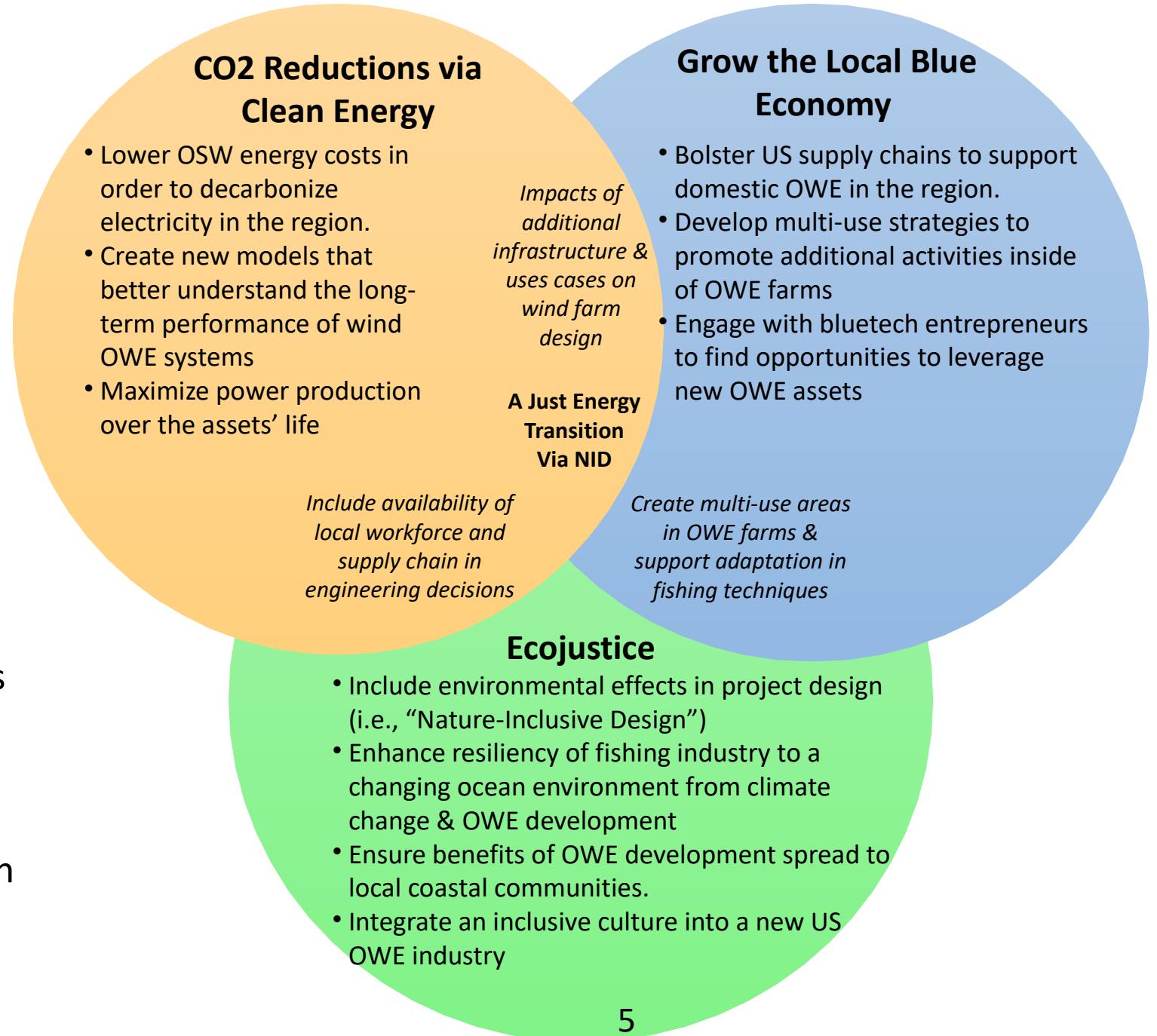
Horizon 2020 is the biggest EU Research and Innovation programme ever with nearly €80 billion of funding available over 7 years (2014 to 2020) – in addition to the private investment that this money will attract. It promises more breakthroughs, discoveries and world-firsts by taking great ideas from the lab to the market.

# MOCEAN: A Once In a Lifetime Opportunity

- **Advance clean energy**
- **Enhance marine ecologies and economies**
- **Lift underserved communities through equitable access to innovation**

## NSF ENGINE Priorities

- ✓ Advance critical technologies
- ✓ Address national and societal challenges
- ✓ Foster partnerships across industry, academia, government, nonprofits, civil society, and communities of practice
- ✓ Promote and stimulate economic growth and job creation
- ✓ Spur regional innovation and talent



# Nature-Inclusive Offshore Wind Farms Can Enhance Marine Ecologies and Economies

Fish and Crustaceans Living in Perforated Pipe +CP

- **Marine infrastructure** (e.g. foundations, cable lines, docks) create substrates that lead to the formation of marine ecosystems
- **Artificial Reef** community is advancing the science and practices for how to achieve predictably positive benefits
- Europe has made significant research investments to support projects on **multi-purpose structures** that support both wind turbines and aquaculture with very encouraging results
- **Offshore Wind Industry** has recognized they must include nature-inclusive design that provides net-positive benefits to the environment as well as fisheries and other communities
- Effective Nature-Inclusive Design can create a **win-win** for environmentalists, fisheries, industry, innovators, society, and the planet. However, **significant advancement** is needed in science, technologies, practices, policy, and community building to achieve reliable and effective nature-inclusive designs

Block Island Wind Farm

Virginia Wind Farm

Belgian offshore gravity-based wind turbine

Belgian-Dutch consortium “Wier & Wind” Seaweed Mariculture

# Nature-Inclusive Offshore Wind Turbine Foundations and Scour Protection Can Restore & Enhance Ecosystems



11,700 sq. km of coral (14% of total) lost since 2009. One-third of the remaining coral reefs under threat to disappear over the next 30 years.



