



DOC Meeting

March 31, 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., ET



Meeting Agenda

10:00: Welcome, Purpose of Meeting

10:05: Introductions

- ☐ *Who I am, what my role is in my organization, favorite fish or seafood.*

10:30: Activity Update

- ☐ *Issues of Concern to Note (money in, resilience)*
- ☐ *Meetings to date*
- ☐ *Stakeholder engagement plan feedback*
- ☐ *Frequency of communications between meetings*
- ☐ *Website*
- ☐ *Onboard packets – quick response to form*

11:00: Design Component Development

- ☐ *Compensation/mitigation – 10 minutes*
- ☐ *Lifecycle diagram – 45 minutes*
- ☐ *Eligibility – 45 minutes*

12:00: Bio Break

12:05: Design Component Development, cont'd

12:50: Administrative and Next Steps

- ☐ *Meeting schedule for remainder of year*
- ☐ *Updated ToRs*

1:00: Adjourn



Purpose of Meeting

- ❑ Increase knowledge about committee members and their roles
- ❑ Encourage understanding about Compensation Program and the RFA
- ❑ Update the group on the status of the Program
- ❑ Discuss Design Component #1: Program Eligibility
- ❑ Outline next steps

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Engagement Timeline

Timeline for the RFA Project - design and development of the regional compensation fund	
November 2024	Project set-up and initiation
December – January 2024	Launching the DOC / FHC, kick-off meetings, development of terms of reference
February – April 2025	Introducing the RFA Project to the wider sectors
April – July 2025	Consultation on eligibility (proposed)
August 2025 – January 2026	Consultation on other fund components – schedule to be updated by July 2025
February – June 2026	Finalizing fund design and reporting on results

Mitigation vs. Compensation

Mitigation:

measures for avoiding, minimizing, eliminating, and monitoring environmental impacts to commercial and for-hire fisheries to prevent damage.

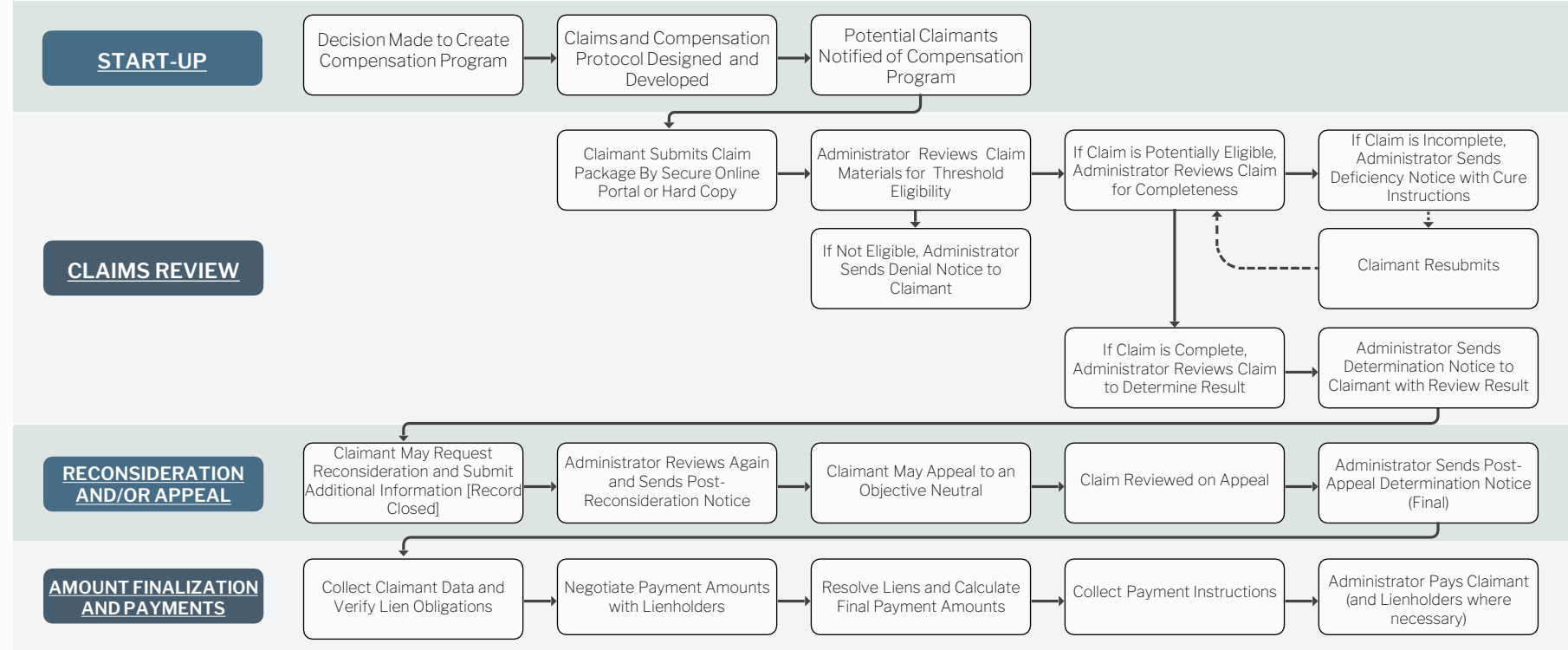
Compensation:

