

Navigation Enhancement and Training Program

For RI and MA Commercial and For-Hire Fishermen eligible for Fisheries Direct Compensation



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The Navigation Enhancement and Training Program (NETP) offers vouchers for professional training, new pulse compression radar systems, and new or upgraded Automatic Identification System (AIS) transceivers for eligible RI and MA commercial and for-hire fishermen.

Eligibility

Eligibility for the NETP is contingent upon eligibility for fisheries direct compensation. While Ørsted funds this program, claim eligibility is administered through third party Technical Assistance Providers (TAPs) set up by the states of RI and MA. Vessel owners must demonstrate they have fished or transited within the South Fork Wind area for a minimum of three years prior to construction, they have experienced business interruptions due to construction, operations and/or decommissioning, and they have a home port or registered business in RI and MA.

How to apply

- 1 Apply for the RI or MA Fisheries Direct Compensation [here](#). 
- 2 If deemed eligible for RI or MA Fisheries Direct Compensation, please complete the NETP Application [here](#). 
- 3 Applications will be sent to Orsted Marine Affairs and The Paratus Group. The Paratus Group will actively reach out to qualified applicants.
- 4 A voucher will be issued.
- 5 Vessel owner can purchase approved equipment from a pre-approved vendor. Nominated crew members can purchase training.



Navigation Equipment

Eligible vessels will receive a voucher toward the purchase and installation of pre-approved equipment from a pre-approved vendor.

- Commercial fishing vessels and Coast Guard inspected passenger vessels will receive a voucher worth \$10,000 toward approved equipment
- Uninspected passenger vessels (six pack charter vessels) will receive a voucher worth \$5000 toward approved equipment.

Training

Owners of eligible vessels may nominate two crew members for professional mariner training at a preapproved training facility.

- Each will receive a voucher worth \$1,000 toward approved training
- Suggested courses include Operator of an Uninspected Passenger Vessel, radar observer, rules of the road refresher, or customized courses for safe navigation within wind farms.

Voucher recipients will be responsible for any expenses that exceed the value of the voucher.

Experiential Learning

All mariners with a saltwater fishing license are eligible to attend experiential learning days hosted by Ørsted Marine Affairs at the US Marine Resource Center's state of the art vessel simulators.

Dates will be published at:
us.ored.com/mariners →

Please contact the Ørsted Marine Affairs Team for more information. MANEP@ored.com

This program is administered on behalf of Ørsted's Marine Affairs team by The Paratus Group. The Paratus Group will be your primary point of contact.

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