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Offshore wind development remains an extremely contentious and concerning issue for Maine's fishermen and fishing communities. While the Maine Lobstermen's Association (MLA) supports Maine's efforts to transition to a clean energy economy, we do not share the vision that offshore wind will play a prominent role in the state's renewable energy portfolio.

As interest in offshore wind development in the waters off of Maine grows, it is imperative that the state conduct an objective and thorough planning process that includes important baseline work to inform how Maine will achieve its renewable energy portfolio, what role offshore wind could play in that mix, and to answer fundamental questions about what offshore wind development will mean for Maine's fishermen, environment, and the people of Maine. Maine fishermen remain extremely troubled over the industrial scale of these developments and the scope of impacts they will have on marine ecosystems, fisheries, and the tens of thousands of jobs that depend on commercial fishing.

I accept the invitation to serve on the Offshore Wind Roadmap Advisory Committee and Fisheries Working Group on behalf of MLA to ensure that this planning process addresses the many unanswered questions and concerns raised by Maine's commercial fishermen. The MLA is not a partner in the effort to bring offshore wind development to Maine, but instead, will participate to ensure that the interests of Maine's commercial fishermen are voiced, heard and understood.

Thank you for including MLA in this planning process.