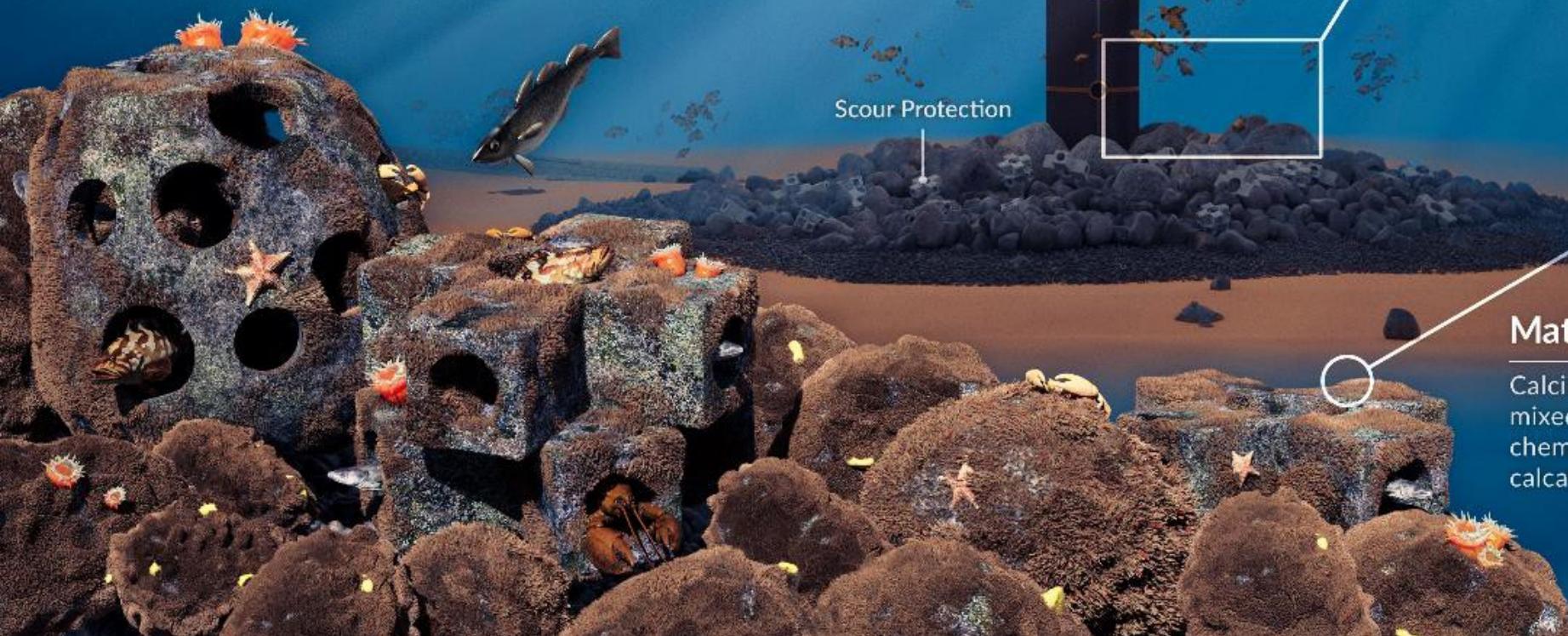
# Turbine Reefs

## Nature Based Design of Offshore Wind Infrastructure

Nature-based Design includes options that can be integrated in or added to the design of offshore wind infrastructure to create, expand, enhance, or restore habitat for native species or communities.

### Enhanced Scour Protection Layers

A combination of large and small structures with various sized holes and/or rocks with a range of shapes and sizes increases the surface area and habitat complexity of scour protection layers. This promotes biodiversity by providing adequate shelter for large, mobile species and suitable refuge for smaller species, juvenile life stages, and attached organisms.



### Mimicking Existing Complex Habitat

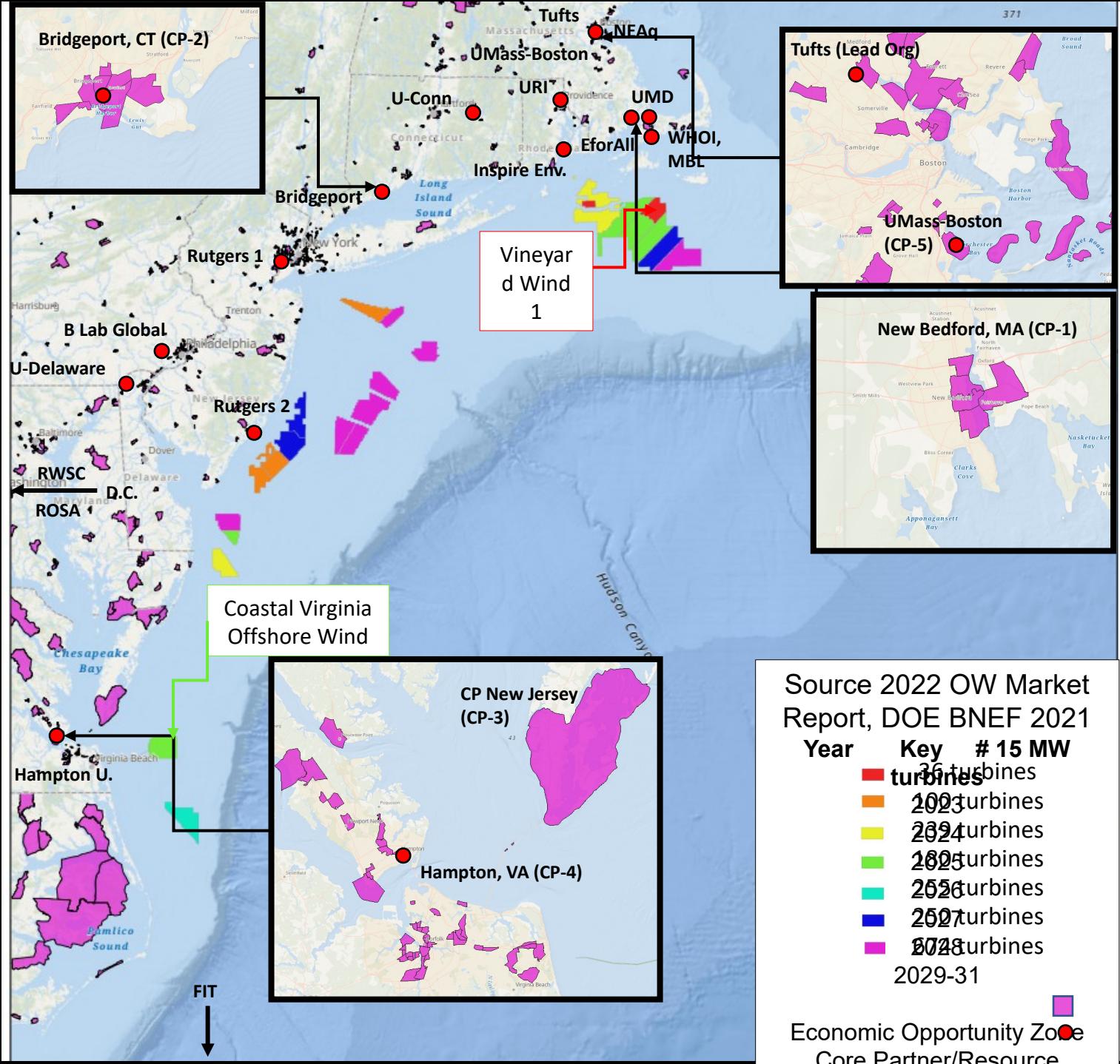
Habitats created by installation of offshore wind infrastructure can be optimized by mimicking naturally occurring complex habitat features.



