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Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

The end of November marks the end of the Puppy Drum/Speckled Trout Club Tournament. Be sure to get your entries to Ike or myself before December 1st. Remember the Redfish "Spots" Tournament, Oystertoad Tournament, and our Club Prize Fish Tournaments run through the end of the year.

For Commercial vessels with Federal Permits; Beginning on November 10, 2021, all commercial vessels with federal permits for species managed by the Mid-Atlantic or New England Council will be required to submit vessel trip reports (VTRs) electronically as eVTRs within 48 hours of the end of a trip. Vessel operators have several NOAA Fisheries-approved eVTR applications to choose from. Many commercial operators have chosen the eTrips/mobile 2 or NOAA Fish Online. For additional information and eVTR Tutorials visit the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC) webpage at; www.mafmc.org/newsfeed/2021/evtr-q-and-a-session-oct26

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Meeting

Guest Speaker:
Dr. James "Ike" Eisenhower

This month we have our own "Dr Ike" joining us to share his expertise fishing for Speckled Trout. This fall's trout fishing has been hit or miss however, Ike has consistently been on the fish. Join us on Monday, November 15th and get the tips and techniques Ike using to land the big fish.



Important:
October 15th NAC Meeting at
Boil Bay Seafood City, Norfolk

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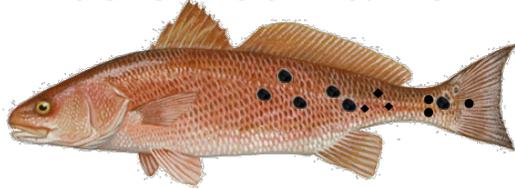
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Club Members Tournament for 2021



Redfish "Spots" Tournament

Rules

- Must be a Norfolk Anglers Club Member
- Tournament for fish caught between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021
- Must have the Norfolk Anglers Club decal in the photo with the fish on a measuring device* showing the total length of the fish. See NAC Prize Fish Contest Rules for measuring info. *Entries received with decal and no measurement can only be judged by number of spots.
- Red Drum/Redfish up to 26 inches in length only and caught in Virginia and North Carolina waters
- Awards determined by 1st: number of Spots (on one side), 2nd: Largest Fish up to 26 inches, 3rd: Date of Catch
- Entries submitted on the Club Prize Fish Entry Form with photo (can be sent electronically to NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com)
- No entry fee except the cost of the decal (\$1)
- \$50.00 Gift Card to the 1st Place Angler, \$25.00 Gift Card for the 2nd Place Angler.

Entries: Rusty Mitchell (1), William Ragulsky (1), Henry Troutner (2), Jerry Hughes (1), Mike Burton (1)



Oyster Toadfish Tournament

Rules

- Must be a Norfolk Anglers Club Member
- Tournament for fish caught between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021
- Awards determined by Total Weight and then by date of catch
- Additional Award for Best Oyster Toad Photo
- Entries submitted by email to NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com in the form of a Fishing Report; who was fishing, stating total weight, with photo
- Weighing need not be on a certified scale and may be done by the angler, just try an avoid weighing fish on a pitching boat
- No entry fee (we would never charge a fee for catching Toads)
- 1st Place, 2nd Place, and Best Photo Winners get a Non-Tipping Oyster Toad Can Cooler from Oyster Toad Outfitters
- Winners will be determined by our Tournament Director



"AJ" Perez, the Oyster Toadfish Tournament Director (OTTD)

Entries: Alex Perez, Sr. (1), Will Bransom (1), Bob Stuhlman (1)

OysterToads - Did you Know?

Alternate common names: Toadfish, Dowdy.

Color: Blotchy, olive brown bodies fading to pale below. They are capable of changing color to match the bottom, and their eyes are blue.

Size: Up to 12 inches long.

Habitat: Sandy, rocky, and muddy bottoms on oyster reefs, shoal water, among eelgrass, hollows, or dens.

Club Calendar

October

Tues: November 9th at 4:00pm, VMRC Menhaden Management Advisory Committee, VMRC, 380 Fenwick Rd, Fort Monroe, VA

Mon: November 15th at 7:00pm, Club Meeting, Boil Bay Seafood City, Norfolk, VA



Speckled Trout - Red Drum Club Members Tournament September 1st - November 30th



- This is a Norfolk Anglers Club Members tournament running from September 1st until November 30th
- Targeted Species are Speckled Trout (any length) and Red Drum (maximum length 26 inches Total Length)
- \$5 Entry Fee due before fishing
- For fish caught in Virginia and/or North Carolina waters only
- This is a Total Length Tournament Only
- Winner determined by; 1. Total Length of fish, 2. Date of Catch, 3. Date of entry submission
- 1st Place \$100 Gift Card, 2nd Place \$50 Gift Card, 3rd Place \$25 Gift Card for each species category
- All fishing must be in accordance with State fishing regulations for recreational anglers
- Entries must be submitted via the Norfolk Anglers Prize Fish Entry Form (Available at www.NorfolkAnglersClub.com)

