

# Relocated Boulders

**Type** Enterprise Geodatabase Feature Class

**Tags** There are no tags for this item.

## Summary

This dataset displays known boulder relocations made during offshore wind construction projects.

## Description

This dataset displays the point locations where boulders (usually defined as pieces of rock >256 millimeters or ~10 inches in diameter) on or within the seafloor were relocated during offshore wind construction projects. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) may require that offshore wind companies develop a "Boulder Identification and Relocation Plan" as part of their Construction and Operation Plan approval. Different offshore wind projects may have different requirements. Several offshore wind companies have posted the coordinates of relocated boulders on their websites. This boulder relocation dataset is made up of all publicly available sites of moved boulders and was compiled by the [Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative for Offshore Wind](#) (RWSC).

Boulders are usually relocated because they are obstructing the site where offshore wind infrastructure (e.g., turbine, substation, cable) is being installed. Ocean users and researchers may be interested in the locations of boulders in and around offshore wind farms as this information may inform the deployment of research equipment or other activities that interact with the seafloor.

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## Credits

<a href=https://rwsc.org/ target="\_blank">RWSC</a>, <a href=https://orstedcom.img.musvc1.net/static/126353/assets/49/Boulder%20Locations%20\_24-03-05\_24-03-05.pdf target="\_blank">Revolution Wind</a>, <a href=https://orstedcdn.azureedge.net/-/media/www/docs/corp/us/mariners/south-fork-wind-boulder-relocation/sfw\_boulder\_relocation\_list\_pdf.pdf?rev=eb357080f1f74ca09d044edfe78b97a2&hash=68FD40091D6FA74DD8958267FD2AF5AE target="\_blank">South Fork Wind</a>, <a href=https://www.vineyardwind.com/mariners-updates/71 target="\_blank">Vineyard Wind</a>

## Use limitations

There are no access and use limitations for this item.

## Extent

West -71.935253 East -70.368855  
North 41.635556 South 40.939142

## Scale Range

Maximum (zoomed in) 1:5,000  
Minimum (zoomed out) 1:150,000,000

## Topics and Keywords ▶

Themes or categories of the resource Environment, Oceans

Content type ⇔ Downloadable Data  
Export to FGDC CSDGM XML format as Resource Description No

Theme keywords Boulder

### Thesaurus ▶

Title Coastal and Marine Ecological Classification Standard

### Resource location online

Online location (URL) <https://apps.usgs.gov/thesaurus/thesaurus-full.php?thcode=62>

Place keywords North Atlantic

## Citation ▶

Title Relocated Boulders  
Publication date 2024-04-09 00:00:00

Presentation formats ⇔ digital map

## Citation Contacts ▶

Responsible party - originator  
Individual's name Samantha Coccia-Schillo  
Organization's name Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative

### Contact information ▶

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Voice 585-402-6044  
Address  
Type physical  
City Pittsford  
Administrative area New York  
Postal code 14534  
Online resource

Online location (URL) <https://rwsc.org/>

Resource Details ▶

Dataset languages ⇌ English (UNITED STATES)  
Dataset character set utf8 - 8 bit UCS Transfer Format

Status on-going  
Spatial representation type ⇌ vector

Processing environment ⇌ Microsoft Windows 10 Version 10.0 (Build 22631) ; Esri ArcGIS 13.3.0.52636

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<a href=https://rwsc.org/ target="\_blank">RWSC</a>, <a href=https://orstedcdn.img.musvc1.net/static/126353/assets/49/Boulder%20Locations%20\_24-03-05\_24-03-05.pdf target="\_blank">Revolution Wind</a>, <a href=https://orstedcdn.azureedge.net/-/media/www/docs/corp/us/mariners/south-fork-wind-boulder-relocation/sfw\_boulder\_relocation\_list\_pdf.pdf?rev=eb357080f1f74ca09d044edfe78b97a2&hash=68FD40091D6FA74DD8958267FD2AF5AE target="\_blank">South Fork Wind</a>, <a href=https://www.vineyardwind.com/mariners-updates/71 target="\_blank">Vineyard Wind</a>

ArcGIS item properties  
Name ⇌ rpt.rpt.Relocated\_Boulders  
Location ⇌ Server=rwsc-db-pg15.env.duke.edu; Service=sde:postgresql:rwsc-db-pg15.env.duke.edu; Database=rpt; User=rpt; Version=sde.DEFAULT  
Access protocol ⇌ ArcSDE Connection

Extents ▶

Extent  
Description  
Temporal extent is ground condition of when boulders were relocated, as provided by Offshore Wind Developers

Geographic extent  
Bounding rectangle  
Extent type  
Extent used for searching  
West longitude -71.935253  
East longitude -70.368855  
South latitude 40.939142  
North latitude 41.635556  
Extent contains the resource No

Temporal extent  
Beginning date 2022-09-01 00:00:00  
Ending date 2024-08-31 00:00:00

