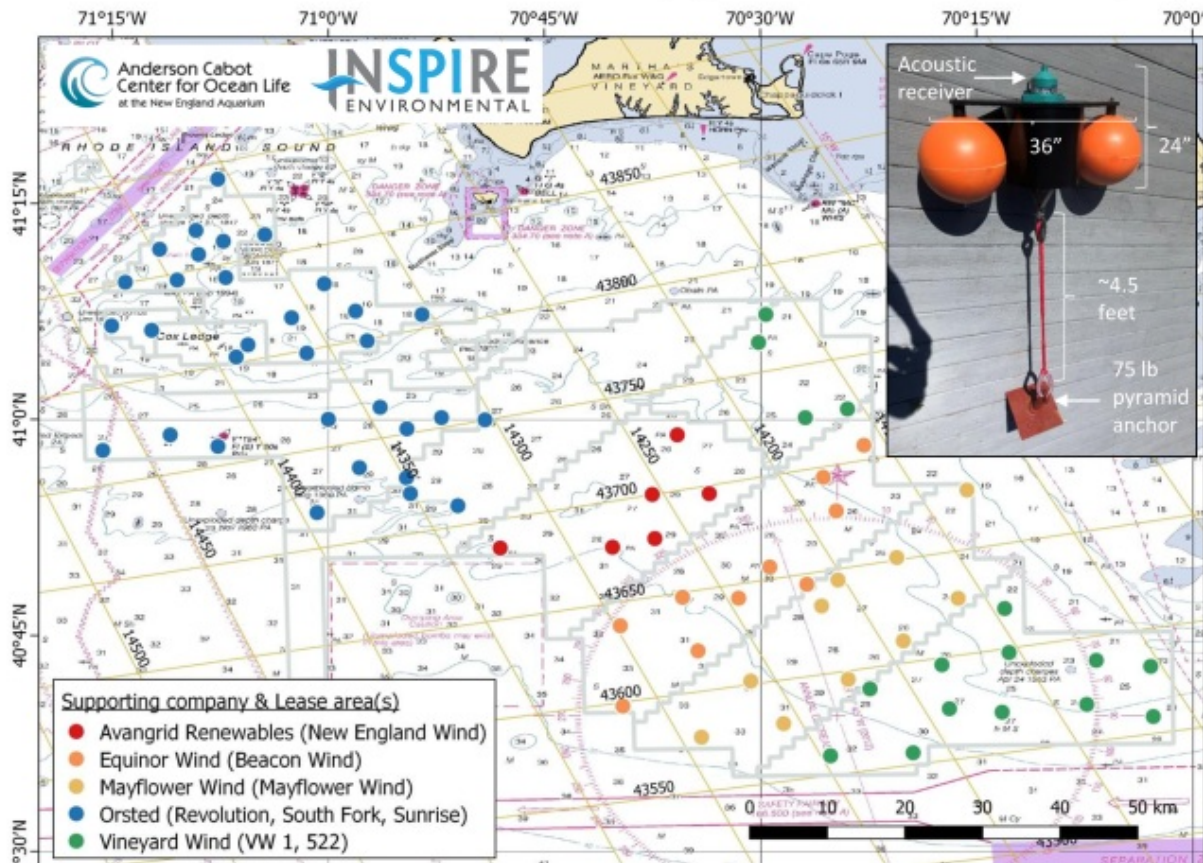


## Acoustic Monitoring of Highly Migratory Fish Species in RI/MA Wind Energy Areas

The New England Aquarium and INSPIRE Environmental are conducting research on the movements of highly migratory fish species (sharks, tunas, and marlins) in the southern New England wind energy area. Part of this research requires acoustic receivers to be placed on the sea floor in the locations shown as colored circles in the below map. To reduce the risk of entangling protected species, receivers have no surface buoys and are connected to a mooring system weighing approximately 75 pounds that extends 2 to 3 meters (6 to 9 feet) off the sea floor, as shown in the below photo. To reduce risk of interaction with mobile fishing gear, receivers have been placed near obstructions to the extent possible. All receivers will be deployed in these locations until December 15, 2022.



For more information on the research, please contact the New England Aquarium or INSPIRE Environmental. For information on activities in a particular offshore wind lease area, please contact the developer staff listed below.

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