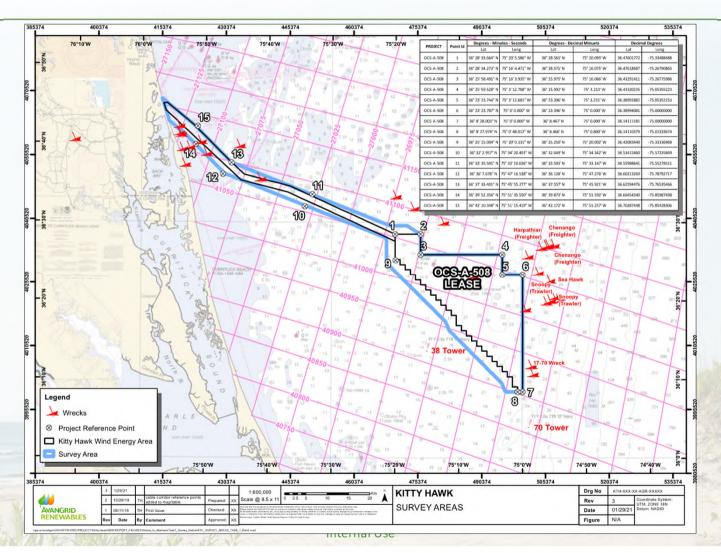




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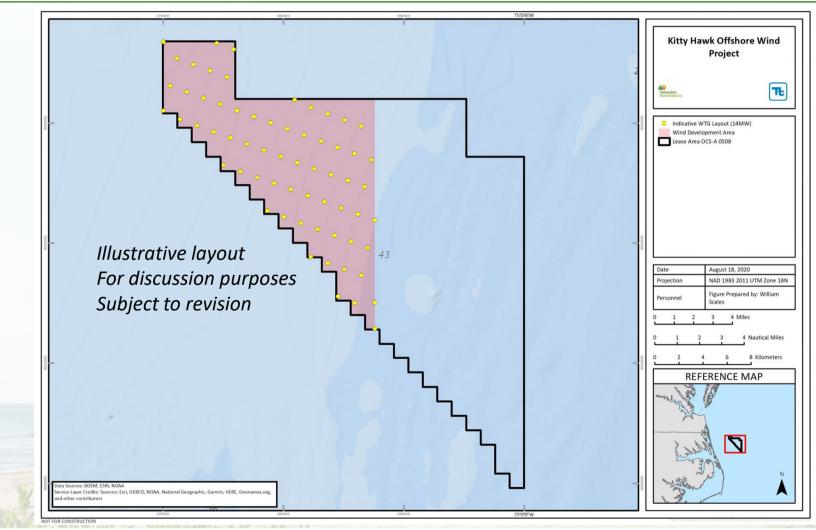






