



***Offshore Wind & Hampton Roads:
Opportunities for Leadership and Innovation***

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With a national target to deploy 30 GW of offshore wind by 2030, a new industry with great economic promise for Hampton Roads is growing. Dominion Energy's Offshore Wind projects place Virginia in a position to be a leader of offshore wind development in the U.S. The Commonwealth is well-suited as a supply chain and innovation hub for this new industry with our best-in-class port infrastructure, a large and skilled maritime workforce, and competitive business climate. The opportunity from offshore wind, market drivers, the project pipeline on the East Coast, Virginia's offshore wind advantages, and the effort to establish Hampton Roads as a hub of this new industry will be discussed.

Jerry Cronin leads the Open Seas initiative, an innovation hub focused on maritime and coastal issues. Jerry's focus is to discover innovations, and then work with individuals and organizations to vet and develop viable enterprises. Jerry previously served as a Coast Guard officer. He has provided mentorship and consulting to companies globally. Jerry has a BS in Physics from the US Coast Guard Academy, with certificates in Leadership and Business Strategy from Cornell University

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