Norfolk Anglers Club Prize Fish Entries
January 1, 2021 - October 31, 2021

Freshwater		Saltwater	
Species	Name (#Entries)	Species	Name (#Entries)
Crappie	James Eisenhower (10)	Red Drum	Kelly Hoggard (2) Alex Perez, Sr (1)
Chain Pickerel	James Eisenhower (2)	Tautog	Will Bransom (1)
		Blueline Tilefish	Greg Rogers (2) Mike Hubert (3)
		Shark	Greg Rogers (1) Kelly Hoggard (8)
		Black Sea Bass	Mike Hubert (1)
		Roundhead	Kelly Hoggard (6)
		Spanish Mackerel	Kelly Hoggard (1)
		Cobia	Tripp Seed (1)
		Flounder	Mike Griffin (1)
		Pompano	Kelly Hoggard (1)
		White Marlin	Kelly Hoggard (1)
		Speckled Trout	James Eisenhower (9) Will Bransom (2) Louis Glaser (1)
		Blue Catfish	James Eisenhower (1)
		Gray Triggerfish	AJ Perez, Jr (6)

****Virginia Saltwater Tournament (Saltwater) or Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (Freshwater) Citation paperwork or the Norfolk Anglers Club Prize Fish entry form may be submitted to James "Ike" Eisenhower at the regular meetings or send via email to NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com



Earlier this year, we told you about the RecFish app being developed by Dr. Lisa Kellogg and colleagues at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. Its goal is to encourage recreational anglers to collect and contribute catch data to help improve fisheries science. Once it's fully developed, the user-friendly, free app will also tell anglers the species and length of their catch and whether it is legal to keep and safe to eat.

Dr. Kellogg says that, with the help of photos you submitted, the computer model can now identify 60 fish species with 95% accuracy and another 20 species are in the works. That represents thousands of submitted pictures!

You can help by going to www.recfish.org and uploading your fish photos. RecFish especially needs photos of:

- Kingfish (a.k.a. Roundheads, Kingcroaker, Whiting, Sea Mullet)
- Flounder and other flatfish

Phase 2 of app development is almost complete, and, when it is, you will be able to use the app to upload your fish photos directly from your phone. Until then, keep those pictures coming at www.recfish.org!



Photo: Joy Baber

November Meeting Day has Changed!

- **NEW Meeting Date: 3rd Monday**
- **Monday November 15 at 7:00pm**

Location:

Boil Bay Seafood City
5957 E Virginia Beach Blvd
Norfolk, VA 23502



Soup / Salad

Clam-Chowder	\$4.99
Gumbo (Chicken, Shrimp & Sausage)	\$5.99
Caesar Salad	\$4.99
Shrimp Salad	\$6.99
Chicken Salad	\$6.99



Appetizers

Hush Puppies (8)	\$5.00
Fried Cheese Sticks (6)	\$5.99
Fried Calamari	\$9.99
Coconut Shrimp (8)	\$8.99
Fried Mac & Cheese (8)	\$5.99
Onion Ring (8)	\$5.99
Chicken Wings (6) \$5.99 (10) \$8.99	
<small>(Breaded or Naked - BBQ, Buffalo, Plain, Cajun, Lemon Pepper)</small>	
Boil Bay Special (6) \$6.99 (10) \$9.99	
Chicken Wing	



Cajun Fried Rice	\$8
<small>(Shrimp, Chicken, Sausage)</small>	

Basket

All served with option of Cajun Fries, Sweet Potato Fries, or Regular

Shrimp Basket (8)	\$10.99
Catfish Basket (4)	\$10.99
Chicken Tender Basket (5)	\$8.99
Soft Shell Crabs Basket (5)	\$10.99
Crab Cake Basket (2)	\$10.99
Oyster Basket (10)	\$11.99



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Cheese Burger Sliders (5)	\$8.99
Catfish Slider (5)	\$8.99
Sausage Sliders (5)	\$7.99
Hot Lobster Roll	\$17.99



Po Boy Sandwiches

Shrimp Po Boy	\$10.99
Crawfish Po Boy	\$10.99
Oyster Po Boy	\$11.99
Catfish Po Boy	\$10.99
Chicken Po Boy	\$8.99
Soft Shell Crab Po Boy	\$10.99
Crab Cake Po Boy	\$10.99



Side

Boiled Eggs (2)	\$2
Corn (5)	\$3
Potatoes (3)	\$3
Steamed Rice	\$2
Regular Fries	\$2
Cajun Fries	\$3
Sweet Potato Fries	\$4
Coleslaw	\$3



Extra

Sausage (Half Lb)	\$5
Sausage (One Lb)	\$9



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Main

STEP 1.

Pick Your Catch

All Main Come with Corn & Potato

	1/2 LB	1 LB
Blue Crab (Seasonal)	(3) \$10. ⁹⁹	(6) \$19. ⁹⁹
Crawfish	\$7	\$13
Dungeness Crab		\$31
King Crab Legs		\$39
Snow Crab Legs	\$14	\$27
Lobster Tail		(2) \$34
Shrimp (Head-Off)	\$9	\$16
Shrimp (Head-On)	\$8	\$14
Little Neck Clams	\$7	\$13
Black Mussel	\$7	\$12
New Zealand Green Mussel	\$8	\$14
Scallop	\$14	\$27

STEP 2.

Pick Your Sauce The Main or Combos

- Dry (No Sauce Old Bay Only)
- Garlic Butter
- Lemon Pepper
- Original Cajun
- Boil Bay Special
- Steamed

STEP 3.

Pick A Level

- Non Spicy / Mild /
 - Spicy / Fire
- There is still a bit of a kick to it from the Cajun Spice.