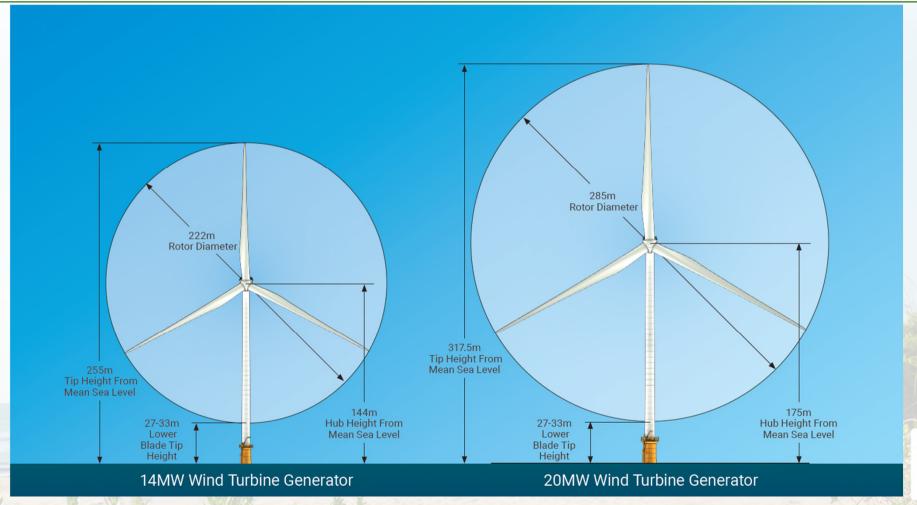


### **DRAFT** Layouts-14 MW WTGs (60 Turbines)













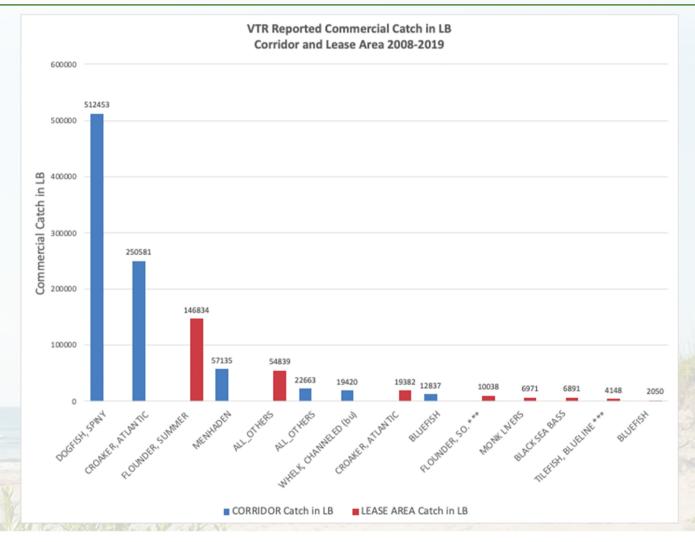
### Project Design Envelope PRELIMINARY

Wind Development Area (Lease OCS-A 0508)	Key Project Components
Water depths (Lease Area)	Up to 38.5 m (126 ft)
Lease Area Size	49,536 ha (122,406 ac)
Wind Development Area	19,814 ha (48,962 ac)
Approximate Capacity (delivery into grid)	800 MW
WTG Capacity	Up to 20 MW
Number of turbines	Up to 60 (with 2 alternates); spacing and layout under development, based on met data, engineering, and stakeholder input on site-specific conditions
Minimum Clearance Distance (MSL to Lower Blade Tip)	27 to 33 m (89 to 108 ft)
Foundation type	Monopiles; 3- or 4-Legged Jacket Pile; 3- or 4-Legged Jacket on Suction Caisson
Number of Electrical Service Platforms	1
Length of offshore export cable	Up to 111 km (60 nm) – two collocated cables within corridor
Inter-array cable voltage	66 kV
Export cable voltage	275 kV
Length of onshore export cable	9.2 km (5.7 mi)
Onshore substation	Corporate Landing in Virginia Beach, Virginia





