

A BOEM Renewable Energy Task Force?



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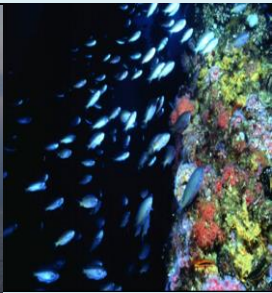
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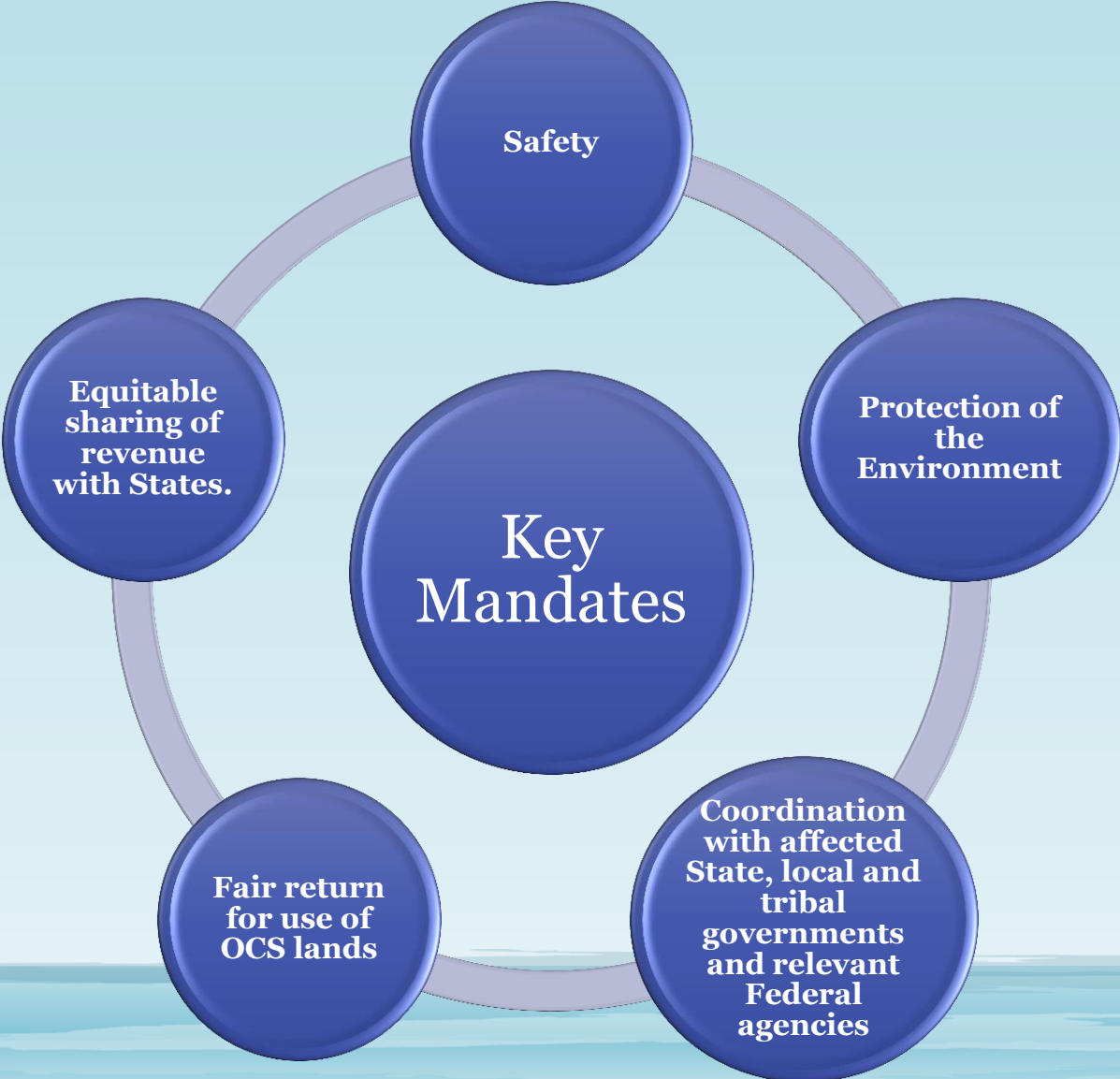
Bureau within the Department of Interior

Oversees development of the nation's oil and gas, renewable energy, and other mineral and energy resources on the Outer Continental Shelf

Jurisdiction is 3 statute miles out to the Exclusive Economic Zone (~200 miles) in the Atlantic



Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005)



Coordination is Critical

BOEM's Renewable Energy Regulations

Section 585.102 states that BOEM will provide for **coordination** and **consultation** what **the Governor of any State or executive of any local government or Indian tribe** that may be affected by a lease, easement or Right-of-Way.