Combo Deal

All combos are served with Corn, Potatoes, and Andouille Sausage

Combo A \$24.99

Pick Three 1/2 lb Options Below

- Little Neck Clams
- Shrimp (Head On)
- Shrimp (Head Off) + \$2.00
- Crawfish
- Black Mussels
- New Zealand Green Mussels
- Blue Crab (1-2)

Combo B \$26.99

Pick Two 1 lb Options Below

- Little Neck Clams
- Shrimp (Head On)
- Shrimp (Head Off) + \$4.00
- Crawfish
- Black Mussels
- New Zealand Green Mussels
- Blue Crab (2-4)

Combo C \$40.99

with 1lb Snow Crab Legs

Pick Two 1/2 lb Options Below

- Little Neck Clams
- Shrimp (Head On)
- Shrimp (Head Off) + \$2.00
- Crawfish
- Black Mussels
- New Zealand Green Mussels

Combo D \$50.99

with 1lb Snow Crab Legs

Pick Two 1 lb Options Below

- Little Neck Clams
- Shrimp (Head On)
- Shrimp (Head Off) + \$4.00
- Crawfish
- Black Mussels
- New Zealand Green Mussels
- Blue Crab (2-4)

Oyster

* Raw Oyster

Half Dozen	\$11.99
One Dozen	\$19.99

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Chargrilled Oyster

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One Dozen	\$20.99

* Consuming raw or undercooked meat, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions. Please inform server of any food allergies.



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Fishing Tips...

Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) Project Update



The Norfolk Anglers Club was very fortunate to have Mr. Kevin Carroll with Dominion Energy and Mr. Ron Larsen with Sea Risk Solutions share the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project Update at the October meeting. In the approximate 18 months since the two Pilot Program wind turbines were installed 27 nautical miles off our coast much has happened. The Pilot Project began producing energy to the shore station as planned in Oct 2020. The two ~600 foot tall 6-megawatt wind turbines were constructed to allow Dominion Energy to gain insight and experience with environmental safe guards and federal permitting, and develop lessons learned for the basis of the larger Commercial Project. The wind energy produced and transferred to a shore station located south of Rudee Inlet via a buried undersea transmission cable is enough to power 3,000 homes. Wherever possible, the transmission cable was buried to a target depth of 6-feet beneath the seafloor.

With a year of operating and evaluation of the Pilot Project Dominion Energy is moving forward with the Commercial Program to install an additional 180 wind turbines to the east of the pilot project location (See Chart below). Dominion Energy has leased 112,800 acres (133 square nautical miles) for the placement of future wind turbines.

