

## Wind farm debacle

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To the Delaware Wind Committee,

I am Robert Malinowski III, a third generation waterman from Delaware. My family has a combined 150 YEARS of commercial crabbing, conching, eeling, oystering and fin fishing in this state. My father, uncle and I still continue to fish Delaware River, Bay and Coastal waters to this day. What is happening off of our coast and up the bay is an absolute travesty to all of the waterman and conservation efforts made over the last century! You ARE DESTROYING THE ECOSYSYTEM! I have witnessed firsthand the damages done from surveying for windmill and cable placement. I have seen firsthand the devastation to porpoises, whales, crabs, conch and other bottom feeders after the survey vessels came through. Traps full of dead conch that weren't dead when they crawled in. Whales and porpoises driven mad from the high powered military like sonar to the point that they beach themselves or get in the way of a ship/boat they would normally easily avoid. Entire rows of pots drug into piles and lost forever. We have also seen what happens when windmills face harsh weather. More trash and fiberglass added to the ecosystem and our beaches. The damages are insurmountable and lasting. The damages are not nearly worth it. The damages are not yet over, this has just begun. If we continue to destroy our oceans much more we will all perish. Our oceans provide 50% of the oxygen in our atmosphere. 50%!!! We cannot afford to lose this over a "green scam"!

This is a true scam, wind energy will never pay for itself. Each wind turbine is rated for a lifespan of 20 years and yet in reality they hardly last a few years in the harsh ocean environment. The fiberglass construction makes them not recyclable, thus they must bury the spent blades etc. further littering our Earth! Wind energy, especially in our ocean is the furthest thing from "green"! Each windmill will need 80 gallons of oil, gallons of grease and a countless amount of fuel for construction and maintenance. Currently the University of Delaware windmill is leaking oil and it's on land! Imagine the amount that will be leaked into the water when they complete the plans for a few thousand off our coast. Last, the majority of the companies contracted to complete these projects ARE FOREIGN ENTITIES, so much for creating domestic jobs!

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