



Osterville Anglers' Club  
March 13, 2019

# Mission

The Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit environmental organization dedicated to the permanent preservation of Nantucket Sound, the historic body of water that lies between Cape Cod and the Islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. The Alliance was formed in 2002 in response to Cape Wind's proposal to build a 25-square-mile wind energy project in the Sound. The goal of the Alliance is to establish the Sound as a protected area to preserve its rich ecology and safeguard the Sound against future inappropriate development.



# Alliance opposition to Cape Wind

While the Alliance supports sensible renewable energy projects, it opposed Cape Wind based on significant adverse economic, environmental, and public safety impacts, including:

- Substantial visual, noise, and light pollution
- Increased electric costs for ratepayers across Massachusetts
- Danger to air and sea travel due to location and radar interference
- Destruction of a national treasure and tribal lands
- Violation of the public trust through use of public land for private gain
- Decline in tourism, jobs, and property values
- Harm to birds, fish, and marine mammals including endangered species
- Disruption of commercial fishing
- Threat of an oil spill



# Cape Wind Surrenders

**NOTICE TO THE BOEM OF PROJECT ABANDONMENT AND SURRENDER  
AND APPLICATION FOR RELINQUISHMENT OF COMMERCIAL LEASE FOR  
RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF**

Please be advised that Cape Wind Associates, LLC has abandoned development of the proposed Cape Wind offshore wind project in Nantucket Sound and ceased all operation and accordingly hereby surrenders the associated Commercial Lease for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf No. OCS-A-0478 and applies to relinquish said Lease pursuant to Section 285.435 of the BOEM's regulations.

- (1) **Name:** Cape wind Associates, LLC ("CWA")
- (2) **Contact name:** James Gordon, President
- (3) **Telephone number:** 617-904-3100
- (4) **Fax number:** 617-904-3109
- (5) **E-mail address:** jgordon@capewind.org
- (6) **MMS-assigned lease or grant number:** OCS-A-0478
- (7) **A description of the relinquished geographic area:** OPD Providence NK19-07 Block Numbers - Whole block 6530, Part of blocks 6479, 6480, 6481, 6529, 6531, 6532, 6579, 6580, 6581, 6582, within Nantucket Sound
- (8) **The name, title, and signature of your authorizing official:** James Gordon, President
- (9) **Statement of adherence:** CWA will adhere to the requirements of subpart I of part 285 of BOEM's regulations.

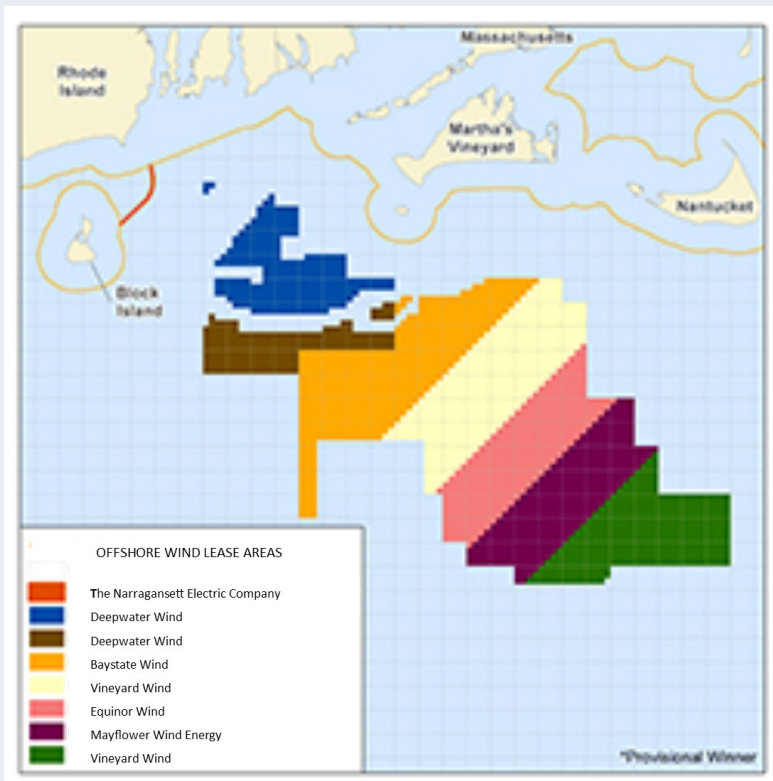
Cape Wind Associates, LLC

By: James B. Gordon, President

Date 11/29, 2017

# Massachusetts/Rhode Island Offshore Wind Energy Areas

Based on a public process with stakeholder input, the federal government identified offshore Wind Energy Areas (WEAs) along the east coast that aim to minimize conflicts and be suitable for development. Five developers now hold leases offshore of Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Deepwater Wind (acquired by Orsted), Vineyard Wind, Baystate Wind, Equinor Wind and Mayflower Wind. The most recent auction in late 2018 led to record high lease prices of \$135 million each. Deepwater Wind also operates a small offshore wind project consisting of five turbines in Rhode Island state waters off of Block Island.