### Materials Designed to Promote Growth

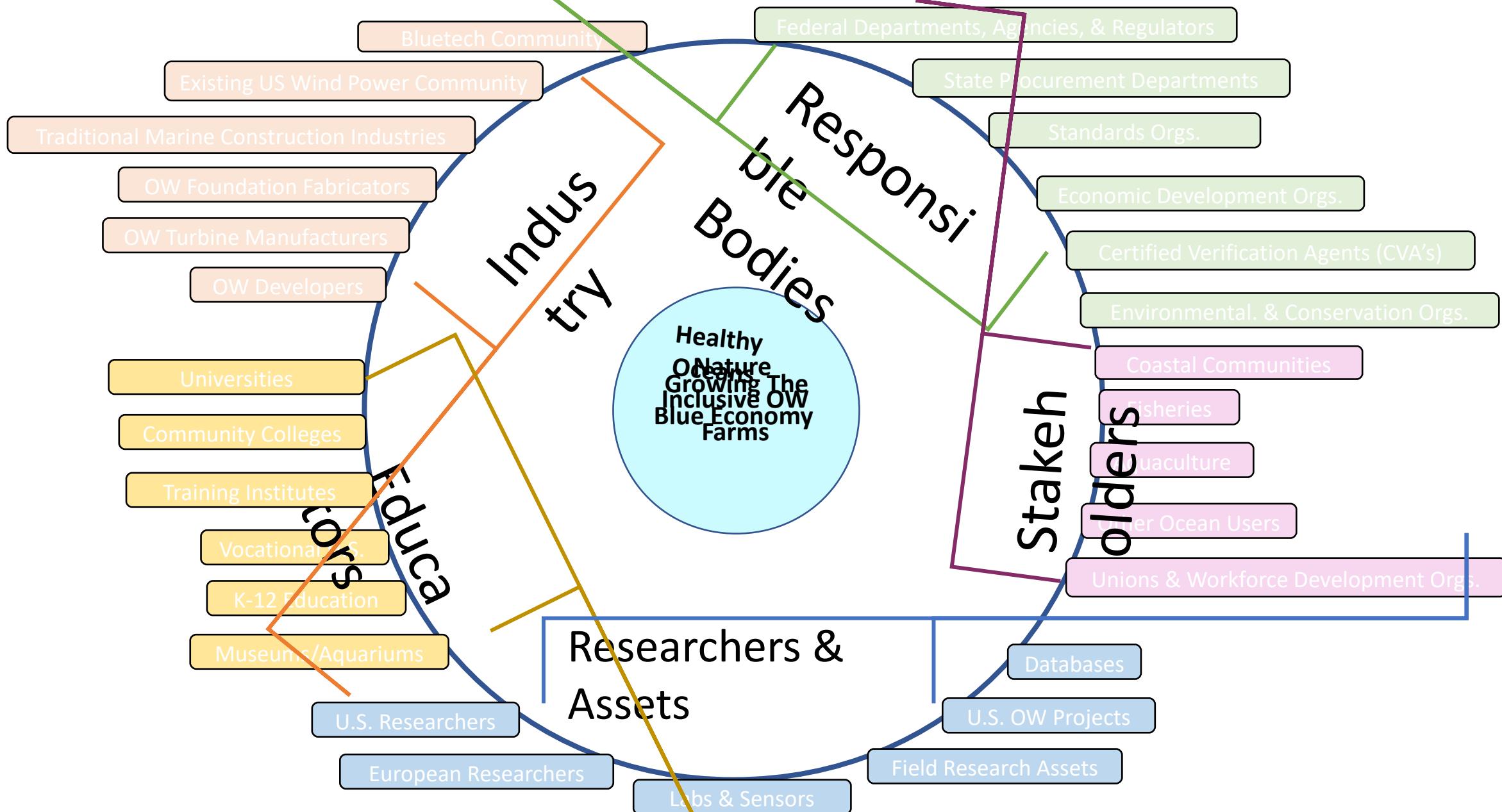
Calcium carbonate ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) or natural shell can be mixed into concrete structures to provide suitable chemical composition for larval settlement of calcareous organisms such as bivalves.





- ### Core Partners
- Bristol Community College – Workforce
  - EforAll – Entrepreneurship for all (DEIA focus)
  - Inspire Environmental – Habitat Monitoring for OW
  - Florida Institute of Technology – Foundation Lifespans
  - Hampton University - Marine Habitats
  - Marine Biological Laboratory – Artificial Reefs
  - New England Aquarium
  - Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative (RWSC/CSSF)
  - Responsible Offshore Science Alliance (ROSA)
  - Rutgers – New Blue Economy incl. Fisheries
  - SeaAhead – Bluetech Innovation
  - Tufts University – Foundations
  - University of Connecticut – New Blue Economy
  - University of Delaware – New Blue Economy
  - University of Massachusetts-Boston – Workforce
  - University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth – Fisheries
  - University of Rhode Island – Foundations
  - Woods Hole Oceanographic Inst.– Ocean Science

# Communities that Needs to Come Together to Achieve the Engine Objectives



## Working Group (WG) Focus Areas



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Innovation, Evaluation, Economic  
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WG-1.1 Foundations

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WG-1.3 Asset Management

### WG-2 Ocean Science

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WG-2.2 Marine Growths & Habitats

WG-2.3 Climate Effects

WG-2.4 Environmental Conservation

### WG-3 Blue Economy

WG-3.1 Bluetech

WG-3.2 Shared Use of Oceans & Coasts

WG-3.3 Future Fisheries

WG-3.4 Future Aquaculture

### WG-4 Education, Outreach, & Training

WG-4.1 Community Engagement

WG-4.2 Workforce Training

WG-4.3 College Curriculum & Professional Development

WG-4.4 Pathways to Transformative Opportunities

## Strategic Collaborations to Lead Working Group Activities



### Leading Regional Offshore Wind and Fisheries Research

The Responsible Offshore Science Alliance (ROSA) is a nonprofit organization leading a collaborative effort to advance research and monitoring on the potential effects of offshore wind on fisheries.