reimbursements for damage and payment for economic losses caused by offshore wind development.

The RFA is tasked with providing fair and equitable compensation to commercial and for-hire fishing community members for direct impacts of offshore wind development.

Compensation Program Administration Process Overview

HOW A COMPENSATION PROGRAM WORKS



START UP

Decision Made to Create
Compensation Program

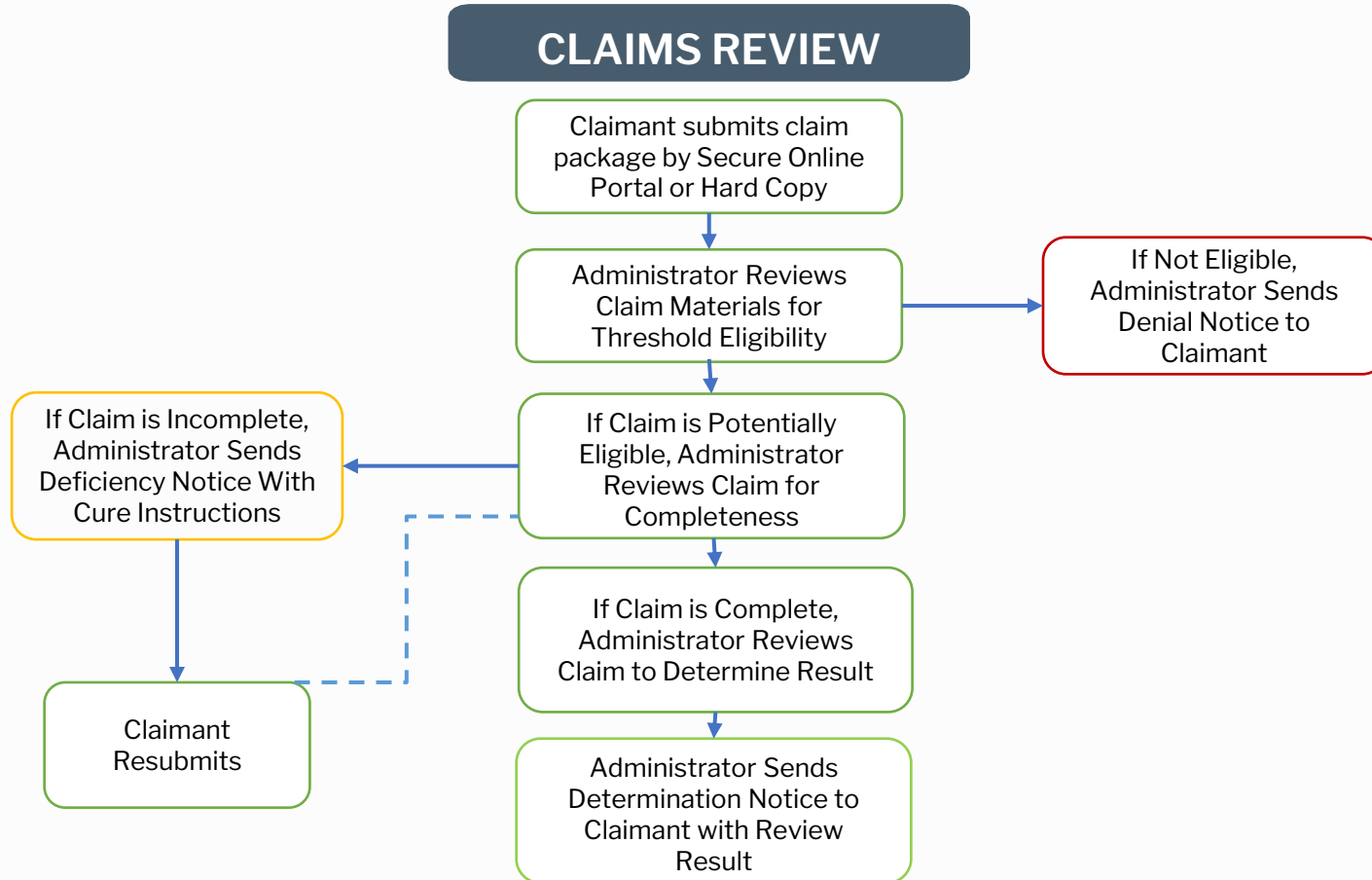


Claims Compensation Protocol
