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Comments on Docket #2024-P-MULTI-0007 -- US Wind Project

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Dear Ms. Vest I grew up in Milton, DE and still vacation the area yearly. Some of my fondest memories with my father are on the Delaware bay and in the ocean on my father's boat. Today I have my own boat where I go into the sea to find my peace, fishing and enjoying what God has provided us. Nothing centers me more than when I round the point of Cape Henlopen and watch the sunrise over an unobstructed view of the horizon. I am writing to express my opposition to the US Wind Project proposal. I understand the temporary economic value it will be to the state and the energy benefits it will bring to the residents for the near future. But as a professional who has worked in the Oil Gas and Energy sector for 10 years, I can say from experience what US Wind is proposing is not all sunshine and rainbows. First these companies are not in the business of making renewable energy, or affordable energy for Delaware they are in the business of making money. Often what comes with that is bending regulations to the brink of no return to get what they want accomplished. Which often leads to detrimental outcomes such as releases of toxic/hazardous chemicals/fumes/vapors into the environment affecting the people. Then the companies throw more money at the situation to make it go away and stay out of the headlines while getting away with not resolving or fixing the situation. These turbines will need to be regularly maintained, requiring an oil change just like our cars. Using an estimated 500 gallons of oil at least once a year. For the 121 INITIALLY proposed turbines this will be an estimated 60,500 gallons of oil used every year to maintain the equipment off the coast. As an angler I know how unstable the ocean can be and again my experience in the industry has shown me its difficult not to have a spill on dry land let a lone a vicious ocean. Not to mention the obvious but the use of fossil fuels to lubricate the rotating equipment makes these turbines not a true renewable resource. This is to say the companies will maintain their equipment which the industry has shown me often they will not because that takes money from their bottom line. I could go into more detail about more examples, but I rather not continue as I am sure you've read a fair amount of these letters. I ask the state of Delaware at a minimum create regulations and policy towards this proposed wind farm as stringent as possible to hold the companies accountable for their property. In summary in a country littered with industry where our great landscapes are covered by concrete and metal the ocean is one of our last remaining gifts, please do not allow them to ruin it. Sincerely, Lorne Seifert III (717) 226 6981 lseifert22289@gmail.com