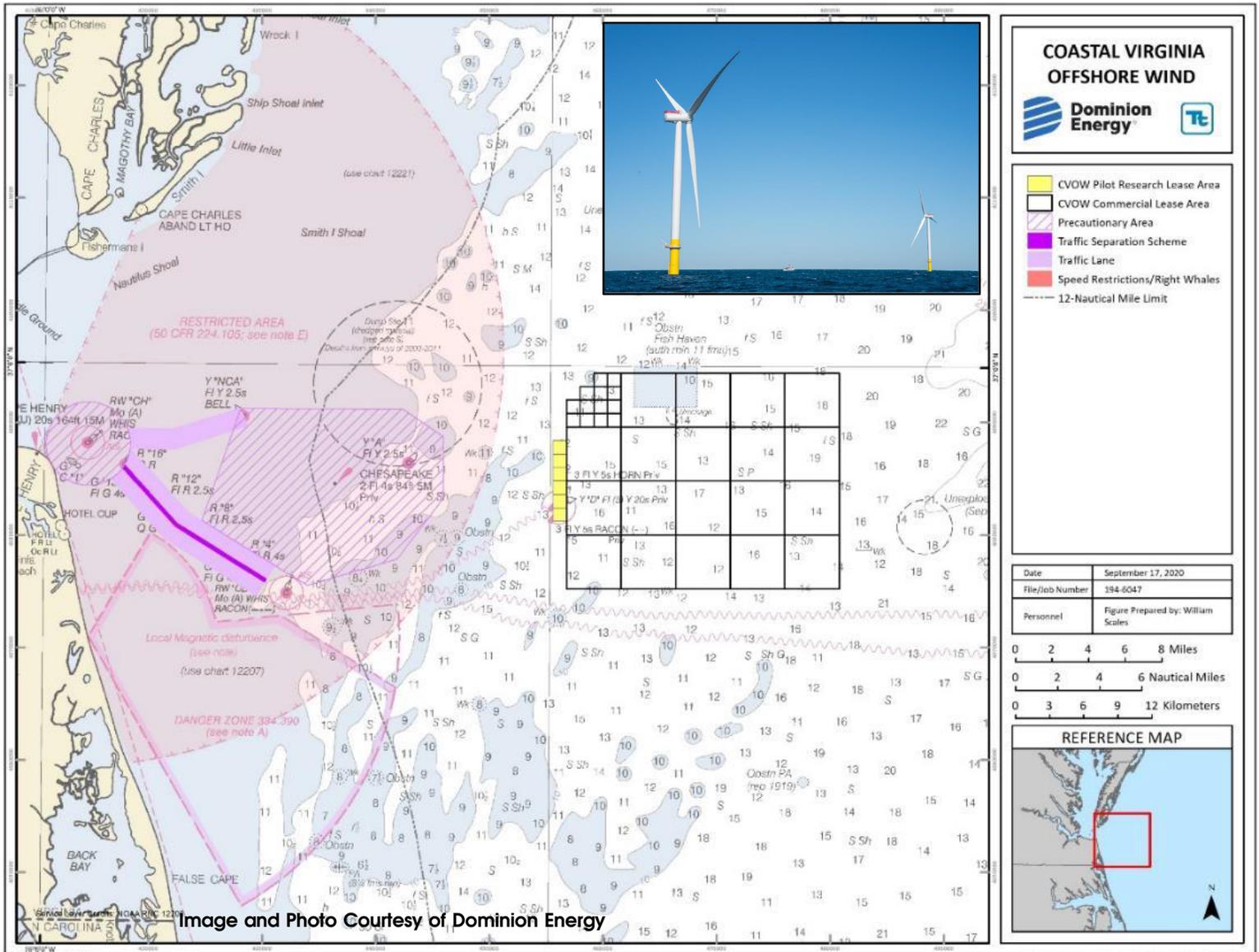


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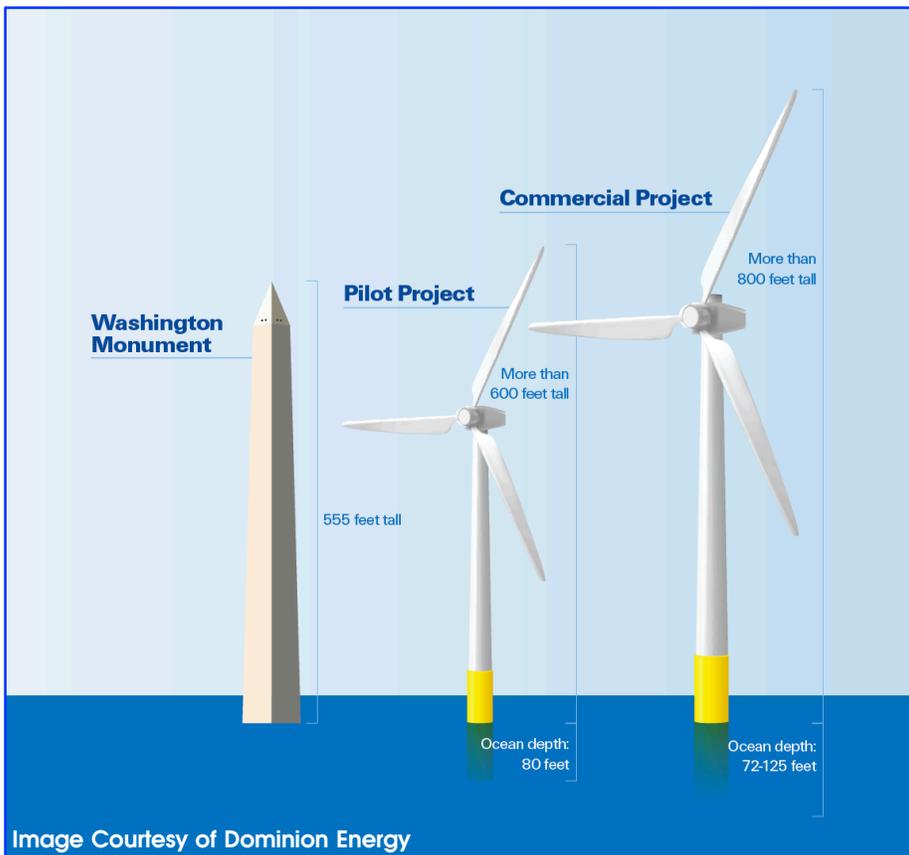
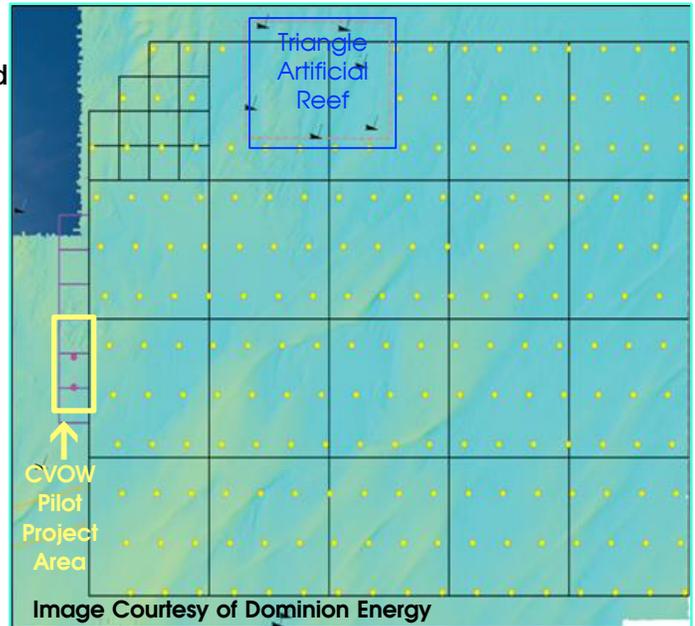
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Fishing Tips...

The timeline for the Commercial Project includes collecting oceanographic data, conducting surveys and investigation of unexploded ordnance, and performing pre-construction surveys. Construction activity is planned to commence in the spring of 2024 with monopile construction followed by wind turbine and cable installation. Monopile construction is planned in the May to October timeframe of 2024 and 2025 and driven by weather factors but also to mitigate possible environmental impact to migratory species. Over the winter months (November to April) is planned for wind turbine and cable installation. For those familiar with the Triangle Artificial Reef area (outlined in blue), the Commercial Project places the turbines to the east, west, and primarily south of the reef. They plan to space them .75 to .93 nautical miles part in a North/South and East/West grid orientation. Each monopile will be driven into the seabed and will be surrounded by scour protection at the base. For the Pilot Project turbines, scour protection consists of crushed rock extending about 72 feet from the monopile base, with a 2nd layer of larger rock extending about 39 feet from the monopile. Since the Commercial Project turbines will be larger, the scour protection will extend a bit further from the monopile base.

