



# OFFSHORE WIND LAWSUIT

The **Responsible Offshore Development Alliance (RODA)**, a fishing industry coalition, is challenging the federal government's decision to approve the **Vineyard Wind offshore wind project**.

The fishing industry has serious concerns with offshore wind development. Their main request is to be able to continue safe operations, but their heritage, well-being, and community structures have been systematically marginalized in the permitting process.

## Why Do We Need This Lawsuit?

- U.S. fisheries are held to a high standard of sustainability thanks to actions taken by scientists, managers, and the dedication of the fishing industry. However, they're under increasing pressure from unfair competition with foreign energy companies that avoid environmental oversight.
- Offshore wind has significant impacts to marine ecosystems, biodiversity, and food security that must be weighed against the need for climate strategies. The fishing industry needs alternatives that work for them in order to survive
- The Vineyard Wind project is only the first of dozens of wind projects slated for U.S. waters in the next decade, and many more after that.
- This lawsuit challenges the federal regulations at the heart of all of these projects. The complaint alleges the violation of the following statutes and regulations:
  - Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
  - Administrative Procedure Act
  - National Environmental Policy Act
  - Merchant Marine Act of 1920
  - Clean Water Act
  - Endangered Species Act
  - Marine Mammal Protection Act
- This first decision must not set a precedent - we must ensure that ocean activities are appropriately regulated, environmentally safe, and protective of fishing communities.

## WHAT WE NEED

- RODA needs to raise **\$450,000** to take this case through District Court, and appeals will cost more.
- We are keeping costs down, while assembling a dream legal team.

## HOW TO HELP

- If you depend on the commercial fishing industry, **JOIN RODA!**  
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