§3404. Determination of public policy; state wind energy generation goals

1. Encouragement of wind energy-related development. It is the policy of the State in
furtherance of the goals established in subsection 2, to encourage the attraction of appropriately sited
development related to wind energy, including any additional transmission and other energy
infrastructure needed to transport additional offshore wind energy to market, consistent with all state
environmental standards; the permitting and financing of wind energy projects; and the siting,
permitting, financing and construction of wind energy research and manufacturing facilities.
[PL 2009, c. 615, Pt. A, §3 (AMD).]

2. State wind energy generation goals. The goals for wind energy development in the State are
that there be:

A. At least 2,000 megawatts of installed capacity by 2015; [PL 2009, c. 615, Pt. A, §4 (AMD).]
B. At least 3,000 megawatts of installed capacity by 2020, including 300 megawatts or more from
generation facilities located in coastal waters, as defined by Title 12, section 6001, subsection 6, or
in proximate federal waters; and [PL 2009, c. 615, Pt. A, §4 (AMD).]
C. At least 8,000 megawatts of installed capacity by 2030, including 5,000 megawatts from
generation facilities located in coastal waters, as defined by Title 12, section 6001, subsection 6, or
in proximate federal waters. [PL 2009, c. 615, Pt. A, §4 (NEW).]
[PL 2009, c. 615, Pt. A, §4 (AMD).]

3. Wind energy development; impacts to fisheries. If, in reviewing a proposed commercial lease
for a wind energy development for any purpose other than scientific research or technological
development to be located in federal waters within lobster management area 1, the United States
Department of the Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management determines that the wind energy
development would have a significant adverse impact on fisheries, the State shall request that the
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management work to minimize that impact.

For the purposes of this subsection, "wind energy development" has the same meaning as in section
3451, subsection 11 and "lobster management area 1" means the area defined by rule by the Department
of Marine Resources.
[PL 2021, c. 407, §1 (NEW).]

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