The Commercial Project wind turbines are 14-megawatt turbines approximately 200 feet taller than the existing Pilot Project turbines. With 180 wind turbines on line an estimated 2.6-gigawatts of wind energy will be produced. Enough to power nearly 660,000 homes!

When the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Commercial Project is completed in 2026 it will be the largest offshore wind project in the United States.



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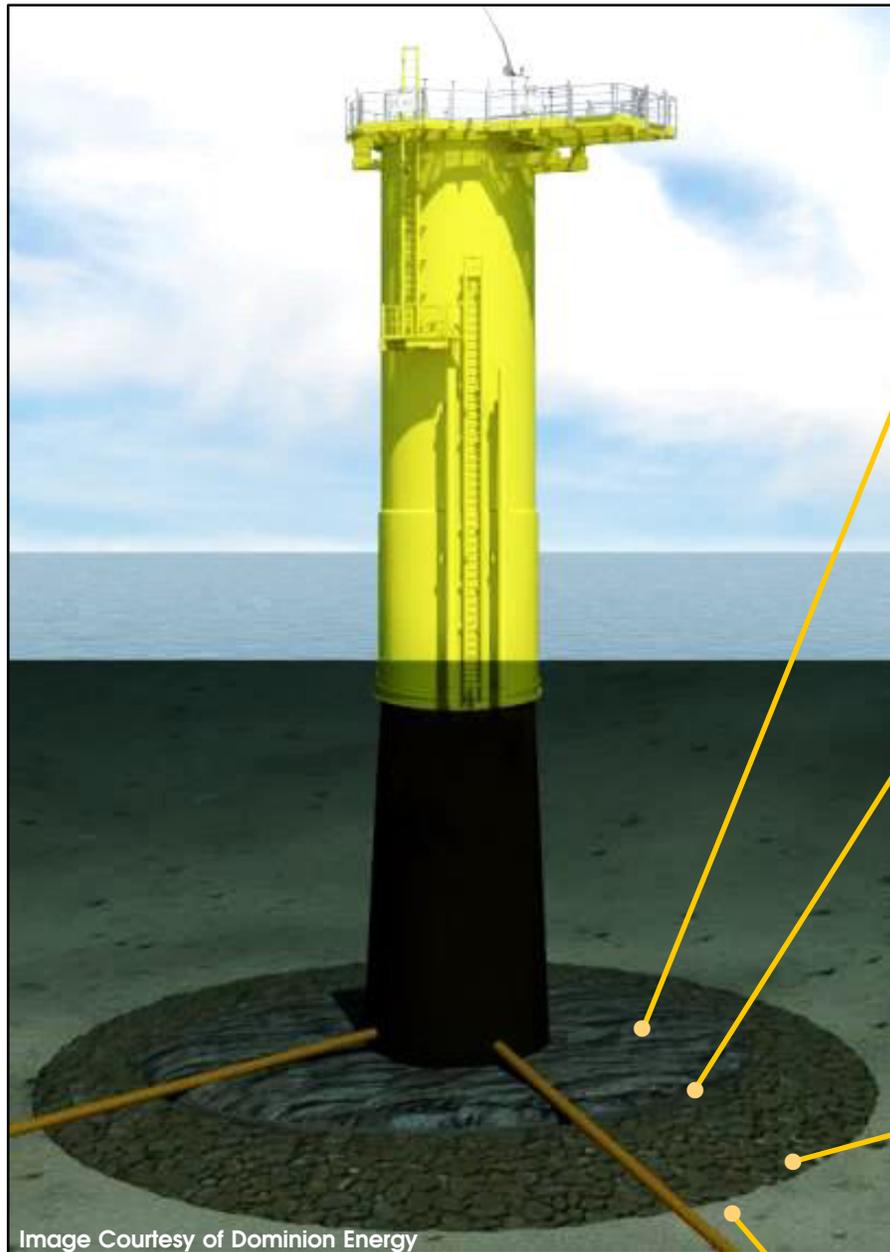


Image Courtesy of Dominion Energy

Scour protection around the monopile foundation is necessary and monitored periodically by subsea surveys (e.g., Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) video surveys). It also provides for an amazing ecosystem and attracts sea life (great for anglers!). Each one of the monopiles placed will eventually become its own fish attracting structure. It's a nice benefit from the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind project in addition to clean energy.

The sea floor off the Virginia coast is mainly sand or a mixture of sand/broken shell with a gradual decline to the continental shelf (Norfolk Canyon) 60 to 70 nm offshore. Any structure, sunken ships, debris, rocks or wind turbine foundations create an incredible habitat and will provide increased fishing opportunities as an added benefit.



Photos Courtesy of Dominion Energy

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Fishing Tips...

The fishing habitat created by the CVOW Pilot Project in a little more than a single year is astounding. Norfolk Angler Chris Webb was fortunate to accompany other anglers from the area with Dominion Energy to fish the wind turbines in September. They found an abundance of fish around the monopiles, in the rock scour protection, and surrounding the metocean buoys in the area. Chris Webb shared "The fishing after putting the structure up a year ago was incredible!" He added, "The offshore wind project is a win-win, for Virginia energy customers and the fishing community". The photos lower right were taken during the September fishing trip and show how prolific the habitat has become.

