



Fisheries Compensation Program
for Atlantic Coast Offshore Wind

Introduction to the Regional Fund Administrator (RFA) project

Maine Fishermen's Forum

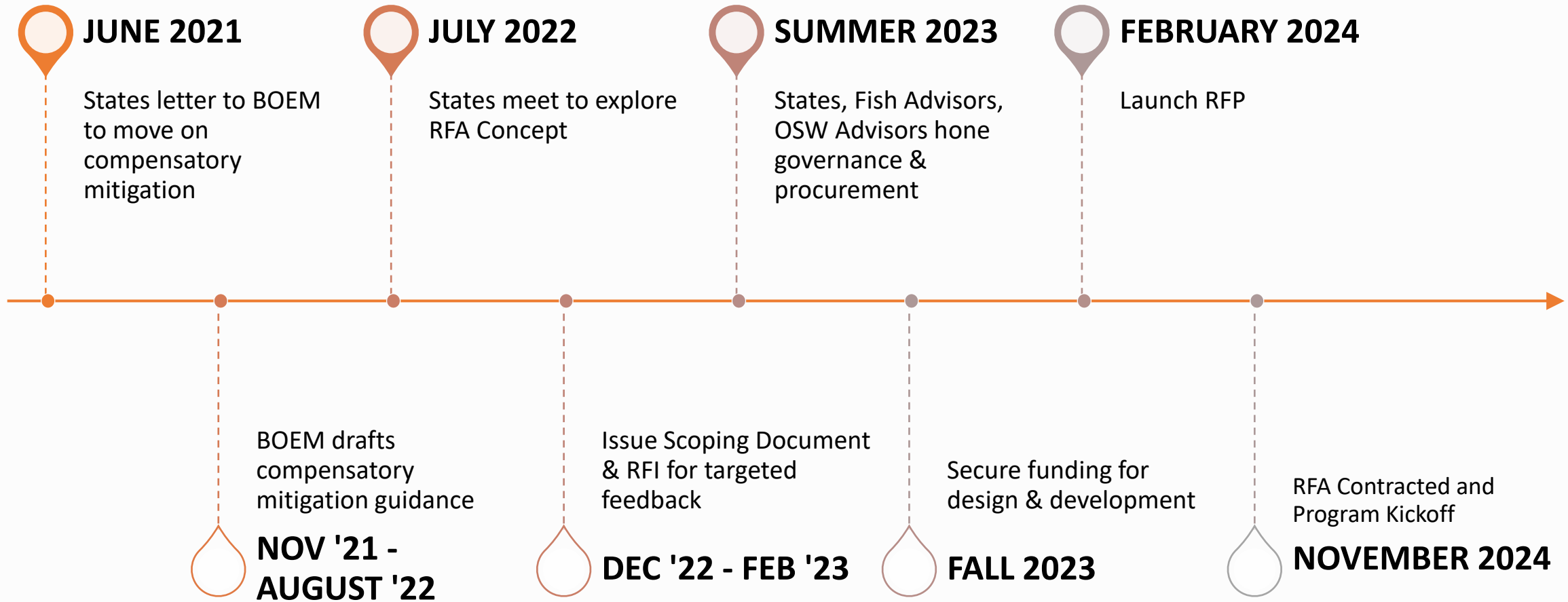
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Session agenda

