

I am writing to convey the fact that I am not in support of the DNREC approval of the proposal by US Wind to erect 121 Wind Turbines and 4 Off-shore Substations with underwater cables running to the power station through the Indian River Inlet, specifically the 3 R's Beach, in Bethany. I know at this moment the issue is the 4 Transmission Cables running under the ocean/bay onto the #R's Beach.

First, I'd like to ask the question, **why does Maryland not want this in Maryland**, since it will be supporting their energy situation.

Second, **how can we go forward with this project when we see so many places where it was cancelled**, and the companies are going out of business.

Third, what about the **livelihood of the people of Delaware**? What happens to our seafood/fisherman if/when a disturbance occurs. The **job creation that US WIND refers to is temporary**, during the construction time. This **will not benefit Delawareans in the long run**. These will be **"unmanned" stations, so no employment there**. Also, **what happens in the event of a problem or failure**, how long will it take for response to an unmanned plant/windmill? What happens in an **equipment failure such as in the state of MA**? Who will respond, who will be responsible. What about those who are **dependent on making a living through Touristry**? What happens when this **makes the area less attractive for tourist? Or ruins our waterways and wetlands**. Mistakes happen, and there is still not enough research to prove that it is not harmful to our ecosystem even without a mistake or failure.

Now let's **talk about the eco-system**. We have had a resurgence after the years of Co-vid. We currently see all types of wild life in our ocean—the very valuable horseshoe crab, dolphins, whales, and so much more. This application plans to **"temporarily place a pipeline" disrupting tidal wetlands**. Temporarily, means that it will be removed—again "disrupting tidal wetlands. It is stated that there will be **4 cables so they are obviously directional and will affect four different pathways in our ocean**. These **cables will run through the "silt" of the water**. Cables **will float and there for cause continual disruption**. What about our wildlife?

It states that there will be Water Quality Certification. This is fine, but it will be **too late if the Certification comes back that our water quality is not healthy or acceptable**. This company has no "skin" in the game. Just like the other

companies, they will file bankruptcy and leave. We will be holding the bag and the few million dollars that was paid to the area towns, so that they will not fight it, will be a drop in the bucket to the devastation that could be inflicted on our area.

The 3Rs' Beach is a **delicate system which we have seen with the various Nor'easter's' we have seen hit our area**. Protecting our Natural Resources should be a purpose of the DNREC and our governments, not gambling with programs that could cause devastation in the future.

It seems so sad that our area is being put in jeopardy, when the benefits are so paltry in comparison to the damage that it can incur.