At the heart of ROSA's work is a community—of fishermen, offshore wind developers, academics, government representatives, and others—united behind a common goal: objective, collaborative science. Together, we aim to generate scientific data to support effective decision-making and policy.

- Setting research priorities
- Enabling collaboration among scientists
- Reducing redundancy
- Providing scientific leadership
- Administering research (forthcoming)



Offshore Wind Project Monitoring Framework and Guidelines

March 2021

Regional Framework Database

Report and Recommendations on Fisheries Resource Data Production, **12**rage, and Accessibility

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# RWSC

Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative  
for Offshore Wind

**MISSION:** To collaboratively and effectively conduct and coordinate relevant, credible, and efficient regional monitoring and research of wildlife and marine ecosystems that supports the advancement of environmentally responsible and cost-efficient offshore wind power development activities in U.S. Atlantic waters.

#### eNGO Sector

Mass Audubon

Mystic Aquarium

National Audubon Society

National Wildlife Federation

Natural Resources Defense Council

New England Aquarium

New Jersey Audubon

Ocean Conservancy

Ocean Conservation Research

The Nature Conservancy

Wildlife Conservation Society

#### Offshore Wind Industry Sector

American Clean Power

Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind

Attentive Energy LLC

Avangrid Renewables

Copenhagen Infrastructure

Partners/Copenhagen Offshore Partners

Dominion Energy

EDF-Renewables

Equinor

Mayflower Wind

Ocean Winds

Ørsted North America

RWE

Shell

US Wind

#### SUBCOMMITTEES

SEA TURTLES

HABITAT & ECOSYSTEM

MARINE MAMMALS

BIRDS & BATS

PROTECTED FISH SPECIES

CROSS-TAXA

#### SECTOR CAUCUSES

FEDERAL CAUCUS

STATE CAUCUS

OFFSHORE WIND INDUSTRY CAUCUS

eNGO CAUCUS



NORTHEAST OCEAN DATA

Maps and Data for Ocean Planning in the Northeastern United States

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# SeaAhead

## People, planet, profits. Win, win, win.

The ocean's future is what we make it. And together we're making it better by supporting bluetech ventures that focus on human, environmental, and business success.

### WHY WE STARTED

## One planet, one ocean, endless possibility.

In 2018, we realized that early-stage startups in the blue economy were missing two important drivers for success: support infrastructure and access to funding. We formed SeaAhead to bring together entrepreneurs, investors, industry leaders, and stakeholders. In just a few years, we've grown into an open-innovation ecosystem that produces scalable commercial solutions to modern-day challenges.

2022 IMPACT REPORT

## Bringing the climate battle out to sea

100+

Bluetech startups  
supported to date

\$18M+

Raised by  
BlueSwell  
Alumni

35+

Corporate  
partners, global  
affiliates, and  
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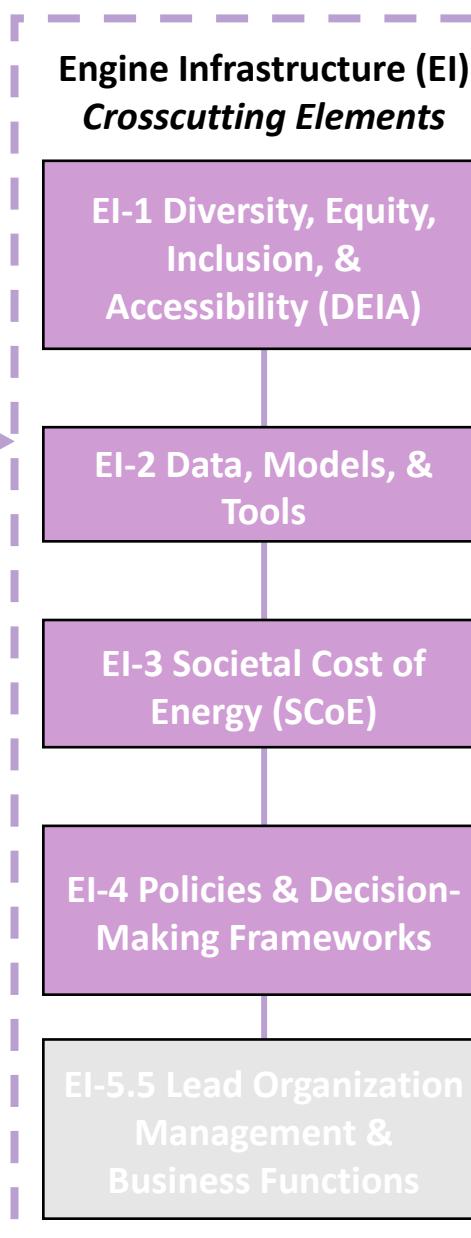
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## Examples of Questions to be Explored, Discussed, & Debated

- What should be the operational design life of foundations?
- What public data is most needed on Engineering properties of the seabed?
- What monitoring strategies are needed to evaluate remaining design life?
- How well do understand the health of marine ecosystems?
- Is maximizing or retailing/re-establishing bio-diversity a better strategy, and what factors should be considered to determine this?
- What can we learn from previous offshore wind and O&G platforms?
- What are the largest uncertainties and their significance?
- What type of work is needed to reduce uncertainties?
- What are the barriers to fully-probabilistic design, and which of these can and should be addressed by the Engine?
- What data would be most beneficial for advancing the state-of-the-art?
- Who can and should set data collection and sharing requirements?
- What future projects and participants are needed to address the priorities established above?
- What should be the lease length of wind farms?
- How can reliability be assessed?
- Where would public/private partnerships be most helpful?
- What are the areas that U.S. industry can compete in near, mid, and long-term, and what is needed to support this?
- What factors are appropriate to consider when measuring the value of offshore wind energy farms?



