



Introduction and Meeting Goals

BOEM Oregon Renewable Energy Task Force Meeting

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Meeting Goals

- Discuss BOEM's regulatory process and the purpose and role of the Request for Interest (RFI), a *federal register* notice
- Inform task force members on two unsolicited OCS renewable energy lease requests offshore Oregon
- Review and discuss the Request for Interest (RFI) as a stakeholder engagement opportunity

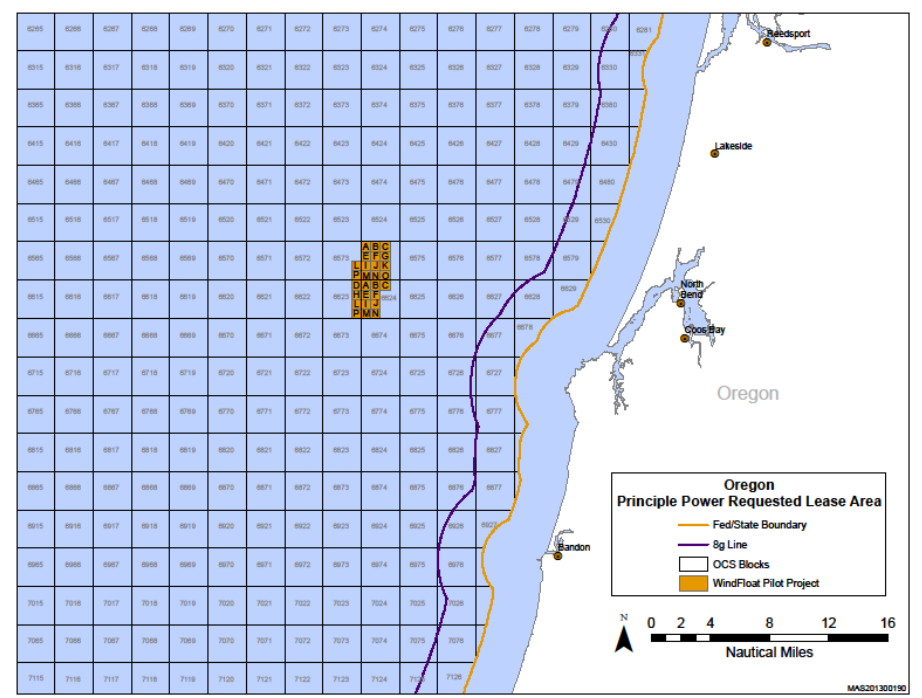
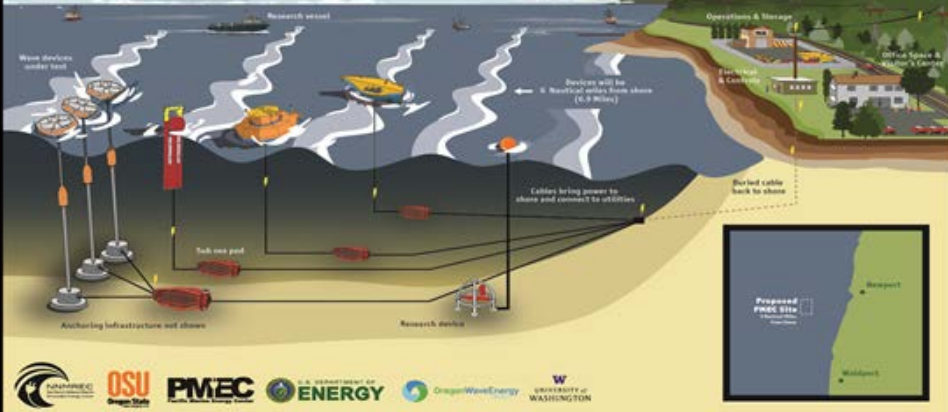
Task Force Purpose

