

and a significant mitigation effort.

- There are no ties between the recent whale deaths and offshore wind development

according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM).

- Offshore wind vessel activity currently accounts for around 2% of the tracked traffic in the area

for the North Carolina and Southeastern United States.

- More humpback whales are returning to these waters. The humpback whale population in the Carolina and New Jersey area is recovering from the ESA listing in 1991. Recent NOAA surveys show a 10% increase in sightings.

It is a big relief. The information is significant for the industry and the public. The industry and the public should be aware of the potential impacts of offshore wind development on marine mammals. The industry should take steps to mitigate these impacts. The industry should also work with NOAA and BOEM to develop a plan for monitoring and managing the impacts of offshore wind development on marine mammals.

and the NJ Sierra Club Director. 13 environmental non-profit organizations have filed a lawsuit against the BOEM's Offshore Wind Energy Program. The lawsuit claims that the BOEM's Offshore Wind Energy Program is in violation of the Endangered Species Act. The lawsuit also claims that the BOEM's Offshore Wind Energy Program is in violation of the National Marine Mammal Act.

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