Vertical extent  
Minimum value ⇌ 0.000000  
Maximum value ⇌ 0.000000

Extent in the item's coordinate system  
westBL ⇌ -71.935253  
eastBL ⇌ -70.368855  
southBL ⇌ 40.939142  
northBL ⇌ 41.635556  
exTypeCode ⇌ Yes

Resource Points of Contact ▶

Point of contact - point of contact  
Individual's name Samantha Coccia-Schillo  
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Resource Maintenance ▶

Resource maintenance  
Update frequency as needed

Spatial Reference ▶

ArcGIS coordinate system  
Type ⇌ Geographic  
Geographic coordinate reference ⇌ GCS\_WGS\_1984  
Coordinate reference details ⇌  
GeographicCoordinateSystem  
WKID 4326  
XOrigin -400  
YOrigin -400  
XYScale 999999999.99999988  
ZOrigin -100000  
ZScale 10000

MOrigin -100000  
MScale 10000  
XYTolerance 8.983152841195215e-09  
ZTolerance 0.001  
MTolerance 0.001  
HighPrecision true  
LeftLongitude -180  
LatestWKID 4326  
WKT  
GEOGCS["GCS\_WGS\_1984",DATUM["D\_WGS\_1984",SPHEROID["WGS\_1984",6378137.0,298.257223563]],PRIMEM["Greenwich",0.0],UNIT["Degree",0.0174532925199433],AUTHORIT

Reference system identifier

Value ⇌ 4326  
Codespace ⇌ EPSG  
Version ⇌ 6.2(3.0.1)

Spatial Data Properties ►

Vector ►

Level of topology for this dataset ⇌ geometry only

Geometric objects

Feature class name rpt.rpt.Relocated\_Boulders  
Object type ⇌ point  
Object count ⇌ 3756

ArcGIS Feature Class Properties ►

Feature class name rpt.rpt.Relocated\_Boulders  
Feature type ⇌ Simple  
Geometry type ⇌ Point  
Has topology ⇌ FALSE  
Feature count ⇌ 3756  
Spatial index ⇌ TRUE  
Linear referencing ⇌ FALSE

Data Quality ►

Data quality report - Conceptual consistency ►

Data quality measure reference

Measure description  
Point data are represented by a set of coordinate pairs.

Data quality report - Completeness omission ►

Data quality measure reference

Measure description  
This dataset is not a complete representation of all relocated boulders in the Atlantic Ocean moved as a result of Offshore Wind construction. It will be updated as more data are provided to the public.

Lineage ►

Process step ►

When the process occurred 2024-01-19 00:00:00  
Description

1. For Vineyard Wind, South Fork Wind and Revolution Wind, data were downloaded from developer websites or acquired directly from the developers through email.

Process contact - originator

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Online resource  
Online location (URL) <https://rwsc.org/>

Process step ►

When the process occurred 2024-01-22 00:00:00  
Description

2. Coordinates transformed to decimal degrees if not already provided in that format.

Process contact - originator

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Process step ►

When the process occurred 2024-03-25 00:00:00

Description

3. Attribute tables were modified to be consistent across all developers.

Process contact - originator

Individual's name Samantha Coccia-Schillo

Organization's name Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative

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Online resource

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Process step ►

When the process occurred 2024-03-25 00:00:00

Description

4. Datasets merged ('After' boulder relocation points only)

Process contact - originator

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Organization's name Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative

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Online resource

Online location (URL) <https://rwsc.org/>

Process step ►

When the process occurred 2024-03-25 00:00:00

Description

5. Datasets merged ('After' boulder relocation points only)

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Source data ►

Description

• Revolution (2023) was required to submit to BOEM a boulder relocation plan, including a shapefile, of locations and sizes (in meters) of boulders that would be moved. Within 60 days of completion of boulder relocation activities they have to submit to BOEM a report, including a shapefile, of final locations and other info including sizes. They also have to submit backscatter data and basic spatial habitat info (might be as simple as complex/not complex) in the micrositings plan. This means that spatial data, size, and some level of habitat context info should exist for both before and after for this project. It looks like they are required to report on boulders >0.5m.

• South Fork (2022) was required to submit a pre-movement plan, but not a post-movement report. No sizes of boulders are specified.

• Vineyard wind (2021) had no requirements to plan or report on boulders in federal waters. May be required to report in state waters.

Distribution ►

Distribution format

Name ⇔ Enterprise Geodatabase Feature Class

Fields ►

Details for object rpt.rpt.Relocated\_Boulders ►

Type ⇔ Feature Class

Row count ⇔ 3756

Definition

Relocated boulders

Definition source

None

Field OBJECTID ►

Alias ⇔ OBJECTID

Data type ⇔ OID

Width ⇔ 4

Precision ⇔ 10

Scale ⇔ 0

Field description ⇔

Internal feature number.