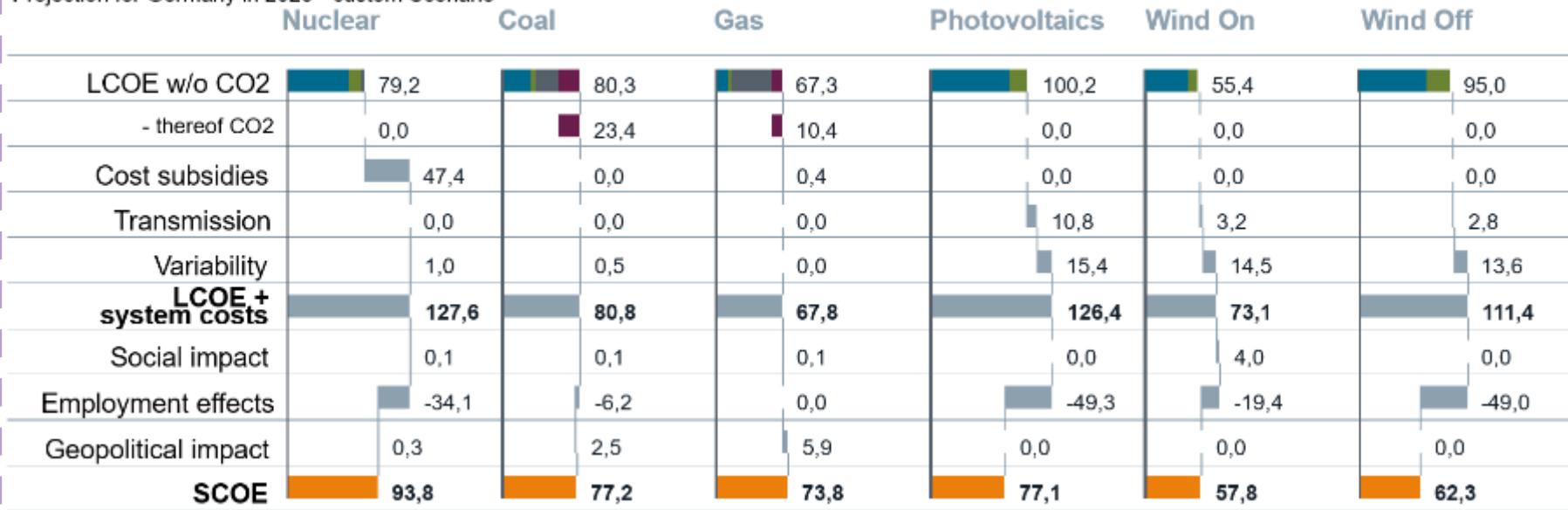
Name of Entity that Leads the Engine is **MOCEAN** (our Mission is the **OCEAN**)

Pronounced the same as “motion”, which is indicative of the elements of nature-inclusive offshore wind farms that are in significant motion (wind, blades, waves, fish, mammals, boats, workers, etc.) and the conditions that change over time due to offshore wind and the effects of climate change (benthic conditions, reefs, water chemistries, stratification, yearly current patterns, etc.). The Engine puts physical, human, and financial resources in motion, and the fuel for this Engine include investments from NSF, other governmental sources, industry, and other communities. The largest source of fuel is that from industry which will invest between \$150B - \$1T dollars in the Engine’s region by 2050..

## Convergent Projects

**SCOE: Society's costs of electricity [EUR/MWh]**

Projection for Germany in 2025 - custom Scenario



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# Convergent Project 1 (CP-1): Impact of Infrastructure Materials and Geometry on Marine Ecosystems and Design Life

## Two-year Objectives/Tasks:

**Objective 1:** Identify optimal materials, corrosion control, geometric modifications, and deployment approaches for small scale testing of offshore wind nature inclusive design

**Objective 2:** Construct and deploy materials increasing in complexity that will lead to enhanced recruitment and biodiversity of OSW structures

- Test an array of chemical compositions of and surface modifications to steel and concrete materials.
- Couple chemical and physical modifications using small prototype concrete structures cast in nature-inspired geometric designs.

**Objective 3:** Quantify the impact of nature-inclusive design modifications on biodiversity, ecosystem structure and function, environmental parameters, structural integrity and design life

- Continuous monitoring of benthic communities, ecosystem function, and organismal health using deployable biogeochemical sensors and cameras.
- Discrete sampling to further characterize ecosystem biogeochemistry and identify future sensing needs for monitoring and models.
- Monitor structures for corrosion and biodeterioration

## Should Monopiles be Open to the Ocean?



Engineering Marine Ecosystem

**Eco-friendly design of scour protection: potential enhancement of ecological functioning in offshore wind farms**

Towards an implementation guide and experimental set-up



Engineering Marine Ecosystem



## Convergent Project 2 (CP-2): Nature Inclusive Concrete Gravity Base Foundations (GBFs) for Offshore Wind Turbines

**Why Concrete:** Durability, Local Jobs, Future Proofing, More Versatile for Nature Inclusive Design

### **Two-Year Objectives/Tasks:**

#### **Objective 1: Compare Designs for Concrete and Steel Structures for different Conditions**

- Task 1: Development of Geotechnical and Geophysical Profiles for Selected Seabeds
- Task 2: Assessment of Bearing and Lateral Load Capacity of the Seabed
- Task 3: Create Wind and Wave Time Series, and Roses
- Task 4: Optimize the Shape of the concrete GBF for 15 MW Turbine in 40 meters of water
- Task 5: Repeat Task 4 for 15, 20, and 25 MW turbines
- Task 6: Repeat Task 5 for a Monopile Foundation



#### **Objective 2: Compare the Costs and Benefits of concrete GBFs verses Steel Monopiles**

- Task 6: Evaluate the Cost Differential for Different Design Lives, and Turbine Sizes
- Task 7: Conduct Life-Cycle Eco-Cost Comparison of Steel versus Concrete Foundations
- Task 8: Compare Value of Designing a concrete GBF versus steel Monopile for a Turbine Class as Opposed to a specific OEM Turbine
- Task 9: Compare Effective Lifespans of concrete GBFs versus steel Monopiles

