

## Additional Information about the Workshop

MMS was given the responsibility for regulating alternative energy development in the Federal offshore environment (beyond 3 miles) by the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The Atlantic Coast from Maine to North Carolina is anticipated to be of particular interest for offshore wind development.

A major environmental concern associated with wind power development is its potential impacts on birds. This workshop is designed to review existing knowledge, examine mitigation and monitoring approaches, identify research priorities, and explore partnership opportunities.

As the agenda is refined and as speakers are confirmed, updates will be posted. To find out more about the meeting site, directions and how to make room reservations visit: <http://training.fws.gov/>. There are limited rooms on campus, but there are also spaces nearby <http://training.fws.gov/meet/hotels.html>.

Please e-mail Sally Valdes ([Sally.Valdes@mms.gov](mailto:Sally.Valdes@mms.gov)) if you plan to attend. We will need to provide an attendees list to the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) for security purposes. You will then need to contact NCTC with your credit card information to reserve a room if you plan to stay overnight. The meeting is open but the meeting space has its limitations. We expect about 60 attendees from Federal, State, international and academic sources.