

MASS AUDUBON
STATEMENT ON CAPE WIND
August 27, 2010

Inaccurate statements have been made regarding Mass Audubon's position on the proposed Cape Wind project. We provide the following information to clarify and reaffirm our position.

Mass Audubon supports the Cape Wind project as an important component of the responsible development of clean, renewable energy to prevent the worst effects of climate change. More information can be found in Mass Audubon's [Final Position on The Cape Wind Energy Project](#), released on June 24, 2010.

Mass Audubon has never requested, accepted, or been promised financial remuneration in exchange for its support for Cape Wind. We independently raised funds to pay for our research. As part of the public comment process, Mass Audubon provided our results to the relevant local, state, and federal government agencies. Those who have alleged that Mass Audubon received funds from the project developers of Cape Wind in exchange for our support for the project have provided no evidence to support their claim; the allegation is false. Mass Audubon has received no funding from the developers of Cape Wind nor has the organization received any funding from the project's opponents. Mass Audubon has no past or present contractual relationship with the developers of Cape Wind nor will we in the future. Our independence and objectivity remain irreproachable.

Mass Audubon's support for the Cape Wind project is based on our extensive, thorough, and independently funded avian research, begun in 2002 at the proposed project location. We conducted these studies using sophisticated technologies. Learn more about the results of [Mass Audubon's avian research in Nantucket Sound](#).

After nine years of independent extensive research of the Cape Wind project and our review of data and analysis of offshore wind energy projects in Europe, Mass Audubon concluded that Cape Wind *would not* pose an ecologically significant threat to the birds and associated marine habitat of Horseshoe Shoal and Nantucket Sound. Mass Audubon will continue its independent analysis of the Cape Wind project as part of the public comment process.

Learn more regarding [Mass Audubon's position on Cape Wind and wind energy](#).