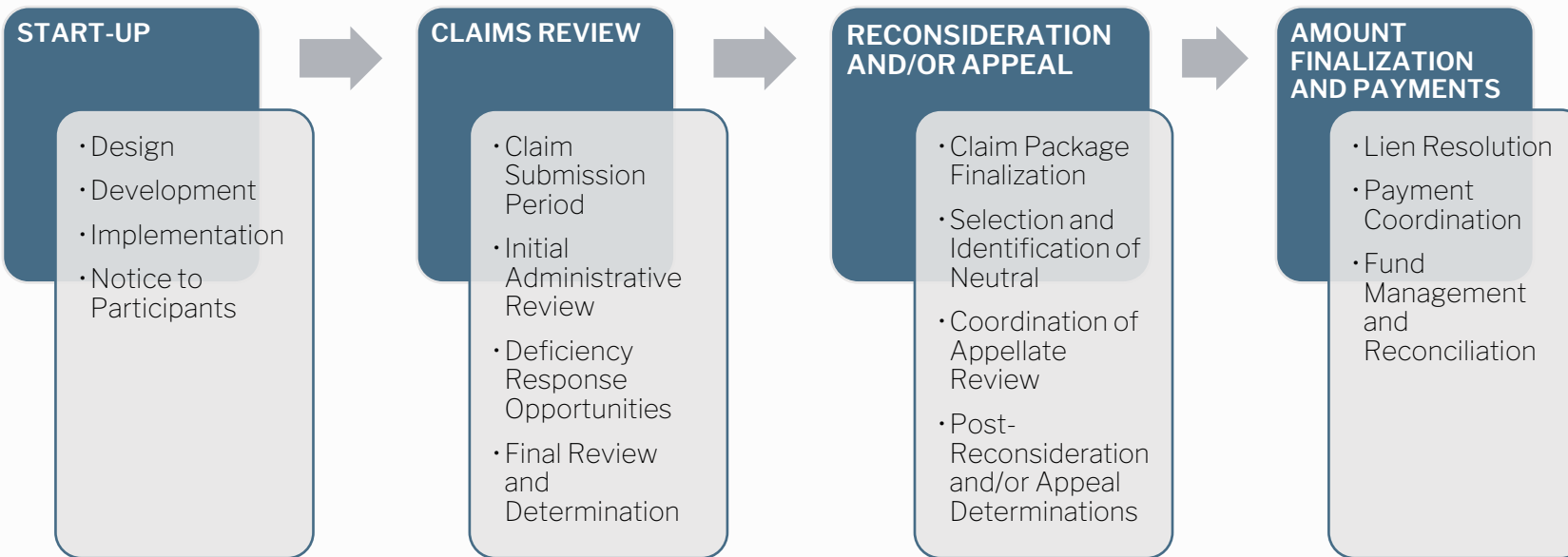
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| 1. Welcome and Introductions
<i>Mary Beth Tooley, O'Hara Corporation</i>
<i>Laura Singer, SAMBAS Consulting LLC</i> | 10 minutes |
| 2. Setting the Context: How We Got Here and What an RFA Is
<i>Orran Brown Jr., BrownGreer</i> | 10 minutes presentation, 10 minutes Q&A |
| 3. Initial Approach to Engagement
<i>Caroline Coccoli, Carbon Trust</i> | 10 minutes presentation, 10 minutes Q&A |
| 4. Open discussion
<i>All (presenters and session attendees)</i> | 20 minutes |
| 5. Closing remarks
<i>Mary Beth Tooley, O'Hara Corporation</i> | 5 minutes |

RFA Origin



Compensation Funds and the Role of Administrators

What is a Compensation Fund?



What Does an Administrator Do?

- Inform the Public About the Compensation Fund.
- Determine Who is Eligible to Participate.
- Determine What Injuries are Compensable.
- Develop What Proof of Loss or Injury is Required.
- Establish How Claims will be Valued.
- Determine the Structure and Components of the Claims Program.
- Design and Build Web-Based Platforms to Allow Participants to Interact with the Program.
- Issue Payments and Manage Program Fund.

The Regional Fund Administrator (“RFA”) Team

BrownGreer

Independent third-party administrator emphasizing accessibility and transparency

Design and develop an equitable and transparent framework for Compensation Fund and associated claims process

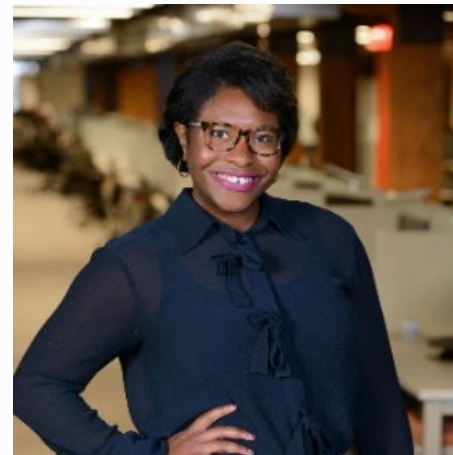
Uses significant stakeholder input for feedback on design elements



Orran Brown, Jr.
(Project Lead)



