

Introduction to the Regional Fund Administrator (RFA)

ROSA Advisory Council Meeting March 27, 2025, 1:00 – 3:45 p.m. EST

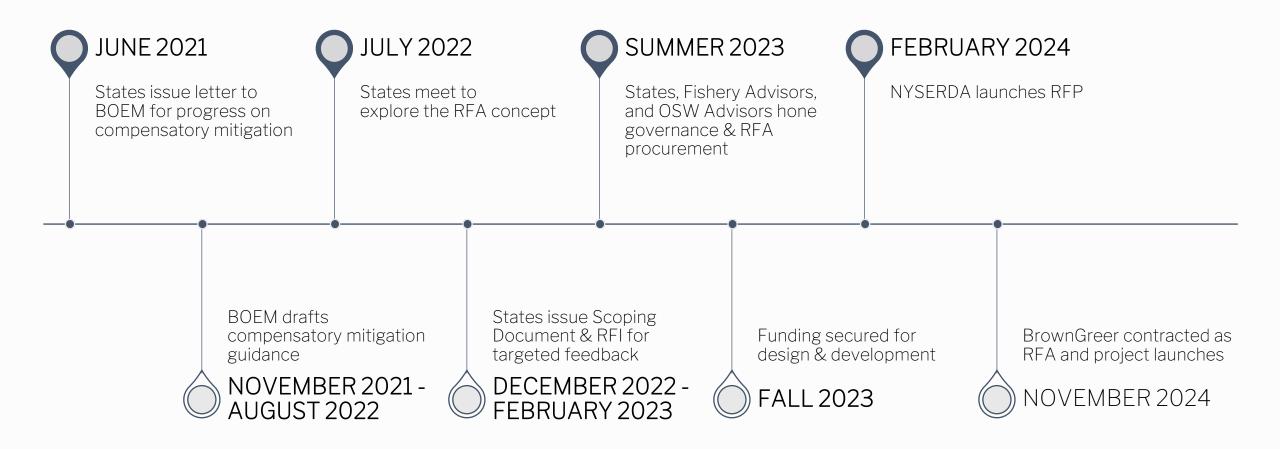
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The Regional Fund Administrator ("RFA") Team

Independent third-party administrator emphasizing accessibility and transparency
Design and develop an equitable and transparent framework for Compensation Fund and associated claims process
Seek significant stakeholder input for feedback on design elements
Engagement lead for "1-2-1" conversations, caucus group meeting facilitation
Working with local engagement officers for RFA feedback
Supporting the convening of caucus group meetings during transition to the RFA
Convenes the Design Oversight Committee ("DOC")
General convening support, strategic advisement, and project management
Supports the transition to the RFA
Convenes the For-Hire Committee ("FHC")
Convenes the 11-States working group
Supports the transition to the RFA
Shares administrative and fiscal oversight with NYSERDA

RFA Origin





Our Guiding Principles

We
acknowledge the
subject's
complexity

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

Our approach balances independence, accessibility, and transparency

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



Overview of Program Components

Intended Program
Purpose

Payment & Re-Engagement



Eligibility; Demonstrable Losses/Costs; Claim Valuation

Claim Evaluation, Deficiencies, & Dispute Resolution Claims Process. Support, & Technology



Integration of Expertise on Fisheries Losses/Costs

Design and Development Phase Cycle:

Months 1 and 2

Initial introductions and planning period in consultation with experts, DOC and FHC to set purpose and goals of the specific design component.

