



2023 Big Blue Conference Schedule

May 2, 2023

11:00 Registration

11:30 **Introduction to Big Blue Conference**
by special guest Senator Susan Moran

11:40 Lunch

12:00 **Cape Cod's Unique Economy** with
Cape Cod Commission Executive Director
Kristy Senatori

12:25 **A New Approach to Economic Development** with Cape Cod Chamber CEO Paul
Niedzwiecki

1:05 **A Global Perspective on Offshore Wind**
with Avangrid CEO Pedro Azagra Blazquez

1:25 **Avangrid** Project Overview

1:55 **Vineyard Wind 1** Project Overview

2:10 **SouthCoast Wind** Project Overview

2:35 **Opportunities in Offshore Wind** panel
moderated by Mass Maritime Academy's
Capt. Michael Burns

3:35 **Reflecting on Big Blue Conference So Far** with special guest Representative Dylan
Fernandes

3:45 **Closing Big Blue Conference Day 1** with
Plymouth Area Chamber Executive Director
Amy Naples and The Plymouth Foundation
Executive Director Stephen Cole

May 3, 2023

8:00 **BankFive Breakfast** with Plymouth Dele-
gation and a word from our sponsors

9:00 **Why "Big Blue"** with Cape Cod Chamber
CEO Paul Niedzwiecki and Economic Develop-
ment Director Katy Acheson

9:20 **Introduction to Big Blue Day 2** with Paul
Gasek

9:45 **Shark Smart** with Atlantic White Shark
Conservancy Education Director Marianne
Long

10:30 **Local Conservation Efforts to save En-
dangered Sea Turtles & Marine Mammals**
with National Marine Life Center President
and Executive Director Connie Merigo

10:50 **Eyes and Ears on the Water: Advo-
cating for the Fishing Industry** with Cape Cod
Commercial Fishermen's Alliance Policy Man-
ager Aubrey Church

11:25 **Life of Oysters** panel moderated by
artist Steven Koppel featuring Barnstable
Town Manager Mark Ells, ARC Shellfish
Hatchery President Rick Sawyer, and Naked
Oyster Chef/Owner Florence Lowell

12:15 **What's Next?** Invitation to The Plym-
outh Foundation's Fall Conference

12:20 **Don't Miss This: Quahog Day!**

12:30 **Reflecting on Big Blue Conference** with
special guest speaker MA Office of Economic
Development Secretary Yvonne Hao

Note, this schedule does not delineate scheduled breaks.