



Notes

As our offshore work on Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) continues, we remain committed to maintaining communications with fishing communities and other mariners in the area to ensure peaceful coexistence, as well as dock visits, informational speaking engagements and additional information provided on the CVOW website.

All mariners are encouraged to contact Dominion Energy's Fisheries Liaisons below with any specific questions about CVOW project activities in relation to fisheries.

Recent announcements include:

- UXO identification surveys are complete, and the Project is shifting to UXO relocation activities.



Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Relocation Activities

Project vessels HOS Innovator, HOS Warlord and HOS Myrtique will be surveying UXO relocation activities in and around the export cable corridor offshore, followed by relocation in the NE sector of the lease area and then closer to shore east of the ORESCA line. Vessels engaged in UXO operations will fly the international maritime signaling flag hoist.

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) published Notice to Mariners (NOM) 0024-04081 to the Federal Register to establish a temporary safety zone for navigable waters within a 1,000 yard radius of a HOS Innovator, HOS Warlord and/or the HOS Myrtique. Operations are planned to relocate UXO in the Atlantic Ocean within 12 miles of the shore of the State of Virginia, in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The safety zone is needed to protect personnel, vessels, other mariners and the marine environment from potential hazards created by these operations. Entry of vessels or persons into this zone is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port, Sector Virginia or a designated representative.

This rule is effective and subject to enforcement from January 26, 2024, through July 1, 2025. The USCG will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners no later than 48 hours before the zone is being enforced. For vessels requesting to enter the Safety Zone, coordinate with Project vessels on call 24/7 to plan to entry to work USCG.

CVOW and Fisheries Resource Surveys

In partnership with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) and the Virginia Marine Resource Commission (VMRC), Dominion Energy is conducting resource assessment studies for Black Sea Bass, Cownose Whisk and Atlantic Silversides in the project area, specifically in the areas shown on the further below. The use of novel acoustic science resource technology levels or eliminates the need for vertical lines and marker buoys in the water.

Black Sea Bass: The study consists of 8 sweeps of vertical trawls with 8 traps per sweep. Sweeping once per month with a 48-hour soak (allowing acoustic release buoys to recover gear). The trawl hauls, deployed sampling areas, which include locations south of the lease area. The study is currently taking place, utilizing the HOS CVT Sea Eagle and will continue for the next 18 months.

Cownose Whisk: The study area, consisting of 7 sets, a 48-hour soak time, and recovery by acoustic release buoys. This cooperative study will begin in Q1 2024 and will be completed in partnership with local commercial wharf fishermen over the next 18 months.

The Nature Conservancy is planning a fish tagging study that will take place in the vicinity of the existing CVOW and export cables. More information on this study will be provided when details are available.



Vessel details are as follows:

	HOS Warlord Call Sign: W080899 Flag: USA IMO#: 907443000 LOA: 202.5 IMO: 0742704 Beam: 70.5
	HOS Innovator Call Sign: W040322 Flag: USA IMO#: 907334000 LOA: 238.4 IMO: 0333808 Beam: 65.1
	HOS Myrtique Call Sign: W050118 Flag: USA IMO#: 907334000 LOA: 202.5 IMO: 0073023 Beam: 54.1
	RHB Zodiac Pro 7 UXO Disposition
	F/V Lady Isla Wharf Survey Vessel
	F/V Thomas Reed Wharf Survey Vessel
	R/V Sea Eagle Call Sign: W080810 IMO#: 907334000 LOA: 21.1

Project Construction 3 Month Look Ahead

Activity	Timeline	Location
UXO Disposition (Relocation)	Early February	Offshore cable corridor and lease area
Hempen Road Substation Construction begins	Early February	Onshore Edge of M&E Domain
Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) Production Construction begins	Late February/Early March	Onshore State Military Reservation towards offshore
Monopile and Transition Piece arrival and staging	Balance of 2024	Onshore Portsmouth Marine Terminal
Penley Channel Barge	April	Offshore throughout CVOW Lease area
2024 Monopile Installation season begins	Early May	CVOW Lease Area

Schedule is tentative and subject to change.

Did you know ...?

Trained personnel will be on board every project vessel during construction activities to ensure the protection of marine resources and other protected marine species. Dedicated Visual Observers (DVOs) will look out for protected species while vessels are underway. Environmental Compliance Monitors on every vessel will ensure all crew and vessels are meeting regulatory requirements, and Federal Species Observers (FSOs) are deployed on select vessels. The FSOs are NOAA trained and approved, highly operational observers that will be responsible for maintaining a keen watch on the surrounding waters, detecting the start and stop of certain operations based on real-time observations and reporting any sighted species to the NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service.

Please consult the USCG 5th District Local Notice to Mariners for additional information on offshore activity and, as always, please adhere to the USCG Rules of the Road for Mariners.

For more information on Dominion Energy's CVOW activities, [click here](#).

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If you would like more information on Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW), please visit our project website.

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