Designed and Developed



Potential Claimants Notified of
Compensation Program

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RECONSIDERATION AND APPEAL

Claimant May Request Reconsideration and Submit Additional Information
[Record Closed]



Administrator Reviews Again and Sends Post-Reconsideration Notice



Claimant May Appeal to Objective Neutral



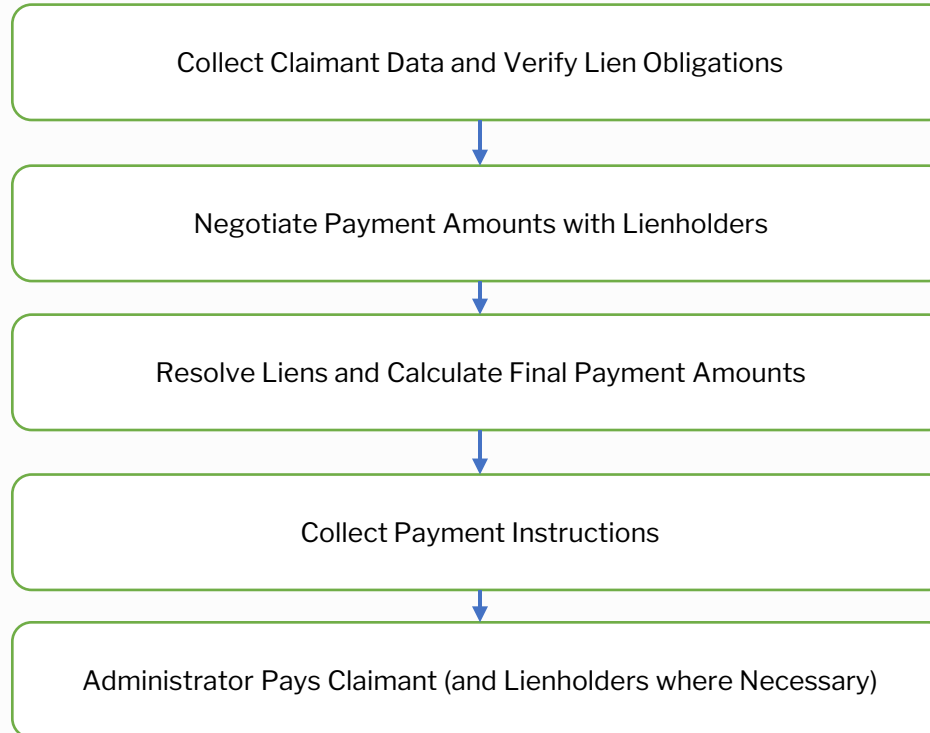
Claim Reviewed on Appeal



Administrator Sends Post-Appeal Determination Notice (Final)

