



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

MassWildlife

Wayne F. MacCallum, *Director*

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Gregg Tivnan, Assistant Town Manager
Town of Nantucket
16 Broad Street
Nantucket, MA 02554

RE: Project Location: Madaket Wind Turbine Project, DPW Solid Waste Facility
Town: NANTUCKET
NHESP Tracking No.: 10-27902

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for contacting the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program ("NHESP") of the MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife for information regarding state-listed rare species in the vicinity of the above referenced site.

Based on the information provided, the NHESP has determined that at this time the site is not mapped as Priority or Estimated Habitat. The NHESP database does not contain any state-listed species records in the immediate vicinity of this site. However, we recommend that potential impacts to birds and bats be considered during the design and permitting process for all wind turbines. In addition, we request that post-construction monitoring be conducted to assess impacts to birds and bats, and that a monitoring protocol be provided to our office for review prior to the initiation of monitoring.

This evaluation is based on the most recent information available in the NHESP database, which is constantly being expanded and updated through ongoing research and inventory. Please note that this determination addresses only the matter of **rare** wildlife habitat and does not pertain to other wildlife habitat issues that may be pertinent to the proposed project. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Jessica Rempel, Endangered Species Review Biologist, at (508) 389-6386.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. French, Ph.D.
Assistant Director

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