

BOEM Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Forces

Overview

BOEM uses Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Forces to help shape its approach to offshore wind and other renewable energy development on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf. These task forces include representatives from federally recognized Tribes, federal agencies, states, and local governments.

How is a task force initiated?

A task force is initiated by request from a governor of a state or territory to BOEM.

Who can participate in a task force?

Through each task force, BOEM actively seeks to involve relevant and affected governmental entities in the various stages of planning and project review. Although task forces are government-only bodies, all task force meetings are open to the public, and each meeting is followed by public question-and-answer sessions led by BOEM.



The Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Forces serve as forums to:

- Coordinate planning for offshore wind energy development, including state and territory goals.
- Identify the most suitable areas for potential offshore wind leasing.
- Provide education about BOEM's processes, federal and state/territory permitting, and statutory requirements.
- Exchange information about biological and physical resources, ocean uses, and priorities.