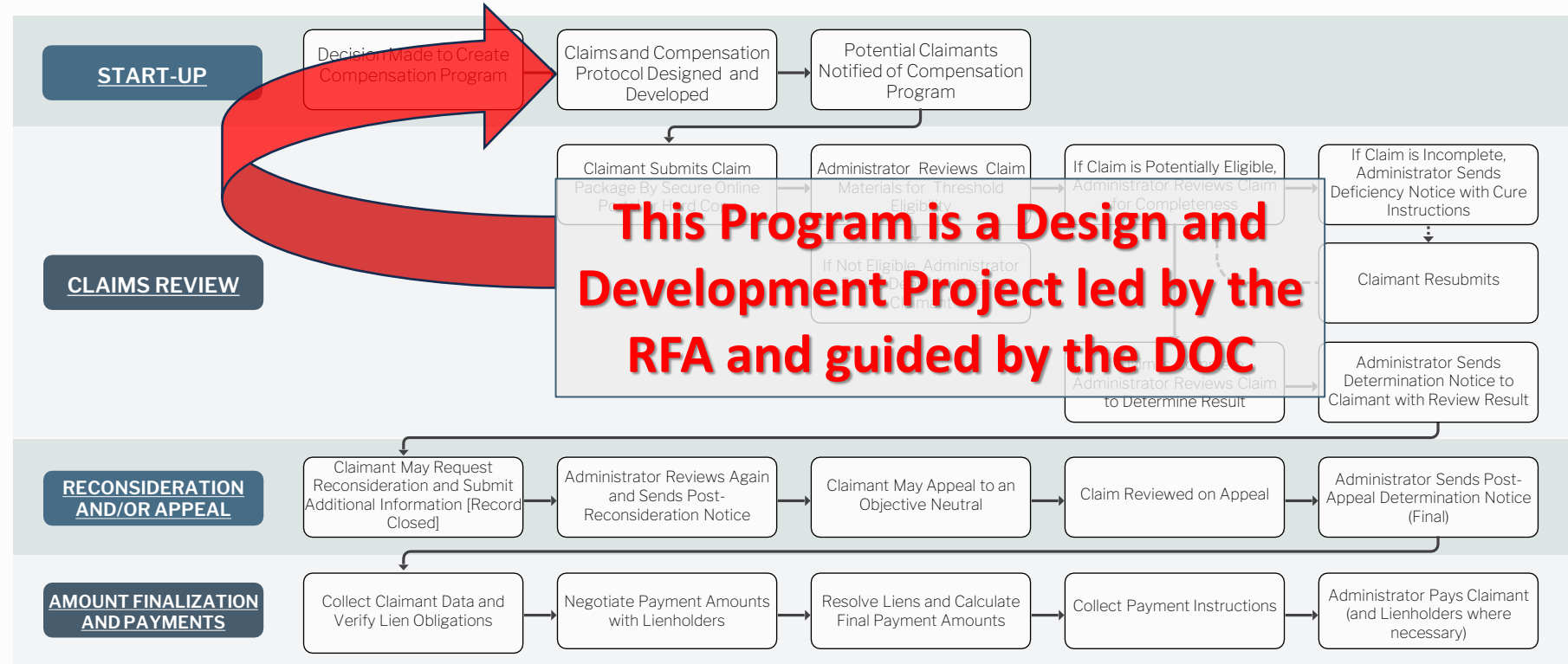
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AMOUNT FINALIZATION AND PAYMENTS



Compensation Program Administration Process Overview

HOW A COMPENSATION PROGRAM WORKS





What Does an Administrator Do?

PROGRAM DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Determine Who is Eligible to Participate.

- Establish categories of eligible claimants and Representative and what is required to prove claimant status.
- Identify those excluded from participation.

Determine What Injuries are Compensable.

