

## Public Hearing Comments

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

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### Comments:

I am opposed to this project for many reasons. The job of DNREC is to protect the Public lands and environment. This project poses health risks to Humans, Marine life, and wildlife both in the construction phase, ongoing maintenance, the dangerous magnetic fields from the buried cables will all continue until decommissioning. I have been living along the Delaware coast full time since the 1970s, and vacationing here since I was very young. While we have thru the years enjoyed the beaches, boating, surf fishing as well as river and bay fishing, watersports, clamming, bird watching, kayaking, crabbing, hiking, picnics and many family memories, I would never subject my family to the hazzard of high voltage electric lines being present under the beach, wetlands, bays or waterways. Electromagnetic fields are dangerous and should never be placed in areas of constant changing environments such as the ocean coastline. I have not seen in any report anywhere that the heating of the bay and river bottom by the electric cables is healthy for the marine life. I have seen no studies proving this is a good idea and beneficial to marine life. As a reminder the horseshoe depends on our area and the Horseshoe Crab Sanctuary for survival. While the Horseshoe Sanctuary specifically does not run directly above the cable (the horse Crab doesn't know where their "Sanctuary" lines are, Why would DNREC even consider risking this? While the beach is everchanging and Beach Replenishment, jetties, bulkheads, seawalls, dunes, etc are effective to a small degree, it may only take one storm to expose the cables. It's just not worth the risk. The industrialization of Delaware Parks, Ocean and Bay Beaches, Wetlands, Bays, waterways are too precious to risk and will The negative impacts this scenerio of buried cables and it's dangers would have on the Coastal Economy, fisheries, Enjoyment of our State Parks and negative impacts on the precious marine and wildlife are simply not worth the risk. As many have outlined the legal reasons this project must be denied, I hope you will consider the many reasons included in my comment. I am speaking from the heart as one who loves this area and who has all my life been active to do the right thing for our environment, animal and marine rescue. The job of DNREC is to protect the environment and DNREC must stop this project. Thank you, Pam Pridgeon