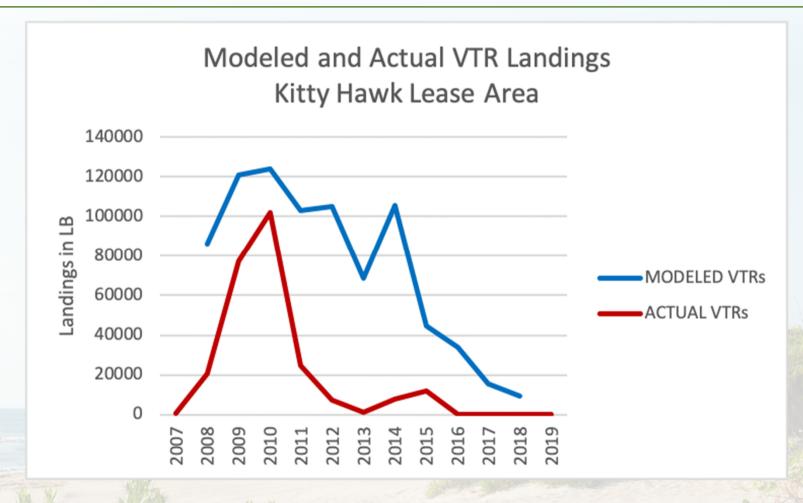








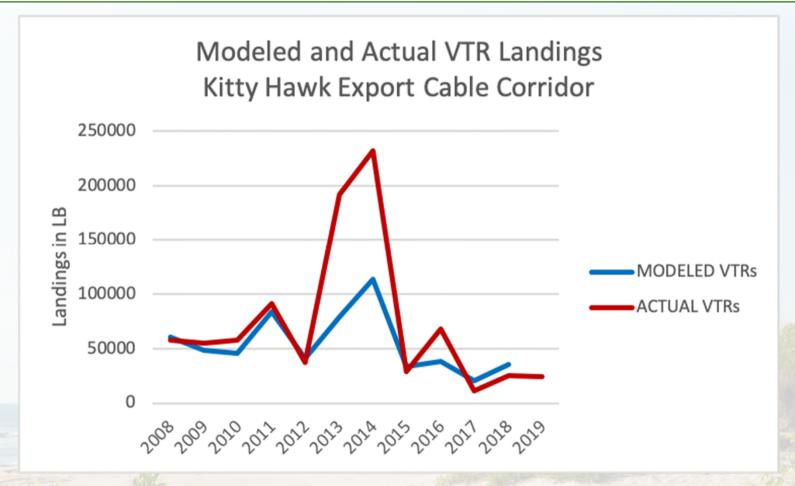
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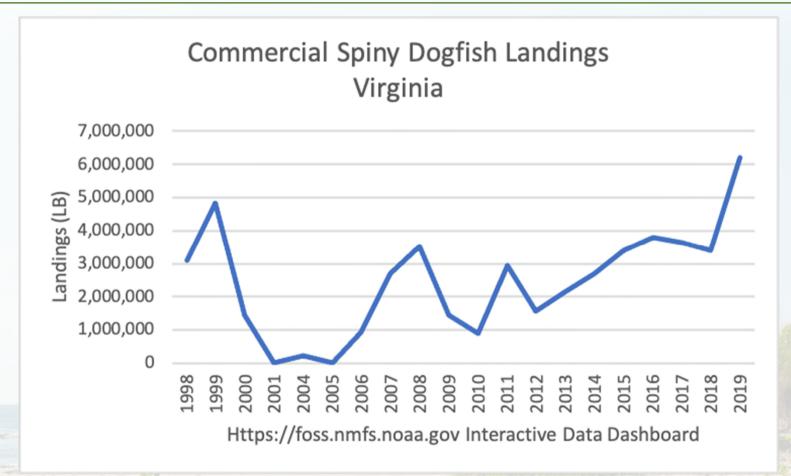
# **Fishing Activity in the Export Cable Corridor**







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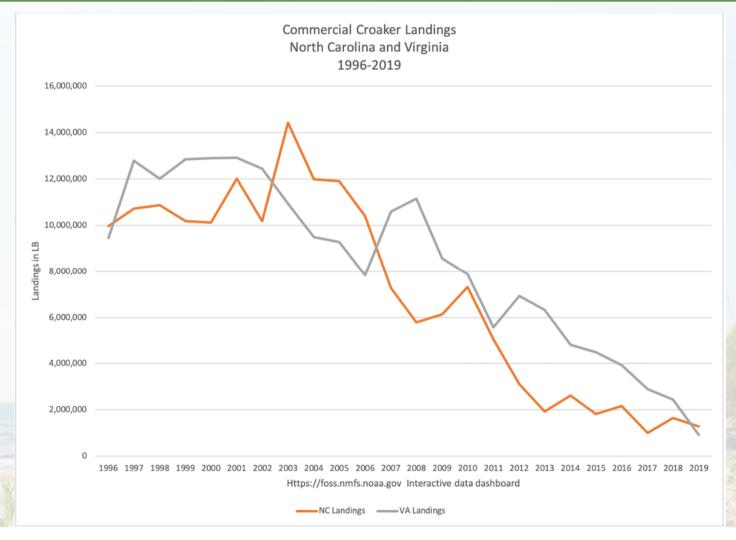






