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## **BOEMRE Initiates Leasing Process for Commercial Wind Development Offshore Massachusetts**

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) today announced a 30-day extension of the public comment period on the Request for Interest (RFI) relating to interest offshore Massachusetts in future commercial wind energy development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The extension comes following requests from Governor' Deval Patrick's office, from the Massachusetts Congressional delegation, and from the commercial fishing community.

BOEMRE will use industry responses to determine specific interest in the commercial development of wind resources off the Commonwealth's shores. The BOEMRE also invites all interested and affected parties to comment and provide information—including information on environmental issues and relevant data—that will be useful in the consideration of the RFI area for commercial wind energy leases.

The public comment period will now be extended for an additional 30 days following the publication of an upcoming notice in the Federal Register. Comments already submitted on the RFI will be fully considered in our decision-making and do not need to be resubmitted.

For additional information, go to:

<http://www.boemre.gov/offshore/RenewableEnergy/StateActivities.htm#Massachusetts>

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