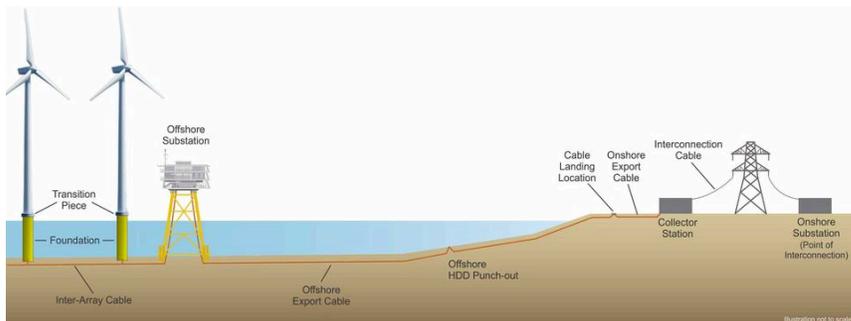
Kevin Carroll and Ron Larsen were asked about restrictions or limitations on anglers around the wind turbines. They shared that during construction and while performing maintenance all vessels must remain well clear of the area. Safety vessels are on site to inform any approaching vessel to the hazards. He also shared that Dominion Energy will be coordinating with USCG Sector Virginia for Local Notice to Mariners (LNTM) when construction/maintenance activity is planned, as well as, sharing the information on Dominion Energy's website and other Social Media sources. Like the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel and Navigation Buoys mooring to the wind turbine structure or buoys is prohibited. Anglers are allowed to fish and dive the structure at anytime subject to construction/maintenance activity.

Additional information regarding the project timeline, environmental mitigation strategies, federal permitting, and public outreach opportunities is available at;

<https://coastalvawind.com/>
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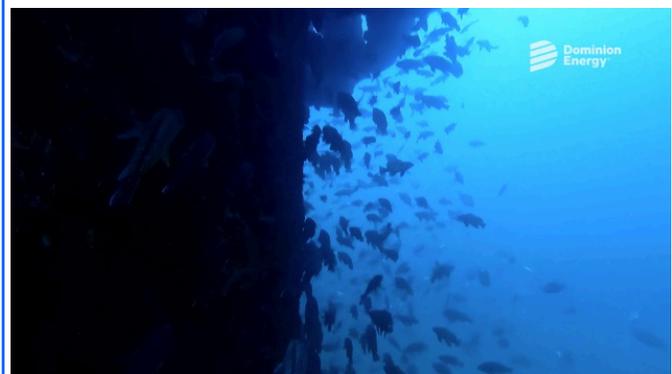
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Fishing Reports...



14 OCT: Took my boat out with the Brewers Creek gang (George Langdon and Troy Lane) to troll for stripers. The first two passes on the Chuckatuck, we caught a 23 inch and a 21-inch keeper. We lost a couple and released one short. The background shows Troy's boat and boat lift. Tucked behind the lift, he has a beautiful log cabin. - John Curry



16 OCT: John ("striper king") Curry, Troy Lane (photographer) and I grabbed our limit of keeper stripers at the JRB on a Saturday morning on my boat. Bandits and stretches worked well on the outgoing tide with a good stiff breeze. - George Langdon



5 OCT: Took my boat out to Chuckatuck Creek and trolled for Striper. Caught a 23 1/2 inch and two shorts. Situational awareness is always a challenge when you are by yourself. **Be safe out there!**

- John Curry



4 OCT: Fished this evening with Hai Edison for two hours in Little Creek for speckled trout and ended up with seven all caught on Mirror Lures. Been sporadic last couple of days, largest was 22 inches.

- Louis Glaser



15 OCT: A day in Elizabeth River

- Jerry Hughes



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16 OCT: I fished offshore, starting around the 300 line and working north. It was slow fishing all day until we found a huge weed line where we landed two wahoo (one being 60 lbs), and 23 mahi of varying size.

22-23 OCT: I fished inshore around the local bridges - jigged cut and live bait around the pilings and landed our 4-man limit of rockfish both days on the incoming tides with sizes ranging from 23 inch to 28 inch.

24 OCT: I fished offshore at Norfolk Canyon. It was an early morning knockdown which landed us a 40lb YFT. It was slow fishing the rest of the day. There were small football size YFT hitting our baits and one more 30lb to finish out the day.