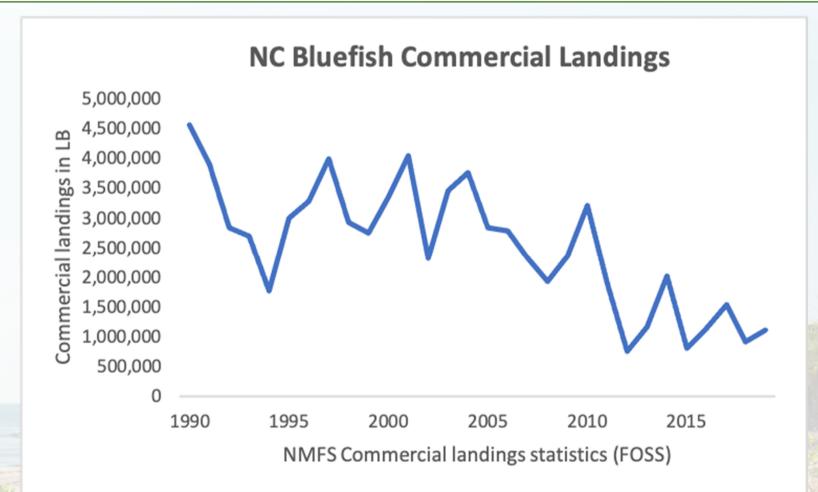
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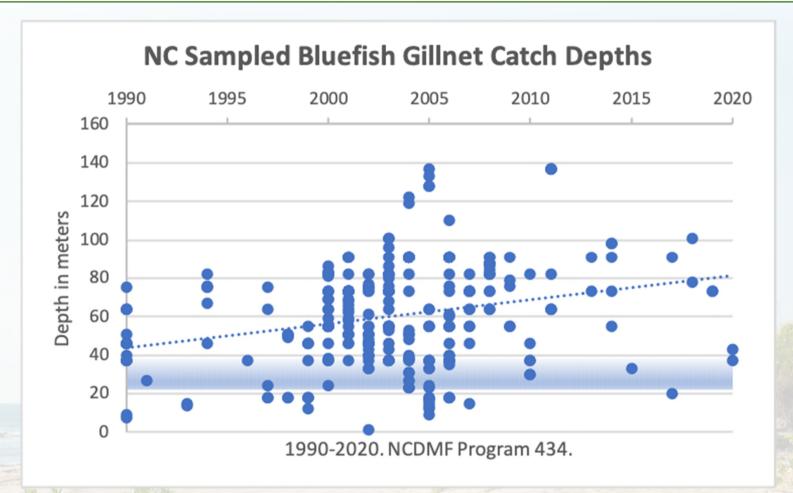
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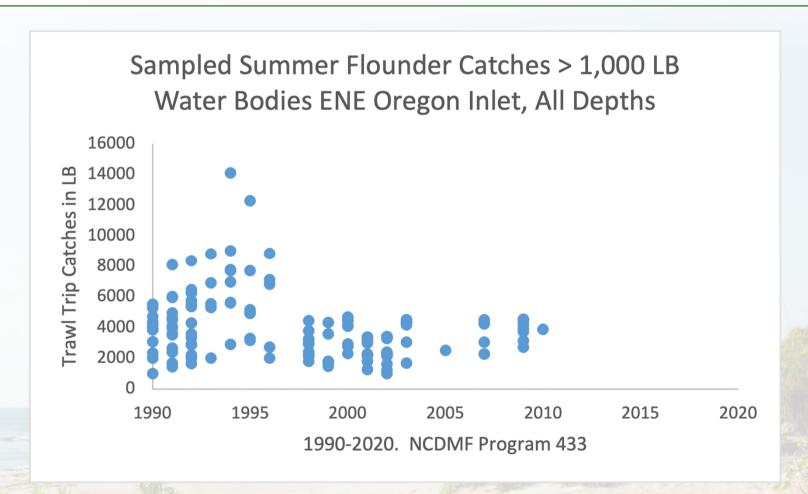
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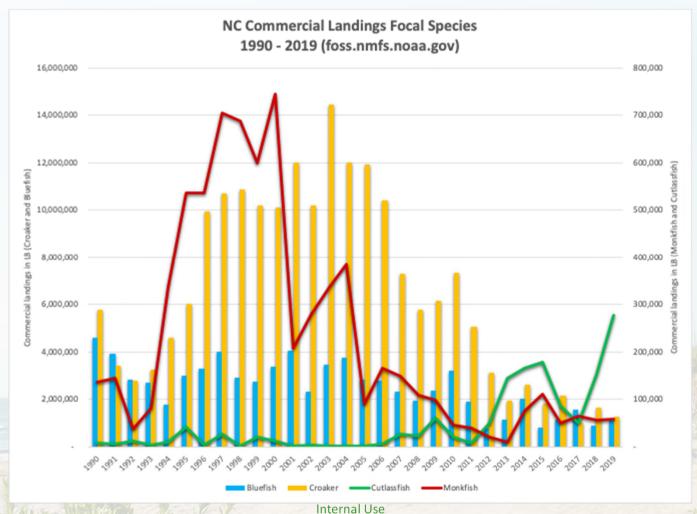
# NC Sampled Trawl Catches of Summer Flounder >1,000 LB, 1990-2020







### **Trends in NC Commercial Landing of 4 Focal Species**







#### Observer Catch Data-Lease Area

#### Northeast Fisheries Observer Program (NEFOP):

- 1994-2020
- 28 trawl trips, 93 tows, most recent 2012
- 3 drop net trips, 10 sets
- The top species kept on observed trips from the Lease Area (by weight) were summer flounder, bluefish, and monkfish

Species	Weight Landed (lbs)	Weight Landed (kg)
Summer Flounder	46,150	20,933
Bluefish	3,620	1,642
Monkfish	1,717	779
Atlantic croaker	500	227
Black Seabass	177	80
Whelk (Conch)	101	46
Weakfish	59	27
Squid (longfin)	58	26
Knobbed Whelk	20	9





#### Observer Catch Data-Cable Corridor

#### Northeast Fisheries Observer Program (NEFOP):

- 1994-2019
- 133 gillnet trips, 212 sets
- 8 trawl trips, 14 tows, most recent 2010
- The top species kept on observed trips from the Offshore Export Cable Corridor (by weight) were spiny dogfish, Atlantic croaker, and striped bass

