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Fishermen's Energy Launches Environmental Monitoring Buoy

(Cape May, NJ 04/29/10) On Thursday April 29, 2010 at 10:30 AM, Fishermen's Energy's will launch their offshore environmental monitoring buoy. A press event will initiate the launching of the buoy on the docks in Atlantic City, at Barney's Dock, 700 North Rhode Island Avenue.

In recognition of the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day, the Fishermen's Energy team returns to familiar offshore territory, but for a reason other than fishing.

The deployment of the buoy, 2.8 miles east of Atlantic City, is another step in monitoring the wind farm site, located offshore site of Atlantic City. The buoy is part of a one year preconstruction environmental monitoring program to gain a thorough understanding of the planned wind farm's existing environmental conditions. The buoy is planned to remain onsite for at least one year and during the project's construction.

The instrumented buoy and mooring system are similar in design to US government buoys operated by NOAA and in various university programs. The system will measure wind speed and other environmental conditions, and transmit the information to shore for use in the wind farm site assessments. The installation of the buoy has been reviewed and approved by the US Army Corps of Engineers and US Coast Guard.

The buoy will be installed in 40 feet of water. Specialized installation equipment and deployment supervision will be provided by the Woods Hole Group (Falmouth, Massachusetts) and the research vessel Sea Wolf operated by the State University of New York.

The event will include photo opportunities and interviews with Daniel Cohen, President, Michael Madia, COO and other key Fishermen's personnel. Representatives will be on hand from Woods Hole Group as well as the captain and crew of the R/V Sea Wolf.

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