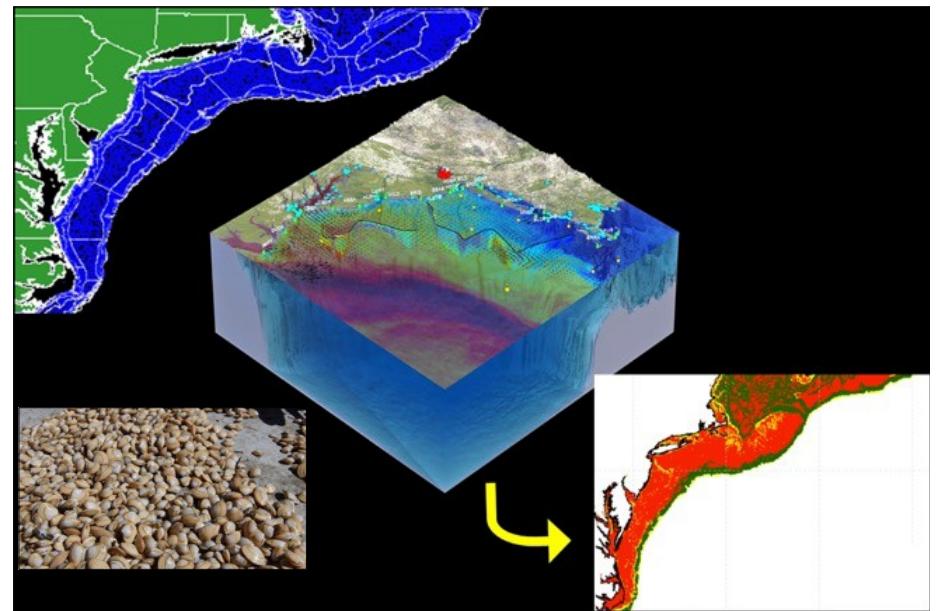


#### **Objective 3: Identify policies, incentives, and investments need for the selection and use of concrete GBFs;**

# Convergent Project 3 (CP-3): The New Blue Fisheries Economy

## Two-Year Objectives/Tasks

**Objective 1:** Identify spatial patterns of ocean characteristics, species abundance, individual size frequency, biomass, and growth.



**Objective 2:** Artificial Intelligence/ Machine Learning (AI/ML) Framework:

**Objective 3:** Initial Product Development (Years 1 and 2):

- Develop a shellfish habitat assessment tool.
- Initial development of a thermal finfish habitat mapping tool.



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# Convergent Project 4 (CP-4): Monitoring of Marine Life around Monopiles

## Two-Year Objectives/ Tasks:

**Objective 1:** To determine abiotic (prevailing currents, water depth) and biotic factors (species interactions) that influence benthic community structure and function on the monopile foundations and surrounding seafloor.

**Objective 2:** To explore emerging technologies to effectively and efficiently monitor shifts in benthic community structure and function associated with the monopile foundations to inform guidance on monitoring requirements.

- eDNA sampling and analyses,
- ultra-high resolution stereo imagery to construct photogrammetric models,
- emerging in-situ sensors

**Objective 3:** To develop opportunities for undergraduate marine science students and training workshops for host organizations.

- Internship programs to provide undergraduates insight into various scientific career paths
- Training workshops for companies and organizations to foster effective mentorship and a welcoming environment to optimize professional development opportunities



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## Convergent Project 5 (CP-5) : Establishing Equitable Pathways to Opportunity



### Two-Year Objectives/ Tasks:

**Objective 1:** Develop effective public engagement tools, activities, and programs in future offshore wind ports: New Bedford and Salem, MA as pilot coastal communities.

**Task 1:** Use **outreach strategies** including exhibits, interactive websites, and social media to expose people to the benefits and opportunities in nature-inclusive offshore wind.

**Task 2:** Co-develop three effective, **hands-on educational activities** that can be used in a variety of educational settings. Examples include 1) designing ocean bottom structures that support increased biodiversity, 2) measuring the energy produced by a scaled model of an offshore wind turbine, and 3) mapping a diverse coastal community that can support and benefit from offshore wind.

**Task 3:** Engage two future offshore wind port communities: New Bedford, MA and Salem, MA, to **conduct youth-led needs assessment**, project job growth, and map educational and training programs and share the results with community and government leaders.

**Task 4:** Form a **Community Advisory Council** to the New England Aquarium with representatives from New Bedford and Salem including the above engaged youth, teachers, and informal educators, and community organizations so that we can listen carefully to community needs as we develop NIOSW marketing and educational materials.



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## Workforce development to grow and sustain regional innovation

If Nature-Inclusive Design can be done reliably and provide net positive benefits for the marine ecosystems and the fisheries and aquaculture communities, then very large-scale development of the U.S. offshore wind resources could be developed.

