

## **GEAR LOSS APPLICATION**

### **Gear Claim Procedure:**

Renewable energy developers recognize the possibility of offshore wind activity and commercial fishing gear encounters. However, with proper communication, gear interactions in connection with construction and operations of offshore wind farms can be limited. In the event there is gear loss or damages caused by developer activities, a claim can be submitted in accordance with the claim procedure below. This joint developer claim form only facilitates the filing of a claim and does not dictate the claim review procedures each developer may follow.

### **Filing a Claim:**

A fisherman who sustains gear loss/damages that she/he believes was caused by a developer's activities (surveys, cable laying, construction vessels) should document the time and location of the lost/damaged gear and, if possible, collect photographs or other visual evidence, but only if collecting such visual evidence does not entail risk of harm or injury to the fisherman. Please contact the appropriate Fisheries Liaison and notify her/him of the incident as soon as safe and practical via call/text/email.

### **To Submit a Claim, Applicant Must:**

Provide a complete, legible, executed application form, including accompanying photographic or visual evidence. If available, within 30 days of the incident. The form should be submitted to the Fisheries Liaison from the lease area where the loss/damage occurred (chart and contact information below). Fisheries Liaisons and Fishing Representatives are available to assist with the application form, incomplete applications will not be accepted.

### **Claim Review:**

- Claims will be reviewed by the developer to whom the claim form is submitted in accordance with the claim procedures established by the developer. A timeline of the event will be established and matched to the AIS tracks of the offshore wind vessels, and the ships' daily log of interaction/communication. Developers reserve the right to request additional information to support review of a claim.
- If the claim is approved or denied, a written explanation will be provided to the Applicant within 30 days of receipt of a completed claims application form.
- If the claim is approved, a check will be provided to the Applicant.
- Applicants who disagree with a claim decision, or part of a decision, may file written notice of appeal, in accordance with the developer's claims procedures, which may include a third-party review. The decision to appeal will be final and not subject to any further right of appeal under the developer's procedures.

**Contact our Fisheries Manager for the latest information:**

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Applicant Name	Date Submitted
Phone	Email
Business Name	Address
Vessel Name	Home Port
Vessel Documentation Number	Federal Fishing Permit
State Landing Permit	Gear Type
Date and Time of Incident	Weather Conditions (Optional)
Claim Amount	Location of Gear Loss (Lat/Long OR Loran)
Description of Loss or Damage Sustained	Description of Incident Causing Damage/Loss
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Offshore Wind Vessel(s) in the Area	Last Time Gear was Set and Hauled
Was any of the Gear Retrieved?	How Many Gillnets, Pots, Highflyers, Trawl, Doors, Ground Cables, Scissor Leggs, etc. are Lost/Damaged?
Attachments to Include <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invoice for Replacement Gear or Gear Repair (if applicable)</li><li>• Photo of chart plotter/tracks (if applicable)</li></ul>	
<b>FILL OUT THIS SECTION IF CLAIMING LOST FISHING TIME</b>	
Description of Normal Fishing Activity/Fishing Gear Configuration	
Date of Replacement	Date of Loss
Attachments to Include <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proof of Fishing Landing History through VTR, Sales Slip, or Similar Type of Documentation</li></ul>	



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By submitting this Application to **SouthCoast Wind**, Applicant authorizes **SouthCoast Wind** to make whatever inquiries and investigations it deems necessary to verify the Application and request for compensation. Applicant understands that submitting this Application does not guarantee payment. Applicant further agrees that if the claim is accepted and paid, acceptance of such payment constitutes full, final and complete payment for this particular claim and that neither **SouthCoast Wind**, nor any of its affiliates, successors, officers, employees, representatives, partners, agents, or joint venture partner shall have any further outstanding or ongoing obligation with respect to this particular claim and Applicant shall not, directly or indirectly, assert any claim, or commence, join in, prosecute, participate in, or fund any part of, any suit or other proceeding of any kind against **SouthCoast Wind**, or any of its affiliates, successors, officers, employees, representatives, partners, agents, or joint venture partners. If a claim is denied in part, Applicant may accept payment for the undisputed part without waiving Applicant's right to appeal the disputed part of the claim. Applicant recognizes that submission of this Application does not affect Applicant's rights concerning matters other than those specifically identified in this Application.