Phil Strunk



Sydney Gustafson



Justin Wind



Our Approach to the RFA Project

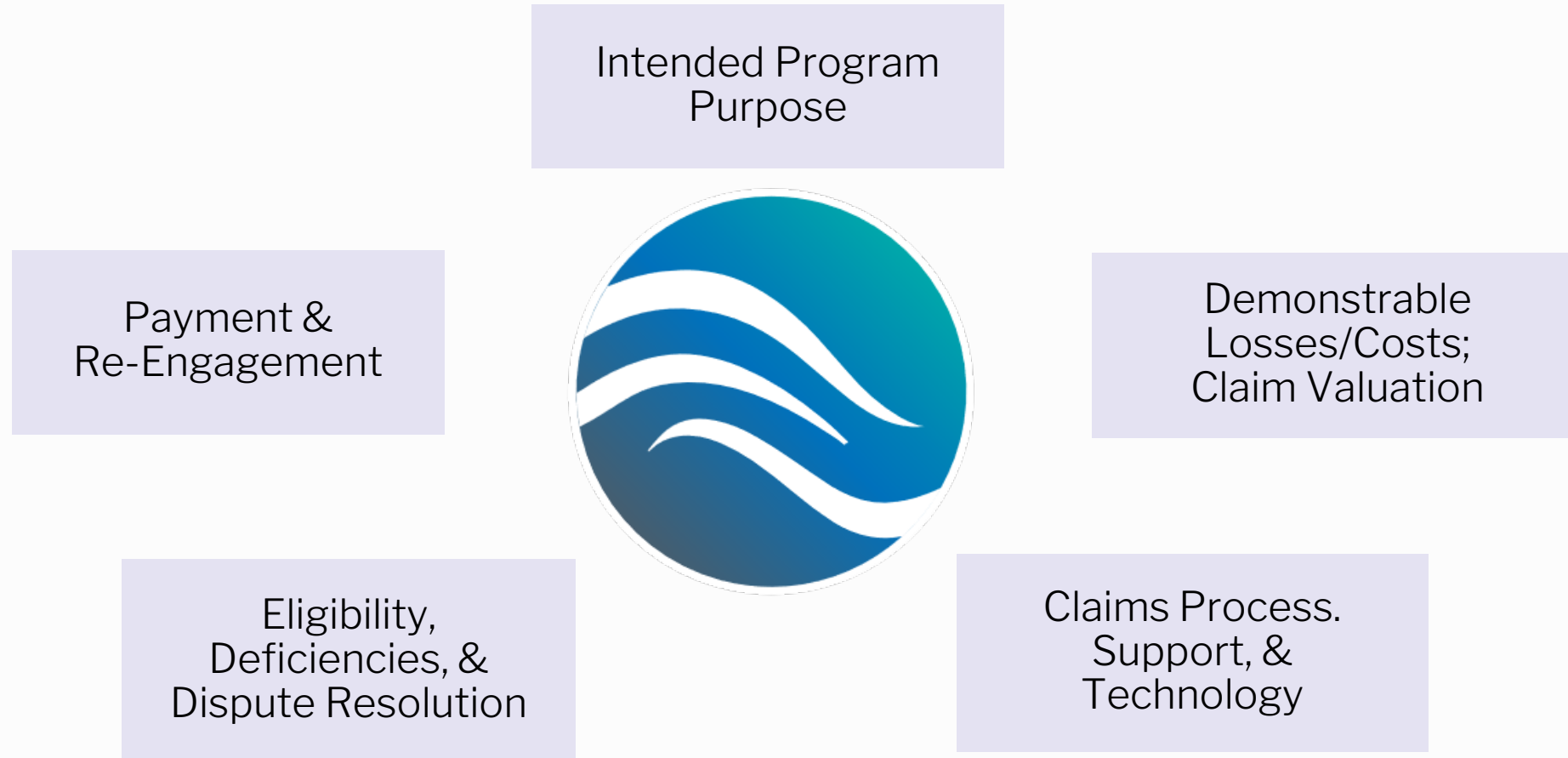
We
**acknowledge the
complexity**

We believe we
have a
responsibility to
ensure our
approach is
flexible

Our approach
balances
independence and
accessibility

We are focused on
driving progress in
a **pragmatic** and
empathetic
manner to build
consensus

Overview of Program Components



The Regional Fund Administrator (“RFA”) Team

Carbon Trust

Engagement lead for “1-2-1” conversations, sector group meeting facilitation

Works with local engagement leads, DOC and FHC members to ensure “bottom-up” approach

Supports the convening of sector group meetings during transition to the RFA



Olivia Burke
(Project Manager)