### Workforce development challenges and opportunities include:

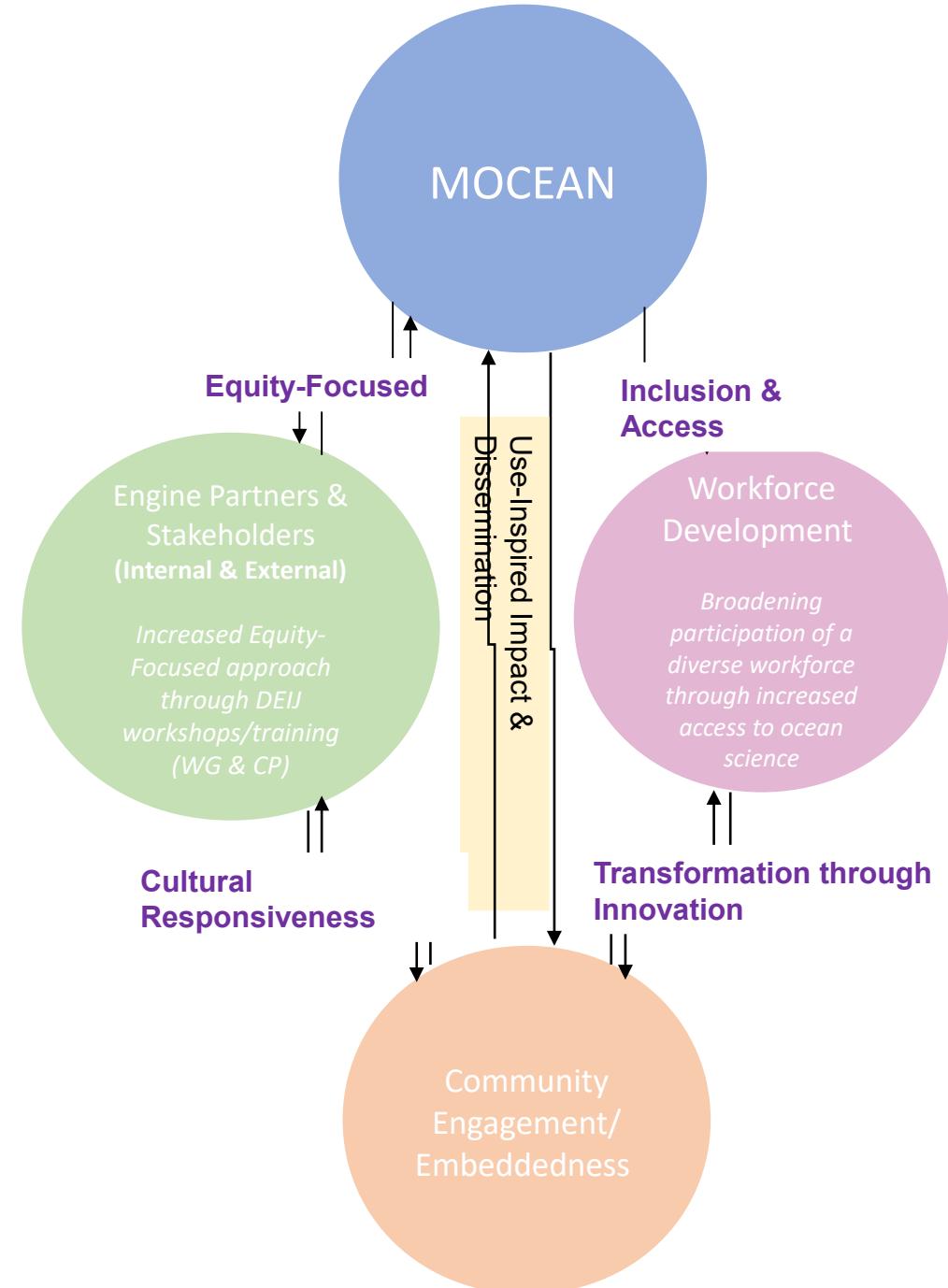
- new educational programs in vocational high schools, community colleges, and universities for technical trades, ocean scientists, material scientists, engineers, data managers, policy makers, economists, and many others (K-grey);
- creating system-level thinkers and approaches that can account for the complexity and uncertainty associated with ocean management and energy systems;
- development of new fishing and aquaculture practices and educational programs for co-location with offshore wind farms;

	Ratios	Engine	2050		
	Per GW	10-years	Netherlands	Biden	15% Demand
Amount of Installed Capacity (GW)	1	30	70	110	300
# of 15 MW Turbines	67	2000	4667	7333	20000
Total Development Cost (\$B)	4	120	280	440	1200
Electricity Production per Year (GWh)	4906	147168	343392	539616	1471680
Generation Cost of Electricity (\$/kWh)	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08
Total Annual Revenue (\$B)	0.39	11.77	27.47	43.17	117.73
Salary with Benefits (\$/year)	150000	150000	150000	150000	150000
Number of Annual Jobs	2,616	78,490	183,142	287,795	784,896

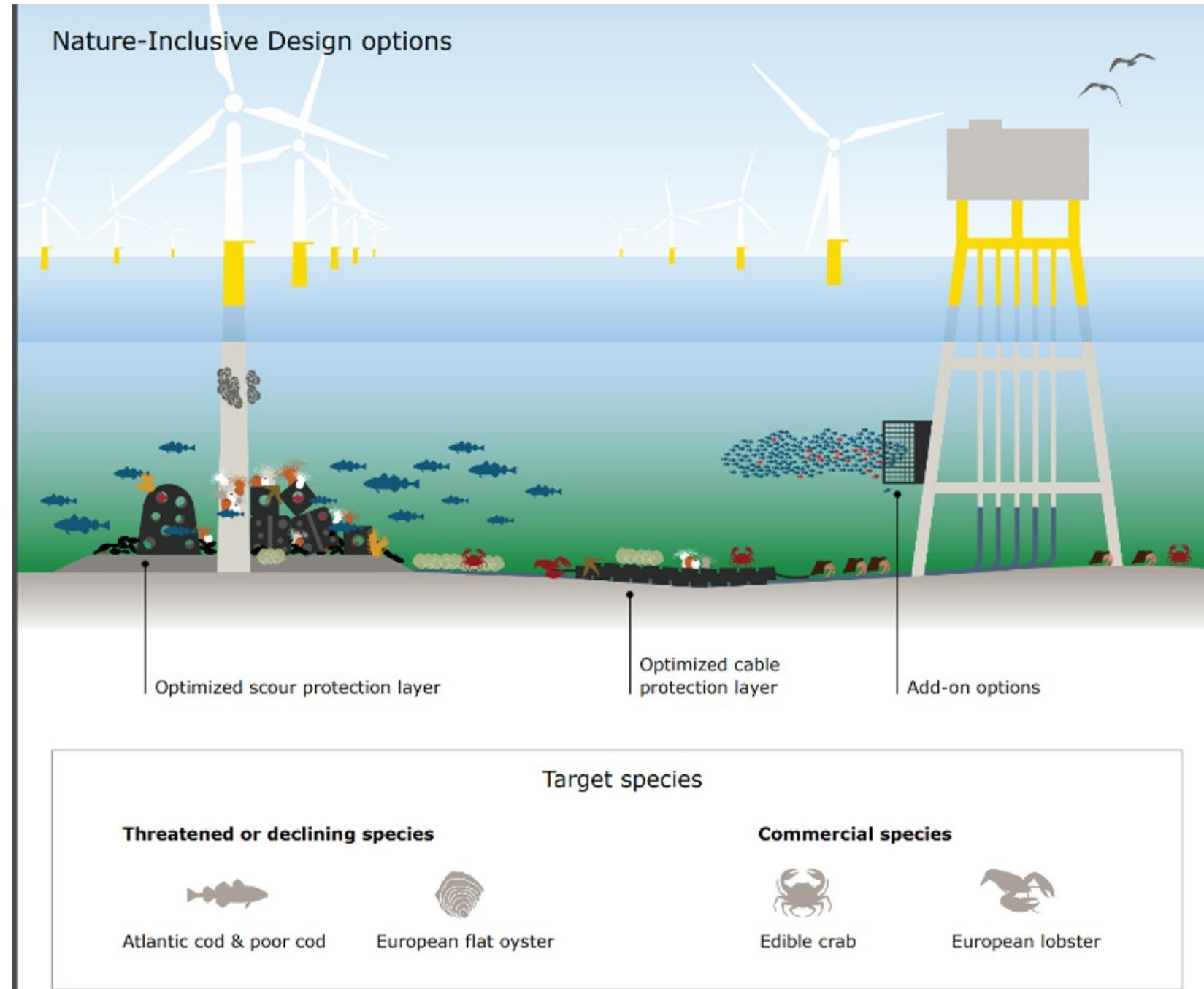
## Culture of diversity, equity, inclusion, access, and justice