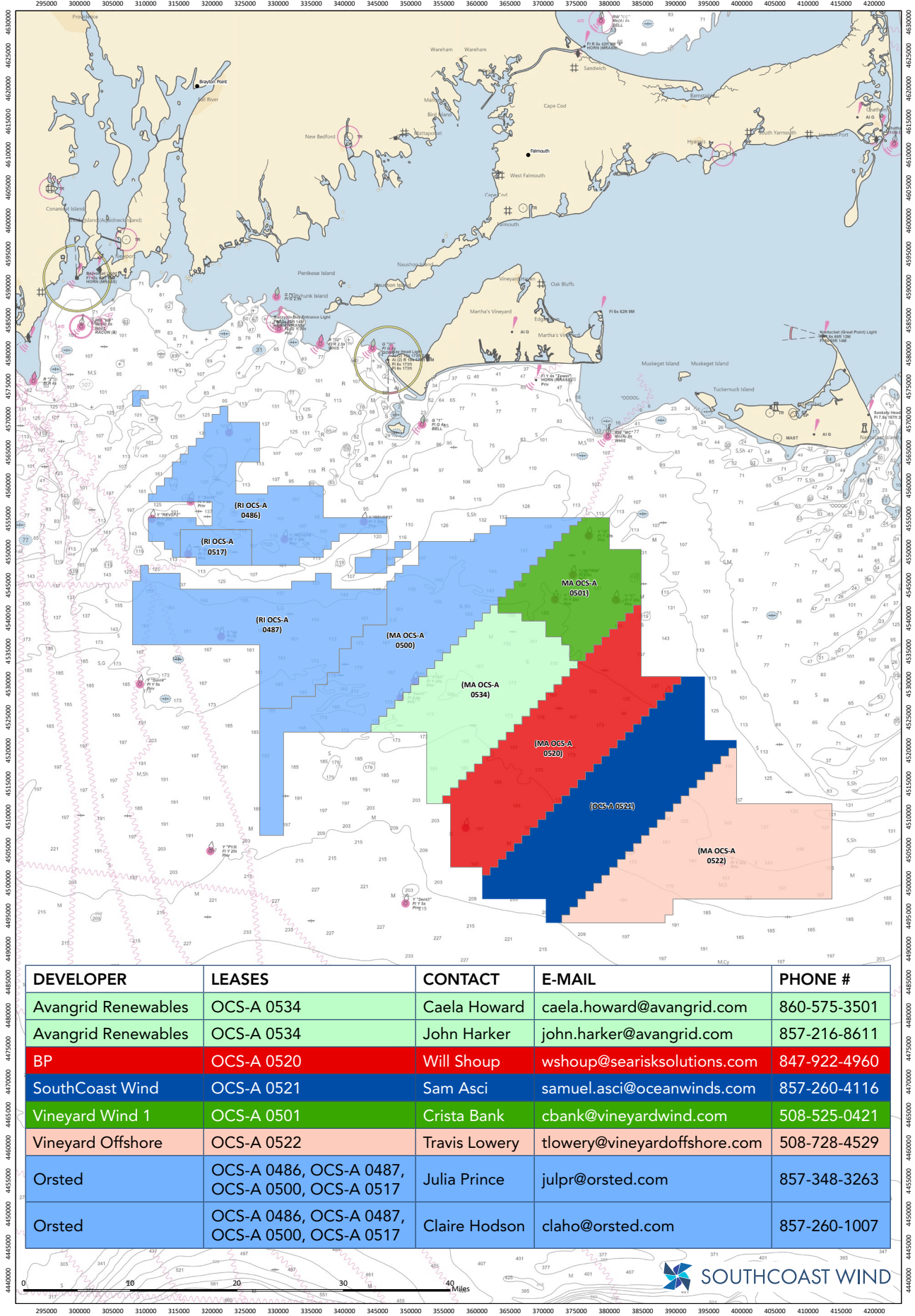
I attest, under perjury, that to the best of my knowledge the information in this Applicant is true and correct.

Applicant Signature	Date
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## GEAR LOSS APPLICATION CHART



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