- Members of State, local, & tribal governments and Federal agencies participate
 - Does not replace consultation under existing Federal laws and regulations
- Forum to:
 - **Educate** each other about permitting and statutory responsibilities, and stakeholders' issues
 - **Exchange data** about biological and physical resources, uses, and priorities
 - **Continue dialogue** about renewable energy activities throughout the leasing process
- BOEM considers task force input in our renewable energy leasing decisions

Federal Update

- Unsolicited commercial lease request for a floating offshore wind demonstration project: WindFloat Pacific
- Unsolicited research lease request for a marine wave energy test center: Pacific Marine Energy Center – South Energy Test Site
- Oregon Marine Renewable Energy Environmental Science Conference Nov 28-29, 2012 in Corvallis, Oregon
- BOEM-NREL 2-day Technology Training Workshop at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland, Oregon May 21-22, 2013
- Completion of Pacific Regional Ocean Uses Atlas (PROUA) workshops in Portland, Coos Bay and Newport, Oregon

Pacific Marine Energy Center South Energy Test Site



BOEM Regulatory Process Review & Introduction to the Request for Interest

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Overview

- What is an RFI?
- What is the purpose of a RFI?
- Competitive process
- Non-competitive process
- Comments by interested and affected parties
- What does BOEM do with information from RFI?
- Submission procedures
- What comes next?

What is an RFI?

- OCSLA requires BOEM to award leases competitively, unless BOEM makes a determination that there is no competitive Interest
- A Federal Register notice open for a public comment period
- Assists BOEM in determining if competitive interest exists in the described area
- Only submissions of interest received by the comment period deadline will be considered

What is the Purpose of a RFI?

1. Provide a description of the project to the public
2. Provide interested parties the opportunity to express interest in competing for an OCS lease in the proposed area described in the RFI
3. Parties other than those interested in obtaining an OCS lease are welcome to submit comments in response to the RFI

Competitive Process

- Once BOEM receives information from RFI, BOEM will make a determination if competitive interest exists
- Response procedure outlined in 30 CFR 585.213
- Interested parties submit a lease request to BOEM as described in the RFI

Competitive Process

- Call for Information and Nominations
- Area Identification
- Proposed Sale Notice
- Final Sale Notice
- Bid evaluation/lease sale
- Issuance of lease

Noncompetitive process

- If BOEM determines no competitive interest exists, it would prepare and publish a determination of no competitive interest (DNCI) in the *Federal Register*
- Applicant submits Site Assessment Plan (SAP) within 60 days
- Applicant has exclusive rights to submit plans to BOEM for the project

Comments by Interested & Affected Parties

BOEM also requests from the public and other interested or affected parties specific and detailed comments regarding (but not limited to):

- Geological and geophysical conditions
- Historic properties
- Multiple Uses of the area
- Relevant environmental information
- Socioeconomic information

Submission Procedures

You may submit an indication of interest, comments and information by one of three methods:

1. **Electronically:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry titled “Enter Keyword or ID,” enter the assigned Docket number, then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view supporting and related materials available
2. – Or – through the BOEM website: www.boem.gov
3. **By Mail:** Interest, comments, and information may be mailed to BOEM Pacific Region office address included in the RFI

What will BOEM do with the information from a RFI?

- Determine if competitive interest exists
- Further identify and refine the lease area
- Develop options for the environmental analysis
- Solicit public input on potential environmental consequences and to prepare for future National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis
- Share the comments and information received with the BOEM Oregon Intergovernmental Task Force

Is application complete? Task Force reviews RFI

What are the concerns? Competitive interest?

Federal Register Notice

BOEM receives Application

BOEM conducts internal reviews

BOEM determines application is complete

BOEM prepares draft Request for Competitive Interest (RFI)

RFI published in the Federal Register

Public Comment Period

BOEM reviews comments & responses of competitive interest

If applicable, BOEM prepares draft Determination of No Competitive Interest (DNCI) or Call for Information (CALL)

CALL or DNCI published in the Federal Register

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DNCI or CALL published in the Federal Register

BOEM shares public comments; discusses with Task Force and other relevant state/federal agencies

BOEM receives input from Oregon Intergovernmental Task Force on DNCI or CALL

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Questions?