### Distributed model –

- DEIAJ objectives integrated across the Engine at all levels, including leadership and in decision-making processes
  - NSF: Engine needs to prioritize economic development and addressing issues of justice through use-inspired research, innovation, and investments
- DEIAJ team comprised of multiple partners across the Engine
  - Leverage existing personnel across the organizations committed to achieving these objectives
  - Meet regularly to develop strategies that drive WG activities and CPs
  - Embody a culture of DEIAJ throughout the Engine
- Adopt and advance promising practices and support and expand existing programs
- DEIAJ objectives and approach are SMART (Strategic, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Time-Bound)



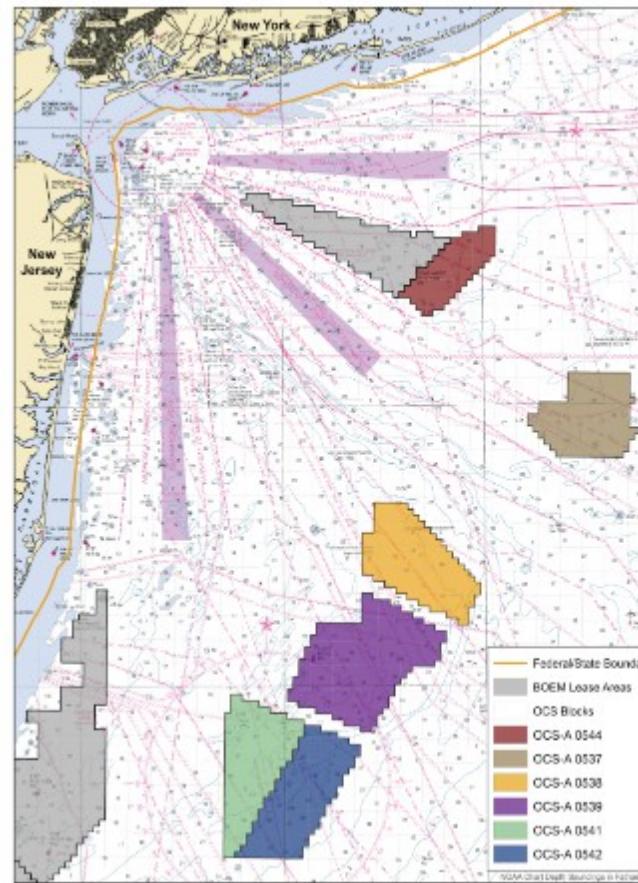
# Convergent Projects (CP) for Innovation, Evaluation, Economic Development, & Equity



## Long-term Sustainability Plan

### Evidence of Monies for Jointly-Funded Projects and Sustainability of Engine

- Hundreds of billions is be spent to develop and operate U.S. offshore wind farms by 2050
- Billions of dollars in lease sales alone
- Mechanisms to require developer support of initiatives
- State and community economic development in advancing Climate Tech. – (e.g. recent announcement by Governor Elect Maura Healey)
- Interest by Venture Funds to advanced innovation given scale of opportunity
- Climate-related research is attractive



### Provisional Winners of the New York Bight Lease Areas, \$4.37 Billion in High Bids

OCS-A 0544	Mid-Atlantic Offshore Wind LLC, \$285,000,000
OCS-A 0537	OW Ocean Winds East, LLC, \$765,000,000
OCS-A 0538	Attentive Energy LLC, \$795,000,000
OCS-A 0539	Bight Wind Holdings, LLC, \$1,100,000,000
OCS-A 0541	Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind Bight, LLC, \$780,000,000
OCS-A 0542	Invenergy Wind Offshore LLC, \$645,000,000

**BOEM**  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

### Need for an NSF Engine

- Interests of society are different and longer-term than the interests of industry alone
- Industry not generating or sharing the data needed to advance the state-of-the-art and the state-of-the-practice
- Need to change value proposition from Levelized Cost of Energy (LCoE) to Societal Cost of Energy (SCoE)
- Need to advance and support innovation in U.S. industry for it to catch up to European industry
- Need to compete globally in R&D; EU has and is investing Billions in the topic areas of the proposal work through the European Horizons and other programs; the EU has not invested in a large project with this holistic focus – an opportunity for U.S. leadership
- NSF's approach is different and complementary to investments by other national and state funding organizations

## **Part (e). Broader Impacts**

- Advancing methods that enable the Nature-Inclusive Design of offshore wind farms will greatly increase the acceptance of these farms, and thereby their contribution to fighting climate change; in the limit, offshore wind could provide close to 100% of the needed electricity in coastal regions
- Create new types of significant employment opportunities in fishing and aquaculture
- By revitalizing coastal communities in areas of greatest need, it will shift the flow of people to these regions as opposed to away from these regions to higher-population centers
- Drive further innovation in Bluetech technologies
- Create the need for new educational programs, majors, training, and retraining activities
- Attract young people motivated to address climate and societal challenges to study in fields of science and engineering who otherwise may not have considered studying science and engineering because a less obvious contribution to the environment and society
- Enable a deeper study of the ocean environment that would have otherwise been possible, and this will lead to new discoveries with unforeseeable benefits
- By understanding how to design offshore wind infrastructure to be more durable and nature-inclusive, this will also then lead to improvement in the design and performance of other marine infrastructure such as ports, piers, breakwalls, buildings, and highways