

BOEM New Hampshire Stakeholder Meetings

[Federal Register :: Request for Interest \(RFI\) in Commercial Leasing for Wind Energy Development on the Gulf of Maine Outer Continental Shelf \(OCS\)](#)

[Federal Register :: Research Lease on the Outer Continental Shelf \(OCS\) in the Gulf of Maine, Request for Competitive Interest \(RFCI\)](#)

Initiation of Federal Offshore Wind Energy Siting in the Gulf of Maine - Informational Meeting
First of stakeholder meeting series with commercial fishermen, with online presence from BOEM.
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Office 222 International Drive Suite 175 Portsmouth, NH 03801
Recorded Meeting: <u>NH Stakeholder Meeting Regarding BOEM's Draft Compensatory Mitigation Guidelines for Offshore Wind - YouTube</u>
Thursday 28 July 2022
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
<u>https://www.boem.gov/sites/default/files/documents/renewable-energy/BOEM%20Fisheries%20Guidance%20June%202022.pdf</u>

Initiation of Federal Offshore Wind Energy Siting in the Gulf of Maine - Informational Meeting
Stakeholder meeting targeted towards recreational fishing industry, charter/party boats, and whale watching.
Hampton Police Department, 100 Brown Ave. Hampton, NH 03842
Recorded Meeting: TBD
Thursday 15 September 2022
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Initiation of Federal Offshore Wind Energy Siting in Gulf of Maine: Preparation Meeting for the NH NGOs, Municipalities, and Others
Stakeholder meeting targeted towards Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), municipalities, local members of the BOEM Gulf of Maine Renewable Energy Taskforce, and others.
Seacoast Science Center, 507 Ocean Blvd. Rye, NH 03870
Zoom Link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83852618374?pwd=RC9oZmRZWjNUUmRobThkUVB2ZlVtQT09#success</u>
Tuesday 20 September 2022
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Initiation of Federal Offshore Wind Energy Siting in Gulf of Maine: Preparation Meeting for the NH Commercial Fishing Industry and Related Shoreside Businesses
Stakeholder meeting targeted towards shoreside support businesses, and follow-up discussion with the commercial fishing industry.
Urban Forestry Center, 45 Elwyn Rd. Portsmouth, NH 03801
Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88921086907?pwd=MHZpMXRVaVVHbIBDM281Ym1HMmp1UT09
Thursday 22 September 2022
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Who do these meetings concern?:

These meetings are for any NH commercial or recreational fishermen, shoreside businesses, NGOs, municipality representatives, or other ocean users that would like to be informed about *offshore wind energy development in the Gulf of Maine*, and learn how to have your voice heard in the federal wind energy area siting process.

What is the purpose of these meetings?

The NH Department of Fish and Game (NHF&G), in collaboration with NH Department of Environmental Services and NH Sea Grant, are hosting a meeting to provide commercial industries with guidance about the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM) Request for Interest (RFI) in wind energy development in the Gulf of Maine. BOEM is the federal agency responsible for administering the leasing program for oil, gas, and renewable energy resources from 3nm to 200nm offshore. This guidance will include 1) BOEM's timeline and framework for the RFI, 2) printed and online maps of the NH commercial fishing footprint to aid your public comment, and 3) guidance on submitting comments to BOEM. The comment period closes October 3, 2022. There will be representatives from BOEM present to answer your questions.

What is the Request For Information (RFI)?

BOEM has indicated that they will initiate the wind energy area siting process in the Gulf of Maine with an RFI to determine 1) if there is commercial interest in offshore wind energy development, and 2) gain information from the public, including the commercial industries, about site conditions, resources, uses, or activities within or near the RFI area. The Gulf of Maine RFI can be found here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/08/19/2022-17921/request-for-interest-rfi-in-commercial-leasing-for-wind-energy-development-on-the-gulf-of-maine>

Where can I find more information?

BOEM's website gives further information about the offshore wind energy development in the Gulf of Maine: <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/maine/gulf-maine>

Where can I find additional resources?

[NROC Ocean Data Portal: https://www.northeastoceandata.org/](https://www.northeastoceandata.org/)

[How to Comment \(boem.gov\)](https://www.boem.gov)

[Gulf of Maine Commercial Planning and Leasing Process | Bureau of Ocean Energy Management \(boem.gov\)](https://www.boem.gov)