Description source ⇔

Esri

Description of values ⇔

Sequential unique whole numbers that are automatically generated.

Field Shape ►

Alias ⇔ Shape

Data type ⇔ Geometry

Width ⇔ 8

Precision ⇔ 0

Scale ⇔ 0

Field description ⇔

Feature geometry.

Description source ⇔

Esri

Description of values ⇔

Coordinates defining the features.

Field Boulder\_Name ►

Alias ⇔ Boulder Name

Data type ⇔ String

Width ⇔ 255

Precision ⇔ 0

Scale ⇔ 0

Field description

Unique name/number give or assigned to each boulder moved

Description source

None

Description of values

Unique name/number give or assigned to each boulder moved

Field DateMoved ►

Alias ⇔ datemoved

Data type ⇔ Date

Width ⇔ 8

Precision ⇔ 0

Scale ⇔ 0

Field description

Date boulder was moved

Description source

None

List of values

Value Date  
Description Date boulder was moved  
Enumerated domain value definition source None

Field Prev\_Latitude ►

Alias ⇔ Prev\_Latitude  
Data type ⇔ Double  
Width ⇔ 8  
Precision ⇔ 38  
Scale ⇔ 8

Field description  
Original or previous latitude of the boulder

Description source  
None

Description of values  
Coordinates

Field Prev\_Longitude ►

Alias ⇔ Prev\_Longitude  
Data type ⇔ Double  
Width ⇔ 8  
Precision ⇔ 38  
Scale ⇔ 8

Field description  
Original or previous longitude of the boulder

Description source  
None

Description of values  
Coordinates

Field Latitude ►

Alias ⇔ Latitude  
Data type ⇔ Double  
Width ⇔ 8  
Precision ⇔ 38  
Scale ⇔ 8

Field description  
Latitude of new boulder location post move

Description source  
None

Description of values  
Coordinates

Field Longitude ►

Alias ⇔ Longitude  
Data type ⇔ Double  
Width ⇔ 8  
Precision ⇔ 38  
Scale ⇔ 8

Field description  
Longitude of new boulder location post move

Description source  
None

Description of values  
Coordinates

Field Project\_Area ►

Alias ⇔ Project Area  
Data type ⇔ String  
Width ⇔ 255  
Precision ⇔ 0  
Scale ⇔ 0

Field description  
Type of project area – for example, cable route or turbine foundation

Description source  
None

Coded values  
Name of codelist Categories of project areas  
Source None

Field Developer ►

Alias ⇔ Developer  
Data type ⇔ String  
Width ⇔ 255  
Precision ⇔ 0  
Scale ⇔ 0

Field description  
Name of offshore wind development company for which the boulder was moved

Description source  
None

Description of values  
Name

Field Project\_Name ►

Data type String  
Width 0  
Precision 0  
Alias ⇔ Project\_Name  
Scale ⇔ 0

Field description  
Name of unique offshore wind development project

Description source  
None

Description of values  
Name

Field Boulder\_Size\_Category ►

Data type String  
Width 0  
Alias ⇔ Boulder\_Size\_Category  
Precision ⇔ 0  
Scale ⇔ 0

Field description  
Category of boulder size (in dimension) TBD

Description source  
None

Coded values  
Name of codelist boulder categories  
Source None

Field Boulder\_Size\_Specific ►

Alias Boulder Size (Specific)  
Data type String  
Width 0  
Precision ⇔ 0  
Scale ⇔ 0

Field description  
If available, the specific size of the boulder, either dimensional or weight

Description source  
None

Description of values  
Measurement

Field Habitat ►

Data type String  
Width 0  
Alias ⇔ Habitat  
Precision ⇔ 0  
Scale ⇔ 0

Field description  
CMECS habitat of where moved boulder now resides

Description source  
None

Coded values  
Name of codelist CMECS  
Source CMECS

Field Comments ▶  
Data type String  
Width 0  
Alias ↔ Comments  
Precision ↔ 0  
Scale ↔ 0

Field description  
any comments regarding project or individual boulder movement

Description source  
None

Description of values  
Comment field

Metadata Details ▶

Metadata language ↔ English (UNITED STATES)  
Metadata character set utf8 - 8 bit UCS Transfer Format

Scope of the data described by the metadata ↔ dataset  
Scope name ↔ dataset

Last update ↔ 2024-09-26

ArcGIS metadata properties  
Metadata format ArcGIS 1.0  
Standard or profile used to edit metadata FGDC  
  
Created in ArcGIS for the item 2024-04-10 11:46:00  
Last modified in ArcGIS for the item 2024-09-26 14:56:11

Automatic updates  
Have been performed Yes  
Last update 2024-09-26 14:56:11

Metadata Contacts ▶

Metadata contact - point of contact  
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Metadata Maintenance ▶

Maintenance  
Update frequency as needed