

2016 Gear Clearance and Removal Plan

This Gear Clearance and Removal Plan has been prepared for The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (TNEC) sea2shore: The Renewable Link (sea2shore or Project) (formerly known as Block Island Transmission System "BITS") in compliance with the approvals issued for the installation of the 34.5 kV submarine cable between Scarborough State Beach and Crescent Beach landfall approaches. The system will serve as the electrical connection to Block Island and is being constructed in conjunction with the installation of (5) five, six-megawatt wind turbines by Deepwater Wind. The TNEC submarine cable system makes landfall in Rhode Island mainland at Scarborough State Beach in Narragansett and at Crescent Beach on Block Island (New Shoreham).

Installation of the sea2shore project has been authorized by the Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management (BOEM), the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the United States Coast Guard (USCG), the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC), and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM). The submarine cable installation is scheduled to begin in May 2016.

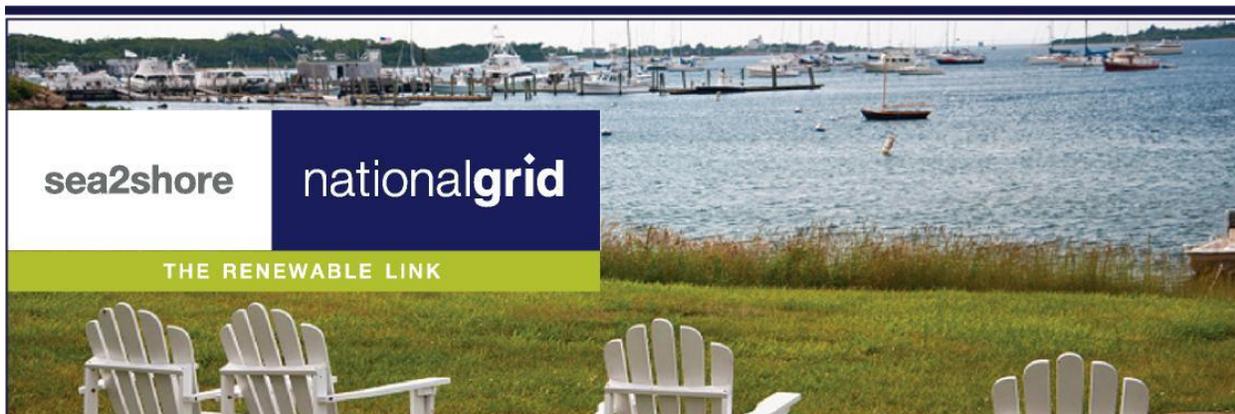
The three phases of 2016 cable installation include:

- Pre-lay grapnel run along submarine cable route
- Installation of submarine cable
- Post-installation survey

TNEC and the CRMC Fishery Liaison have provided, and will continue to provide, details of the construction schedule and updates to the commercial and recreational fishing community to minimize conflicts between such interests and the 2016 submarine cable installation. This document provides a plan to identify fishing or other gear within the approved 200 foot construction corridor and any additional safety zone that may be required by the USCG or by the captain of the DP Vessel prior to the start of each phase of cable installation to allow the owners of the gear to remove their gear. This document also provides a plan to remove the gear from the construction area, if made necessary by a failure of the owners of such fishing or other gear to remove it prior to the start of construction phasing.

Steps to clear / remove gear from the approved construction corridor prior to pre-lay grapnel run, submarine cable installation, and post-installation survey:

1. Approximately five days prior to the scheduled start of each phase of submarine cable installation, notifications will be made to the fishing community via the CRMC Fishery Liaison,



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2. Subsequently, the CRMC Fishery Liaison will cruise the approved construction corridor in which work is scheduled to occur and document any fishing or other gear that is found. The CRMC Fishery Liaison will reach out to the owners of the fishing or other gear (if ownership can be determined) and request that it be removed within 48 hours (weather dependent) and put the owners on notice that, if such gear is not removed, the cable installation contractor may drag the gear to the edge of the approved construction corridor.
3. On the day prior to the scheduled start of work for such phase, the CRMC Fishery Liaison will cruise the approved construction corridor in which work is scheduled to occur and again document any fishing or other gear that is found. Should equipment still remain, the CRMC Fishery Liaison will reach out again to the owners of the fishing or other gear (if ownership can be determined), CRMC and RI DEM Fish and Wildlife Division/Marine Fisheries Program and request that it be removed and put the owners on notice that, if such gear is not removed, the cable installation contractor may drag the gear to the edge of the approved construction corridor.
4. If fishing or other gear remains within the approved 200 foot construction corridor and it is determined by TNEC or its contractor(s) that the location of the gear could or might present a safety risk, the contractor(s) will drag the gear outside of the approved construction corridor and drop it there. Neither TNEC nor its contractors shall have any liability for gear that is lost or damaged during such removal from the permitted construction areas. Fishing vessels also shall not navigate into security zones around the DP Vessel that may be required by the USCG or by the captain of the DP Vessel as published in the "Notice to Mariners" or "Security Calls" broadcast via VHF channel 16. All vessels should only enter the posted "Security Zone" only after contacting the captain of the DP Vessel via VHF radio channel 13 or 16 and then only as instructed by the DP captain.
5. Because the operation has the potential to foul the pre-lay grapnel run and jet-plow operation, any ghost gear observed will be brought to the surface, and when safe to do so, be brought aboard the vessel and either disposed of or logged and recorded to CRMC, RIDEM and BOEM where appropriate.

This advanced notice and communication plan is being provided to avoid and/or minimize interference and conflicts with deployed fishing gear. TNEC's intention is to work cooperatively with the commercial and recreational fishing communities during installation of the project facilities. Failure of owners of fishing or other gear to remove such gear from the approved construction corridor prior to the start of each phase of construction may result in the gear being removed, lost or damaged. Neither TNEC nor its contractors shall have any liability for gear that is lost or damaged during such removal from the identified construction areas.