In 2016, Massachusetts passed an energy bill which includes a mandate for Massachusetts utility companies to buy electricity generated by offshore wind located more than 10 miles from shore. In 2017, the state chose Vineyard Wind's proposal to build an 800 megawatt project. Vineyard Wind is currently undergoing state and federal review.

# Nantucket Sound National Historic Landmark (NHL) Act

## Background

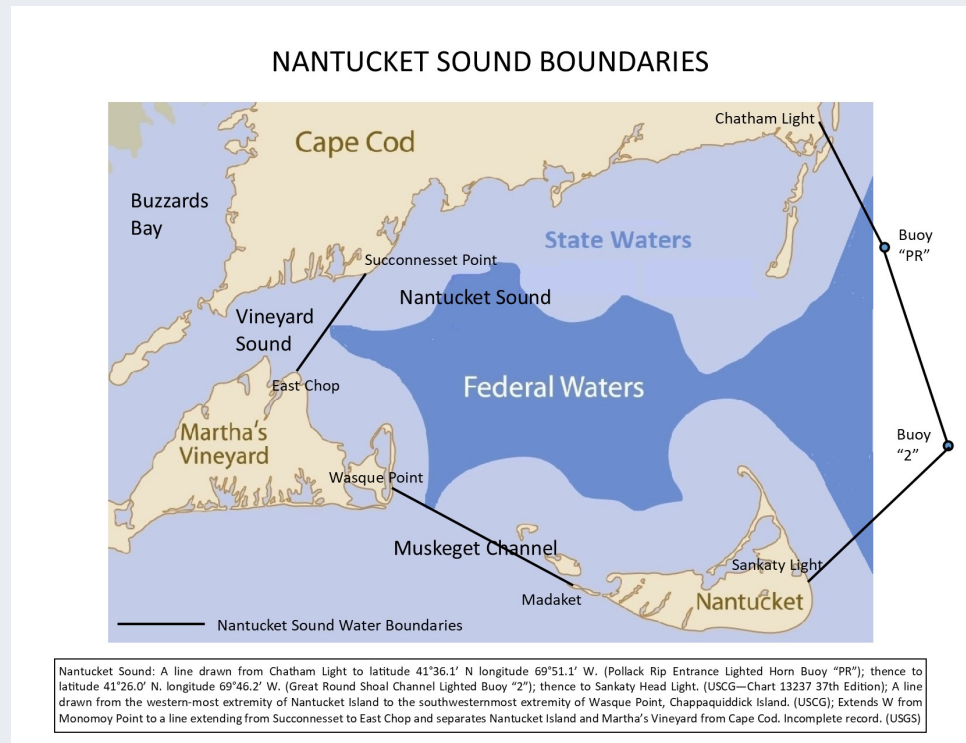
Nantucket Sound has long been under consideration for protected status and is already eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP). The state waters are protected under Massachusetts law but the federal waters remain unprotected and vulnerable to development.

## Federal legislation

- Designate the Sound as a NHL
- Prohibit energy development
- Protect fishing and traditional uses

## Other protected areas

Similar designations have already occurred in the Cape Cod area with the creation of the Cape Cod National Seashore in 1961 and Congressional designation of Stellwagen Bank as a National Marine Sanctuary in 1992.





# Governor and Cape delegation support



**CHARLES D. BAKER**  
GOVERNOR

July 19, 2018

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren  
United States Senate  
317 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Edward Markey  
United States Senate  
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bill Keating  
United States House of Representatives  
2351 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Warren, Senator Markey and Congressman Keating:

I am writing to express my administration's support for the filing of legislation to secure permanent protection for Nantucket Sound by designating it as a National Historic Landmark, recognizing and preserving the extensive and valuable history of the Sound while simultaneously protecting the environmental and cultural resources important to the regional economy.