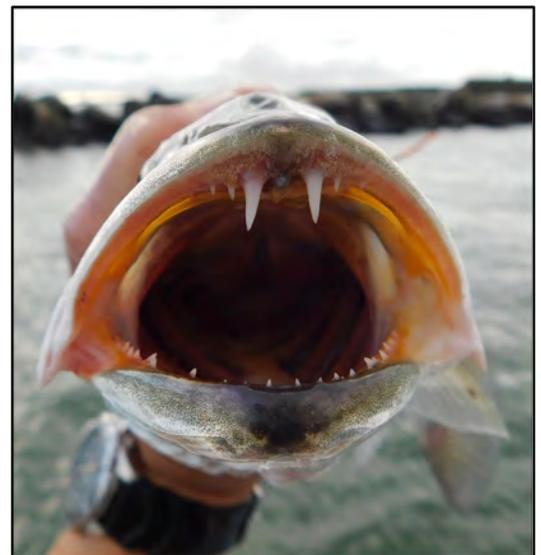
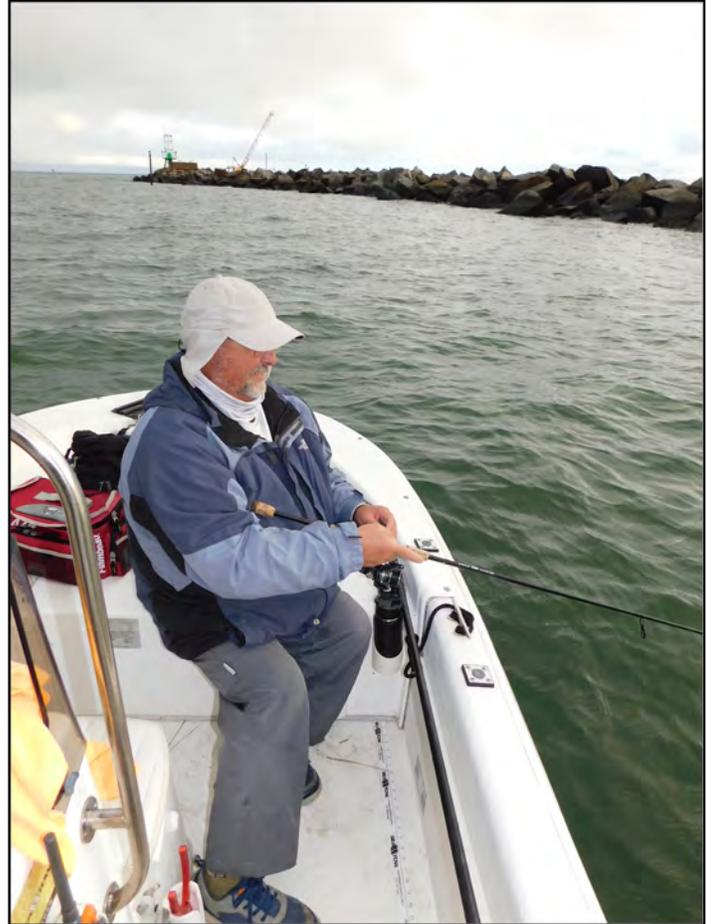
- Corey Ferguson

13 OCT: Took Bert Sainz out on the 16ft Carolina Skiff to the Little Creek jetties for speckled trout. It was an incredible day which started off with every cast hooking up with nice 19-20 inch trout. We fished the end of the ebb tide and beginning of the flood tide. Throwing MirrOlure 27MR lures in light and dark colors the action was non-stop until slack tide. We anchored up in 6 ft of water and cast toward the rocks. With the falling tide fish ranged 17-20 inches and once the flood tide began the size noticeably drop to around 13 inches. When our

4 hours of fishing was done, we'd tagged and released 66 speckled trout all caught on 27MR lures.

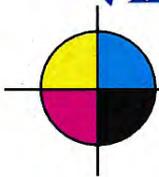
Many thanks to Bert who together we managed to handle the chaos of double hook ups and a single (I now have 2 nets on the boat).

- Will Bransom



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Triangle Trips

2 OCT: Bert Sainz, Mike Rhinehart and I went off shore fishing to the Triangles with Andy Reid. We had winds and choppy seas to and from the Triangle. The sea bass were biting on squid and cut fish chunks and flounder were hitting flounder strips. In total we took home 45 sea bass 13 inch to 18 inch and 3 flounder (one was 24 inches). We each took home a full gallon bag of bass and flounder. Great foursome on the boat.

14 OCT: Andy Reid took me, Bert, and Mike Rhinehart to the Triangles. The winds were light and the seas were calm which made it a great ride out to the fishing grounds. We used bottom rigs for the sea bass and double hook jig rigs for the flounder. We kept 51 sea bass and 4 flounder. The companionship, good fishing and smooth waters made this trip great. Ned



Specks in the Lynnhaven

20 OCT: I went Speckled Trout fishing with Mike Rhinehart in the Lynnhaven. Put in at the 64th street ramp in Virginia Beach. We had some wind, but it was fishable. Ended the day releasing 6 16 inch to 18-inch speckled trout, and 15 small ones. We fished with 4 inch rubber baits on 1/4 oz. jigs heads and MR 18s.

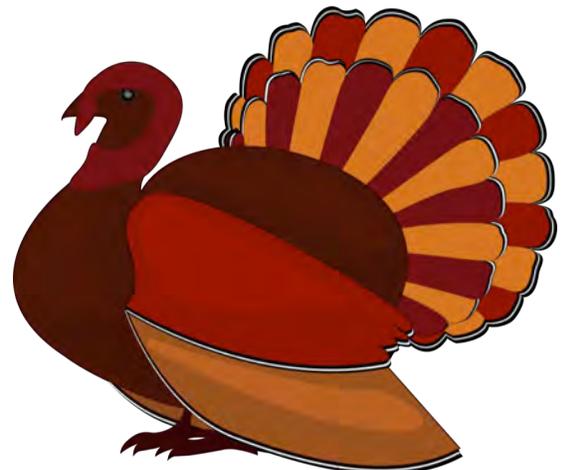
23 OCT: I fished with Bert Sainz in the Lynnhaven. We put in at the 64th street ramp at 9:00 am to fish the outgoing tide. We used MR 27s, 17s and 18s, and rubber jig baits. Each place we stopped to fish we caught a couple of speckled trout. There was a lot of bite in the river. We released 8 keepers and throw back a dozen shorts.

- Ned Smith



1 OCT: Keeping Fran happy. Got enough spot for dinner and a nice Drum For the freezer. Also released a monster Cow nose ray After a 10- or 15-minute battle. I won that one after being stripped last time out.

- James Robinson



4 OCT: This was the opening day of striper season. About 5:00 pm, after Kait and her friend Kevin finished work at the Newport News Ship Yard they met Mary and I at the Huntingdon Park Ramp next to the JRB. After launching the Shamrock it's about a 5-minute ride until we start trolling the bridge pilings. For the first 45 minutes the tide was slack, so was the bite. Once the tide started moving, it was game on.