Month 3

Workshops with each of the caucuses on the first design component

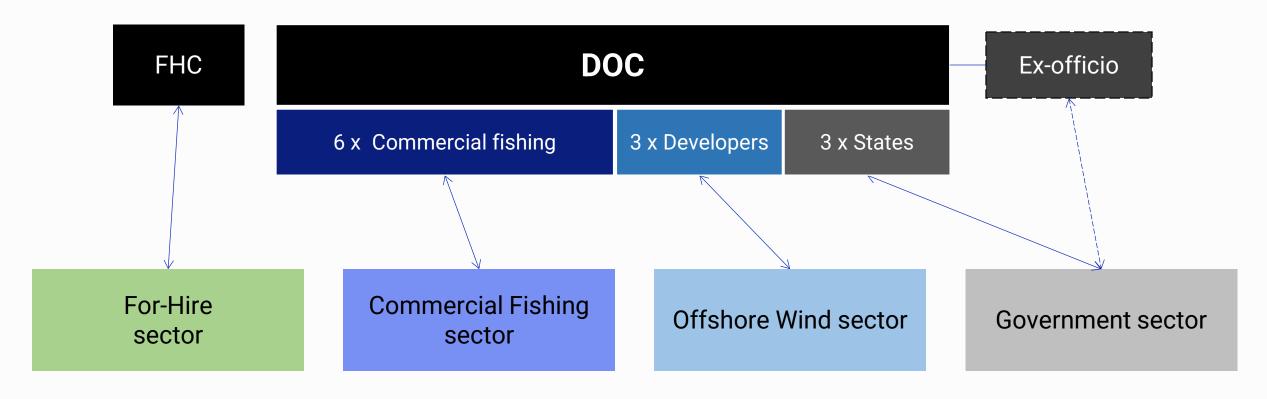
Month 4

Feedback analysis and continued conversations with individuals and DOC/FHC.

Components are integrated into the compensation framework design at the end of each cycle



Relevant Stakeholders for the RFA Project



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



Governing Committees

Design Oversight Committee ("DOC")

Commercial Fishing Industry

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

States

- 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.

States

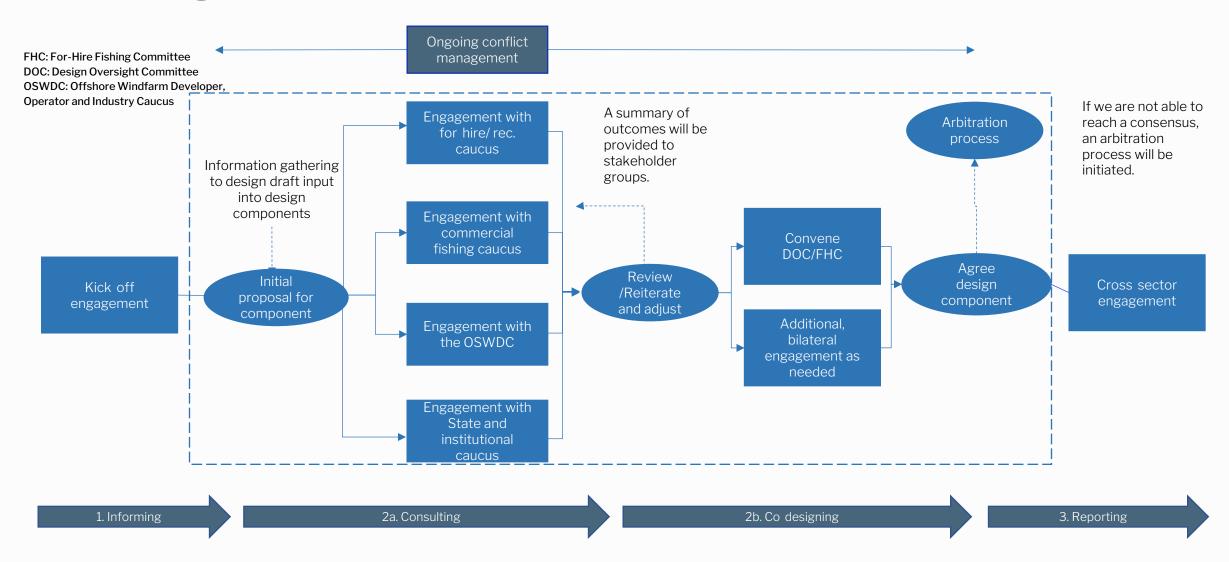
- Renee Zobel
- Alternate Member: Joe Cimino

Offshore Wind Industry

- Brian Krevor
- Alternate Member: Ron Larsen



A Pragmatic and Iterative Framework to Build Consensus





Project 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



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