In 2010, the National Park Service determined that Nantucket Sound was eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. In making this determination, the National Park Service recognized that Nantucket Sound's environmental and historic resources support commercial fishing, marine trades and transportation, tourism, recreation and aviation among other businesses and industries vital to the Cape and Islands. Filing and enacting legislation to provide permanent designation to the Sound ensures that the important history of this area is preserved while continuing to invest in its future. I respectfully request that you consider legislative action to protect this unique and deserving marine environment. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Baker  
Governor

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Senator Vinny deMacedo

Representative Timothy R. Whelan · Representative William L. Crocker, Jr. · Representative David T. Vieira  
Representative Sarah K. Peake · Representative Randy Hunt



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Senator Elizabeth Warren  
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Congressman Bill Keating  
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## RE: Nantucket Sound Protection

Dear Senator Markey, Senator Warren and Congressman Keating:

As representatives of Cape Cod, we support federal legislation to secure permanent protection for Nantucket Sound. The Sound is vital to our local economy attracting millions of visitors to Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket each year. In addition to tourism, the Sound supports commercial fishing, aviation, marine transportation and other marine trades.

Permanent protection would recognize Nantucket Sound's economic value and rich history, environmental quality, further promote tourism and benefit the regional economy. We fully support protection for the historic, environmental and economic resources of Nantucket Sound while allowing for recreational and commercial fishing activities, as well as, other environmentally and economically sustainable uses of the marine environment.

We urge you to enact legislation to designate Nantucket Sound as a National Historic Landmark. Nantucket Sound should be defined as the water body located below the mean low-water line that lies between the southern shore of Cape Cod, between Monomoy and Mashpee, and the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

The legislation should prohibit development of an offshore wind electric generating facility located in whole or in part within Nantucket Sound or any transmission facility connected thereto; however, it should not limit development of electric transmission facilities that exclusively serve or support upland areas or offshore wind electric generating facilities not

located within Nantucket Sound. This legislation should require no additional regulation or management of fishing activities.

Thank you for your interest and prompt attention to this important preservation effort.

Sincerely,

Vinny deMacedo  
State Senator  
Plymouth and Barnstable District

William L. Crocker, Jr.  
State Representative  
2<sup>nd</sup> Barnstable District

Sarah K. Peake  
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State Representative  
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# Stakeholder support

Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound  
American Bird Conservancy  
Barnstable Clean Water Coalition  
Barnstable Municipal Airport Commission  
Bay State Wind  
Cahoon Museum of American Art  
Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce  
Cape Cod Life Publications  
Cape Cod Marine Trades Association  
Cape Cod Maritime Museum  
Cape Cod Salties Sportfishing Club  
Cape Wildlife Center  
Cetacean Society International  
Crosby Yacht Yard  
Earth Island Institute/  
International Marine Mammal Project  
Gloucester Fishermen's Wives Association  
Greater Hyannis Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Hyannis Civic Association  
Harwich Chamber of Commerce  
Harwich Conservation Trust  
Hyannis Business Improvement District  
Hyannis Historical Society  
Hyannis Marina  
Hyannis Port Civic Association  
Hy-Line Cruises  
Mashpee Chamber of Commerce  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe  
Massachusetts Commercial Fishermen  
Massachusetts Competitive Partnership  
Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association

Massachusetts Fishermen's Partnership  
Martha's Vineyard Chamber of Commerce  
Nantucket Anglers' Club  
Nantucket Chamber of Commerce  
Nantucket Historical Association  
Nantucket Historic District Commission  
National Association of Tribal Historic  
Preservation Officers (NATHPO)  
Orenda Wildlife Land Trust  
Osterville Anglers' Club  
Osterville Historical Museum  
Pegasus Foundation  
Port of New Bedford  
Save Popponesset Bay  
South Shore Lobster Fishermen's  
Association  
The Cultural Landscape Foundation  
The Trustees  
Town of Barnstable  
Town of Dennis  
Town of Edgartown  
Town of Harwich  
Town of Mashpee  
Town of Nantucket  
Town of Oak Bluffs  
Town of Tisbury  
Town of Yarmouth  
United South and Eastern Tribes (USET)  
Vineyard Conservation Society  
Vineyard Wind  
Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head  
Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce





# Next steps

The Alliance strives to protect the Sound from industrial development while preserving traditional uses like fishing and recreation through federal legislation to prevent the issuance of leases in the federal waters of Nantucket Sound and designate Nantucket Sound as a National Historic Landmark

## Process

- Continue to build a coalition of key stakeholders including environmental groups, fishing organizations, chambers of commerce, tribal government, historic agencies and others
- Encourage our Congressional delegation to introduce the legislation
- Work with federal lobbyists to build needed bipartisan support
- Participate in Congressional hearings
- Launch media campaign after bill introduction
- Continue development to fund necessary staff, legal and lobbying expenses

# Your support

As a 501 (c)(3) organization, the Alliance depends solely on private donations. It is only through continued funding from existing donors, as well as donations from new supporters, that we will succeed in permanently protecting Nantucket Sound.

