

## North Atlantic Right Whale Research and Management Activities

### Information Requested and Questions to be Addressed in an Online Survey Conducted by Blue World Research Institute

- a. Email Address:
- b. First and Last Name:
- c. Organization:
- d. Primary Investigator (PI) or Lead Researcher:
- e. Other researchers involved?
- f. Project Objective(s):
- g. Geographic Location (e.g., coast-wide (or range-wide) or coastal area where work will take place):
- h. Geographic Scope (e.g., species range-wide, broadscale, specific to a particular area or set of individuals):
- i. Methods:
- j. Dates and Timelines (e.g., initiation date (season or year is suitable), expected initiation date if not yet started, expected conclusion time. Also indicate also if the project is seasonal, multi-year, and/or expected to be ongoing):
- k. Outcome(s), Products(s) or Expected Outcomes (what did the study yield or expect to yield?):
- l. Contribution (or expected contribution) to NARW Conservation or Impact Reduction:
- m. Expected Pitfalls or Challenges (e.g., insufficient sample sizes, funding, weather, or logistical limitations):
- n. We expect to bin studies by type. Please indicate which of the following best applies to your study:
  - a)  NARW population status and monitoring
  - b)  Assessing impacts to NARWs from wind energy development and/or detecting population effects from impacts
  - c)  New or emerging approaches for reducing impacts to NARW
  - d)  Assessing the relative effectiveness of impact-reduction measures
  - e)  Other. Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- o. Future Work; Recommended Follow-on Studies or Next Logical Steps: (e.g.: 1) the work described may only be a piece of a larger puzzle, indicate what else might be needed to provide the missing pieces?; 2) What are the missing pieces, if any?; 3) What, in your view, are the highest priority areas for future work?; 4) In the suite of studies underway, where are the biggest gaps?; 5) Do you expect to receive funding for additional studies? If so, what kind of studies and when would they take place?; 6) If you are engaged

primarily in monitoring (e.g., population or impacts studies), do you expect it to be ongoing?; 7) Is funding assured, or perhaps uncertain?

- p. Where, in your view, should BOEM and other possible funding sources focus future funding?
- q. Would you like to provide any additional comments?
- r. Do you have any conference or paper Abstracts, or published papers you would like to provide? If so, please upload them here (in order to do so, you must sign in with a Google account).
- s. Would you like to be contacted for a follow-up discussion? If yes, please provide preferred method of contact:

**Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) Statement:** The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) requires BOEM to inform you that we collect the information on this questionnaire to understand impacts from offshore wind energy projects on the whales and to ensure effective mitigation monitoring. The questions are designed to learn of recent and ongoing research and management strategies employed by relevant State and Federal governments, academic institutions, and non-governmental organizations. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the collection of information in this questionnaire. Responses are voluntary. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average one hour. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this information collection to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, Virginia 20166.

