

## BEACH HAVEN TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION SPONSORING OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY PANEL

The Beach Haven Taxpayers' Association will hold an offshore wind energy forum via Zoom beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, April 9. A panel of experts will include representatives from academia, commercial and recreational fishing industries and Atlantic Shores. Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind ("Atlantic Shores") is a joint venture between two companies, Shell Oil and EDF Renewables North America. This joint venture was formed about two years ago when it acquired its lease after going through a federal process to obtain that lease.

The panel consists of: Dr. Mark Sullivan, Associate Professor, Marine Science Program, Stockton University; Dr. Douglas Zemeckis, County Agent III, Associate Professor, Rutgers University Cooperative Extension, Marine Resources Management; Rick Bushnell, Founder and President ReClam the Bay (RCTB); Jim Donofria, Founder and Executive Director of the Recreational Fishing Alliance; Captain Kevin Wark, Fisheries Liaison Officer for Atlantic Shores Lease Area and active full time commercial fisherman; Doug Copeland, Development Manager, and Jessica Dealy, the External Affairs Lead for Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind.

John Hailperin, BHTA President, said each panelist will have an opportunity to answer a series of questions pertaining to local interest. The first question will give the panelists an opportunity to provide information about what the public should know about the proposed Offshore Wind Project off of LBI. He said issues likely discussed will include but not be limited to regulatory approval processes, location of wind turbines, visibility topics, impacts to tourism, business and commercial and recreational fishing industries, environment and the ecological systems and cost implications.

Although the event is free, Zoom registration will be made available via the Beach Haven Taxpayers Association web site at <http://www.bhtaxpayers.org>. **All participants must pre-register for the event!**

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tcu-sgTqpGdHn0-KRXsc\\_wXExAyATC6tf](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tcu-sgTqpGdHn0-KRXsc_wXExAyATC6tf)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.