We caught 6 between 21 inch and 25 inch and lost 2 or 3 more. Of course, 2 had to be released for our 4-man limit. All were caught trolling Stretch 20 on the up current side of the pilings. Color didn't seem to matter, we were using red and white, and a green and orange combo. Hope this is a sign of things to come for this season. Can't believe I didn't get pictures of us on the water but, things get a little hectic when you hook a fish and the current is pushing you into the pilings and you want to get around to make another pass.



25 OCT: Mary and I fished with John Curry on the Chuckatuck. We made a few passes for Striper, but after no luck we moved on to drum. The Drum were not cooperating, but Mary did catch our first ever Flounder, about 12 inches, on the creek. We eventually moved and targeted Speckled Trout where we caught 10 up to 18 inches. Everything was released. Paddletail jigs and YoZuri Crystal Minnow were catching the Speckled Trout

- Henry Troutner



17 OCT: I caught this one with Mike Davis, it has 7 spots!

- Mike Burton



23 OCT: Got a nice flounder in the inlet, plus a 20 inch trout among a lot of little ones. - Louis Glaser

15 OCT & 20 OCT: I had two great afternoons fishing with Alex Perez on the skiff. As I did a few days before, we targeting the last of the falling tide and fished through the slack and the start of the flood tide. I must've been doing something wrong because a few days earlier the trout fishing was crazy. On this afternoon Alex was catching trout right from the start and I was the dutiful "net guy". We both were fishing MirrOlure 27MR lures initially and Alex switched up to jig heads. Fishing on the 15th was slow with only 26 fish tagged and released for the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program (VGFTP) but it was great to be on the water. We fished both sides of the Little Creek jetties and faired better on the inside. The second day we headed out targeting the identical tidal conditions. Fishing started slow and picked up with the tide change. We fished MirrOlure 27MR & 17MR lures and jig heads in about 6 ft of water. The speckled trout were all on the small side, averaging 11-13.5 inches, but fought like they were monsters! At the end of the day we'd tagged and released another +40 speckled trout for VGFTP.



Thanks to Captain Alex I got to enjoy another couple of days tagging specs!

- Will Bransom



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15OCT: Curry, George Langdon and I hit the JRB for some Striper fishing. It took a little while for the bite to turn on, but once it did, we had our 5-man limit in no time with fish up to 24 inches. In all, we landed 7 and lost a couple. Although most were caught trolling stretches, John connected cannon balling.

19 OCT: A buddy from PA, Brian Westmoreland, came down for a few days fishing. On Tuesday, October 19, he fished with Mary and I in the skiff. We were on the Chuckatuck looking for a mixed bag as he had never fished for Red Drum or Speckled Trout. We started out trolling for stripers where on the first pass he got a 22 inches and then a short before the tide slowed. We moved on to Speckled Trout but the bite was slow and I caught the only keeper. As the tide started out, we set up for Red Drum with some exciting action. Brian landed and released a 34 inch and 36 inch. Mary lost one in that size range at the boat when it headed for the prop and her line got wrapped around her rod tip and broke the rod. I landed a 25 ¾ inch.



20 OCT: Brian's first day of fishing during his visit was very successful. For his second day we headed to the JRB to troll for stripers. Although it started out a little slow, we ended up catching 9 or 10, including a little 17 inch with a tag. All but 3 were released. The fish ran up to 25 inch with the biggest ending up being released as we already had our limit. All were all caught trolling stretches.



21 OCT: The third day of Brian's visit had him and I back in the skiff on the Chuckatuck trying to get him into some Speckled Trout. Of course, we made the mandatory pass for Stripers and he got a 22 inch keeper. He really wanted to catch a Speckled Trout, so we moved on and the fish cooperated. We caught a couple dozen casting jigs and hard lures having a blast, but all were just short. We changed locations and tactics, now using minnows on a small jig head, and we landed another half dozen keepers up to 18 inch. We wanted to try for the bigger Puppies we caught on Tuesday, but the wind was blowing us directly into the bank and we couldn't fish right. We took a little time to White Perch fish and caught about a dozen, keeping 6. - Henry Troutner



11 OCT: VERY WINDY!
Fished with Gerry Perez and Ike Eisenhower in the afternoon and decided to fish Pretty Lake because of windy conditions. Ended up catching 8 keepers which were caught on Mirror Lures and rubber jigs.



20 OCT: Fished with Ike Eisenhower in Little Creek on a morning going for speckled trout Ended up catching 10 speckled trout using MirrOlure 27MR. Water temperature was 68 depth 5 feet. Largest 24 ¼ inches.



26 OCT: WINDY! Fished with Ike Eisenhower late in the morning going for speckled Trout. Started in Little Creek and had 4 keepers but it became to ruff, so we headed to Pretty Lake and caught another 4 keepers. All trout caught on MirrOlure 27MR. Water temperature was 69 Depth was 6 Feet.



22 OCT: Took fishing the finest two United States Navy young men into Little Creek. They were Gerry Perez and his friend Don going for speckled trout. They were fast learners as they worked MirrOlure 27MR and got some nice trout. ***I very much appreciate their service they do for our country!***



28 OCT: INSANE
Fished with Douglas Wilburn in Little Creek for speckled trout. Ended up catching 30 on MirrOlure 27MR and 15 on Top waters Shea dogs and Top dogs by MirrOlure

Best bite of the year. - Louis Glaser



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