Species	Weight Landed (lbs)	Weight Landed (kg)
Spiny Dogfish	74,245	33,677
Atlantic Croaker	19,426	8,811
Striped Bass	8,730	3,960
Summer Flounder	3,990	1,810
Smooth Dogfish	2,929	1,329
Bluefish	1,251	567
Atlantic mackerel	264	120
Menhaden	264	120
Spanish Mackerel	212	96





#### **NEAMAP Survey Data**

- Northeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program (NEAMAP)
- Inshore Survey: Offshore Export Cable Corridor
- 2007 2019

Species	Scientific Name	Count	Pounds (lbs)	Biomass (kg)
Atlantic croaker	Micropogonias undulatus	476,233	75,138	34,082
Spot	Leiostomus xanthurus Lacepede	434,872	49,031	22,240
Clearnose skate	Raja eglanteria	13,232	42,368	19,218
Weakfish	Cynoscion regalis	337,052	40,724	18,472
Kingfish/ Sea mullet	Menticirrhus americanus	83,920	21,314	9,668
Striped anchovy	Anchoa hepsetus	531,440	14,932	6,773
Butterfish	Peprilus triacanthus	119,799	9,601	4,355
Scup	Stenotomus chrysops	111,216	7,604	3,449
Silver perch	Bairdiella chrysoura	56,453	4,039	1,832
Longfin inshore squid	Doryteuthis pealeii	32,462	3,082	1,389
White shrimp	Litopenaeus setiferus	53,743	2,994	1,358
Atlantic menhaden	Brevoortia tyrannus	36,797	2,950	1,338
Spotted hake	Urophycis regia	26,661	1,636	742
Atlantic cutlassfish	Trichiurus lepturus	15,191	472	214
Bay anchovy	Anchoa mitchilli	66,596	379	172





## NEFSC Bottom Trawl Survey Data

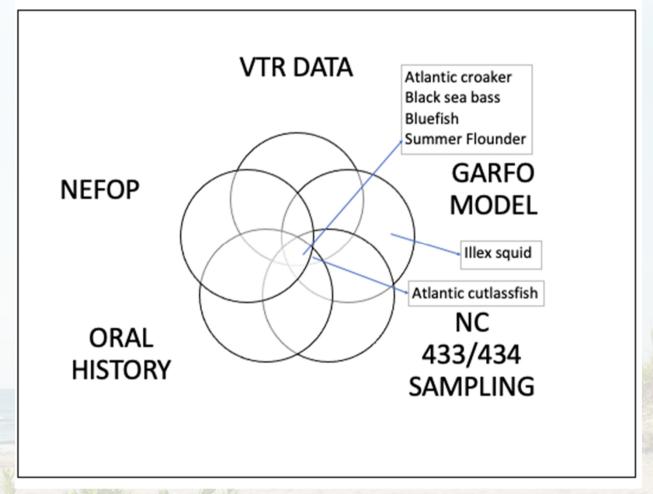
- Fall Bottom Trawl Survey data since 1963, 37 tows
- Spring Bottom Trawl Survey data since 1968, 27 tows

Top 10 Species - FALL SURVEY Top 10 Species- SPRING SU				ING SURVEY
Species	Weight (kg)		Species	Weight (kg)
Atlantic Croaker	960		Spiny Dogfish	3,313
Spiny Butterfly Ray	457		Clearnose Skate	174
Spot	430		Butterfish	173
Butterfish	372		Winter Skate	107
Roughtail Stingray	366		Longfin Squid	82
Scup	306		Horseshoe Crab	70
Striped Anchovy	242		Atlantic Mackerel	60
Longfin Squid	242		Atlantic Sturgeon	54
Bluntnose Stingray	152		Summer Flounder	49
Spotted Hake	143		Goosefish	44





#### Comparison Across Fisheries Data Sources- Lease Area







## Commercial Fisheries Oral Histories

- Trawl
- Drop (gill) Net
- Anchored Gill-net
- Conch Pot
- Conch Dredge
- Shrimp Trawl
- Drop Pot
- Hook and Line







## Fisheries Feedback, Questions, and Concerns

- Access—Yes, FAQ's
- Trawl Tow Directionality
- Cable Burial and EMF—CBRA







#### **Fisheries Questions and Input**

- Next Steps:
  - Socializing fisheries data, project details, illustrative layout with commercial and recreational fishermen
  - Continuing to collect specific inputs on fishing history or fishery details
- Available for fisheries briefings (virtual or in-person, individual) and any fisheries questions:

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- Fisheries FAQs
- Fisheries Notices
- Real-time weather and sea state information