- Define injury categories.
- Determine non-compensable injuries.

Develop What Proof of Injury is Required.

- Establish proof requirements, including when physical or mental health records are required or whether affidavits of physicians/family will suffice and, if so, in what circumstances.
- Identify whether different levels of proof are required based on severity of injury.

Establish How will the Claims be Valued.

- Fix baseline valuations for compensable primary injury categories.
- Analyze other escalation or reduction factors.

Determine What will the Structure and Components of the Claims Program Be.

- Claim Package requirements, e.g., Claim Form, Release, Consent or Authorization Forms.
- Deadlines to submit claim and to cure any Claim Package deficiency.
- Opportunity to request reconsideration or appeal of award determination.
- Standard of review on appeal and identify of appellate decision- maker.
- Determine types of liens requiring resolution, e.g. government, medical, non-medical, and information needed to identify and resolve obligations.
- Timing of payments, e.g., only after all appeals are concluded or on an interim or rolling basis.

PROVIDE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT FOR EFFICIENT, SENSITIVE, AND FAIR RESOLUTION

- Design secure web portals for all program participants, with access and functionality tailored to their specific roles.
- Draft communications to claimants explaining the process and requirements.
- Provide functionality for claims submission and review all claims for completeness and compliance with settlement protocol.
- Assign dedicated communication contacts.
- Identify and resolve lien obligations.
- Issue payments and manage program fund.

DOC Survey Process

Why poll or survey the DOC?

Polls/surveys are an efficient way for the RFA to understand the committee's impressions about specific discussion topics, without a formal vote.

Does this count as a vote?

No. These polls are not a formal vote & are not binding, just a status check!

Who is being surveyed?

DOC members, DOC alternates, and DOC liaisons

What will the RFA do with these poll results?

Polling is part of the feedback process. The RFA will use the polling results to inform the overall program design.

Will the survey be the only opportunity to discuss the presented topics?

No. We will follow up with informal webinars or meetings where useful.

Key Considerations in Eligibility Determinations

- ☐ Crew Position
- ☐ Shoreside Businesses
- ☐ Home Port/ Landing Port
- ☐ History of Fishing in Leasing Area
- ☐ Gear Type / Species Type
- ☐ Potential Causes for Ineligibility

DOC Survey #1 (Slido Poll)



Or enter the participant code on
the slido website:
#2930423





Administrative and Next Steps

- ❑ Meeting schedule for remainder of year
- ❑ [Onboarding Packet](#)
- ❑ [Updated ToRs](#)

Proposed dates for next DOC meeting

April 2025

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
	NEFMC April 2025 Council meeting 04/15-04/17			
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		
2025 IPF 04/28-05/1 Virginia Beach				

May 2025

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
2025 IPF 04/28-05/1 Virginia Beach				
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
	Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council SSC Meeting 13/05 – 14/05			
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30
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June 2025

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
	Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council Meeting 06/03 – 06/05			
9	10	11	12	13
Potential meeting w/c 06/09				
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16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
	NEFMC Council meeting 06/24-06/26			
30				


July 2025


M	T	W	T	F
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7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council SSC Meeting 07/22 – 07/24				
28	29	30	31	

August 2025

M	T	W	T	F
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council Meeting 08/11 – 08/14				
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

September 2025

M	T	W	T	F
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8	Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council SSC Meeting 09/09-09/10		11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	Potential meeting w/c 09/15		25	26
29	30	NEFMC Council meeting 09/23-09/25		

 Federal holiday

October 2025

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
ACP Offshore Windpower 10/06-10/08 Boston			9	10
Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council Meeting 10/06 – 10/08				
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

November 2025

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

December 2025

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
NEFMC Council meeting 12/2-12/4				
8	9	10	11	12
Potential meeting w/c 12/08				
15	16	17	18	19
Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council Meeting 12/15 – 12/18				
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

✕ Federal holiday

Summary for suggested dates

Q2: week commencing 6/9

Q3: w/c 9/15 or 9/29

Q4: w/c 12/8

Placeholder for a 3 hour meeting.