Jan Matthiesen

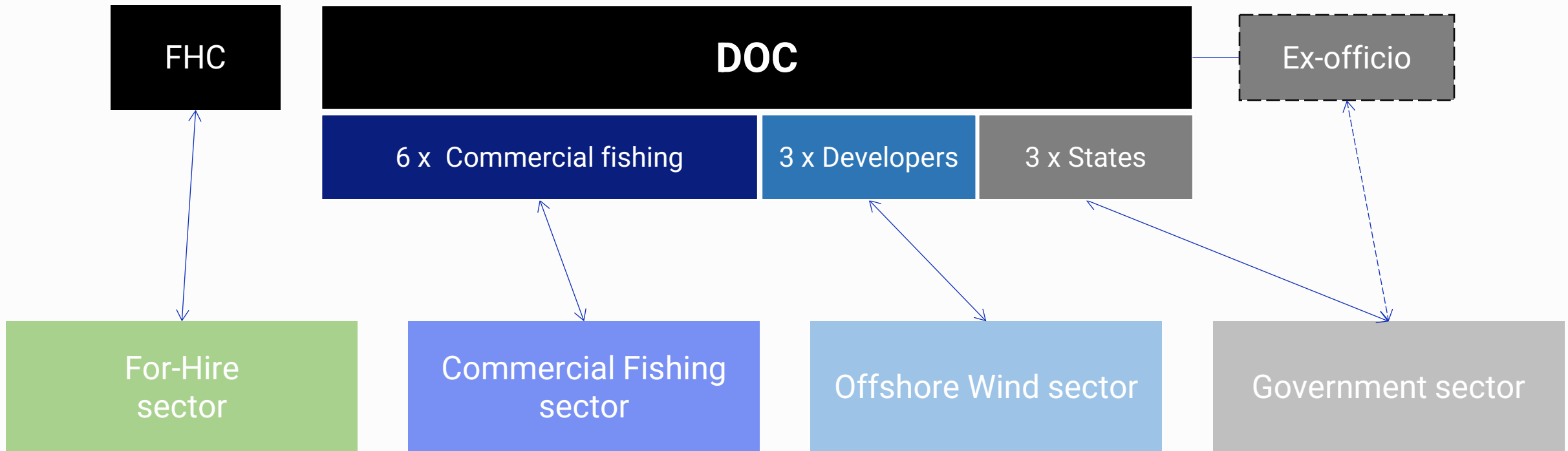


Caroline Coccoli



Laura Singer
(Local engagement
lead – New England)

Relevant Stakeholders for the RFA Project



- We will help to facilitate regular meetings between DOC members and their sector
- Fisheries sector includes stakeholders from diverse fisheries, regions and ports



Governing Committees

Design Oversight Committee (“DOC”)

Commercial Fishing Industry

- **Hank Soule, Vince Balzano, Joe Gilbert, Roy Diehl, Sam Martin, and Spencer Headley**
- *Alternate Members: Beth Casoni, Jerry Leeman, Bonnie Brady, Jeff Kaelin, and Lane Johnston*

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- **Dan McKiernan, Joe Cimino, and Todd Janeski**
- *Alternate Members: Erin Wilkinson, Julia Socrates, and Carrie Kennedy*

Offshore Wind Industry

- **Brian Krevor, Emily Rochon, and Rick Robins**
- *Alternate Members: Ruth Perry, Doug Copeland, and Ross Pearsall*

For-Hire Committee (“FHC”)

Recreational Fishing Industry

- **Rick Bellavance, Bob Rush, and Rom Whitaker**
- *Alternate Member: Mike Cerchio.*

