

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

FISHERIES SURVIVAL FUND, <i>et al.</i>	)	
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Plaintiffs,	)	
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v.	)	Civ. No.
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SALLY JEWELL, <i>et al.</i>	)	
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Defendants.	)	
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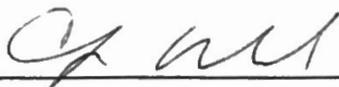
**DECLARATION OF CHRISTOPHER ROEBUCK**

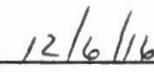
I, Christopher Roebuck, declare and state as follows:

1. I am a member of the Fisheries Survival Fund.
2. I am 44 years old. I own the F/V *Karen Elizabeth* and F/V *Yankee Pride*. I grew up fishing on my father's boats and bought the *Karen Elizabeth* when I was 24. I have been a captain for twenty years harvesting both scallops and squid.
3. I captain the *Karen Elizabeth* full time and employ twenty people full time, through five businesses that are entirely dependent on commercial fishing for both scallops and squid.
4. In my experience fishing for scallops, the scallops generally settle in places where conditions are favorable for growth and survival. These areas vary from year to year but are consistently in the same historic places over longer time periods. One of the advances in our current management structure is the ability to recognize seed scallop areas through surveys and, by using rotational area management, focus effort on concentrations of larger scallops. This enables us to fish the most efficiently, while minimizing habitat damage, bycatch, and fuel use.
5. The areas outside designated access areas are known as the open bottom and include Georges Bank, the Great South Channel, and the New York Bight, including the area where the NY Wind Energy Area (WEA) is proposed. All vessels from the entire fleet use these areas opportunistically throughout each year, focusing effort on larger scallops in greater concentrations.

6. In recent years, the New York Bight (and specifically the WEA) have yielded large numbers of harvestable-sized scallops and continue to show excellent signs of recruitment through both industry and government surveys.
7. I make this Declaration based on my personal knowledge.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I verify that all of the factual information contained in this Declaration is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge

  
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Name CHRISTOPHER ROEBUCK

  
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Date