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Press Release

Protect Our Coast NJ

News Advisory

POCNJ joins forces filing a lawsuit against NJ DEP and Ocean Wind 1

On June 8, 2023, POCNJ joined forces with Save LBI and Defend Brigantine Beach in filing a lawsuit against the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and Danish firm Orsted's U.S. subsidiary, Ocean Wind LLC. The tenets of this lawsuit challenge the first proposed wind project off the New Jersey coast that includes a build out of 98 wind turbines generators (WTGs) each 906 feet in height, up to 3 Offshore Substations (OSS), inter-array cables linking WTGs to the OSSs and onshore export cables connecting to two onshore substations. This project is consistent with the development of a commercial-scale, offshore wind energy facility.

POCNJ challenges the findings of the State's DEP Consistency Certification released on April 27, 2023, that claims the Ocean Wind 1 offshore wind turbine project is compliant with the New Jersey Coastal Zone Management Act while at the same time citing major adverse impacts.

Currently, POCNJ has raised funds to support the instant lawsuit and is now exploring legal avenues for federal litigation which can be filed subsequent to the Record of Decision (ROD) for Ocean Wind 1.

POCNJ hosts fundraiser in Ocean City

POCNJ hosted a fundraiser in Ocean City on June 10, 2023, to raise awareness of the negative impacts of offshore wind development and solicit donations towards the organization's legal defense fund. Through comprehensive research members provided the public with fact-based data derived from primary sources such as BOEM and the Federal Register. The event exceeded expectations, which can be attributed to an outpouring of support from local businesses, politicians, and

individual donors. We sincerely thank all attendees and the POCNJ volunteers who traveled from near and far to make this fundraiser a success. POCNJ's legal initiatives are funded solely by donation and your continued support is necessary to achieve our goal of filing future lawsuit(s) in federal court.

Farewell to Suzanne Hornick

Protect Our Coast NJ (POCNJ) announces the resignation of Suzanne Hornick effective June 21, 2023. Although Suzanne had multiple roles in the organization, her most notable contribution to POCNJ was as administrator to POCNJ's Facebook page. Through this social media platform, Suzanne united thousands of followers opposed to offshore wind development and raised awareness of whale and dolphin strandings in real time. Membership of POCNJ grew exponentially as concerned followers spread the word. In addition, Suzanne fostered relationships with other organizations that joined forces to combat the offshore wind developers. We thank Suzanne for her tireless efforts to prevent the industrialization of our ocean and sounding the alarm for our marine mammals.