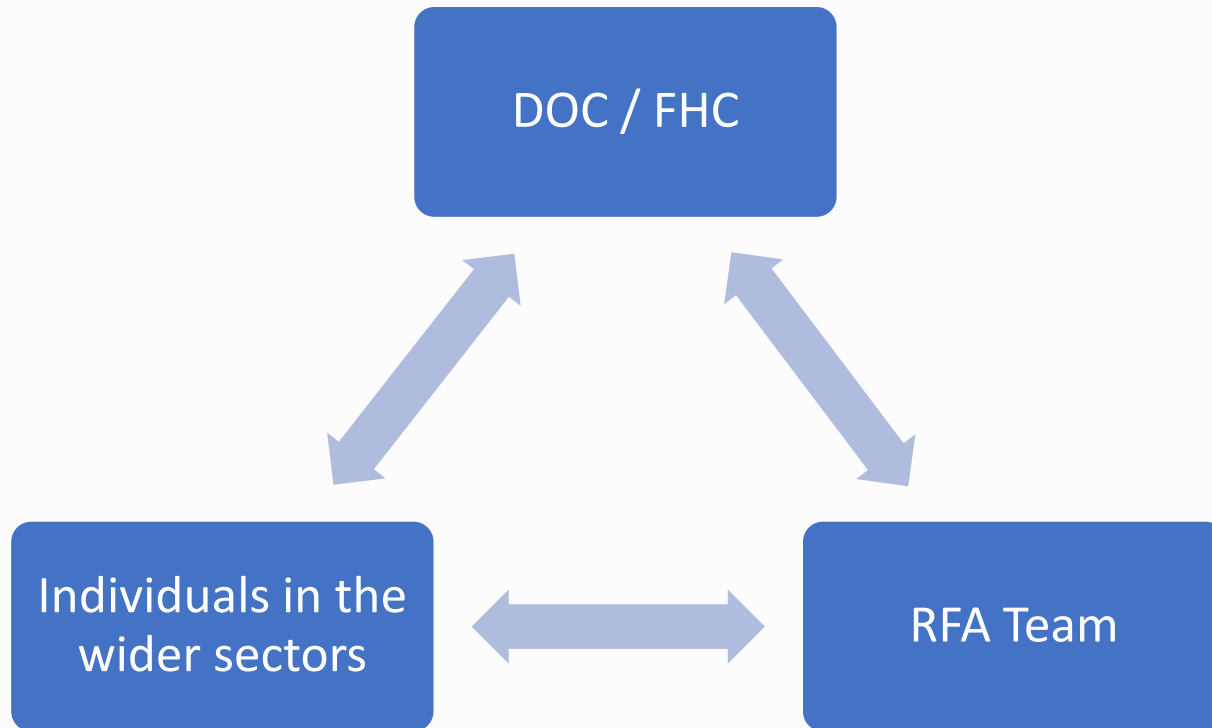
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- **Renee Zobel**
- *Alternate Member: Joe Cimino*

Offshore Wind Industry

- **Brian Krevor**
- *Alternate Member: Ron Larsen*

Consulting and Reporting



The RFA team will:

- Consider feedback from individuals / DOC and FHC on the preferred mechanism for engagement
- Facilitate regular DOC and FHC meetings
- Organise 1-2-1 and group meetings with individuals in each sector
- Actively grow the network of individuals feeding into the RFA project
- Ensure feedback is captured and reflected in the fund design and claims process
- Adjust our approach to maximise accessibility across the region

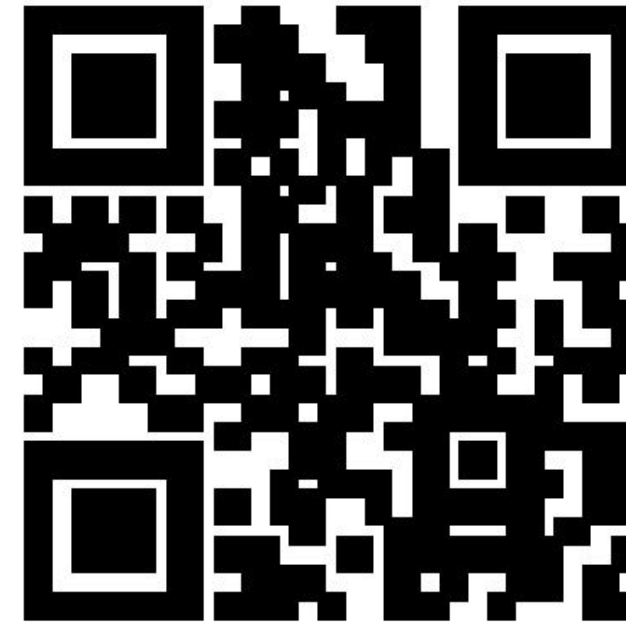
Engagement Timeline

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
May – July 2025	Consultation on eligibility
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

Getting Involved / Sharing Your Feedback

Regional Fund Administrator

Contact@RFInfo.com





Discussion

1. What are your deepest concerns about how the compensation process may unfold and how might we avoid those happening?
2. What would a successful compensation fund and associated claims process look like? What is your priority for the fund?
3. Realizing that this is a difficult and unpopular subject, what is the best way to engage with the fishing community in an open, transparent way but also honor the sensitive nature of the conversation?