What is a BOEM Task Force?



Educating each other about permitting, statutory responsibilities, and stakeholder's issues.

Exchanging data about biological and physical resources, uses and priorities to inform renewable energy leasing and development.

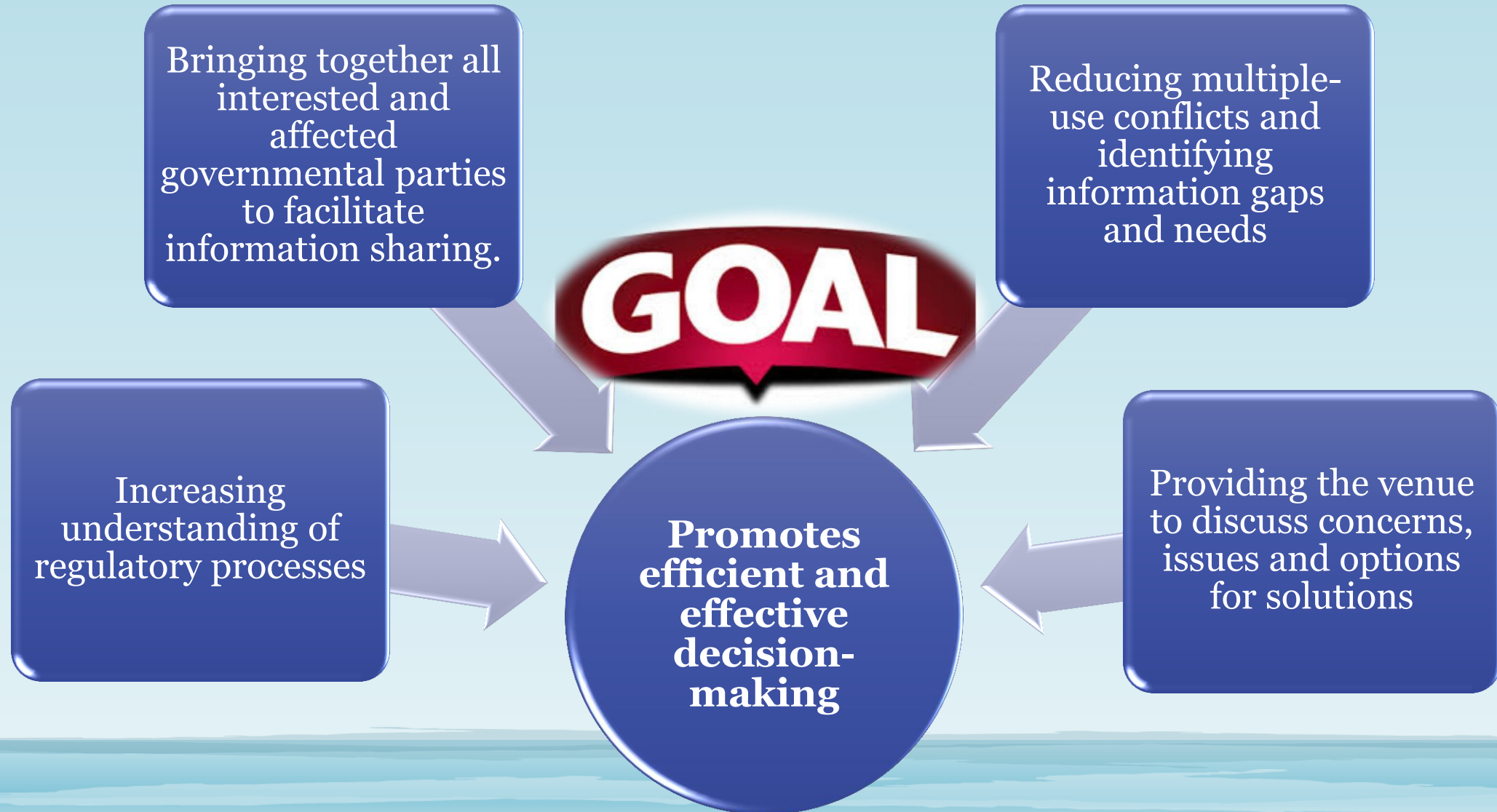
A Forum for:

Provide meaningful and timely input

Continue dialogue about renewable energy activities throughout the leasing process.



Why Establish a Task Force?





Opportunities for Input



BOEM NC Task Force Meetings

- Aug. 2010
- Jan. 2011
- May 2011
- Oct. 2011
- Aug. 2012



Federal Register Notice Comment Periods

- Dec. 2012 - North Carolina Call for Information and Nominations (NC Call)
- Dec. 2012 - Notice of Intent to (NOI) Prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA)
- Jan. 2015 EA



Public Comment and Information Meetings

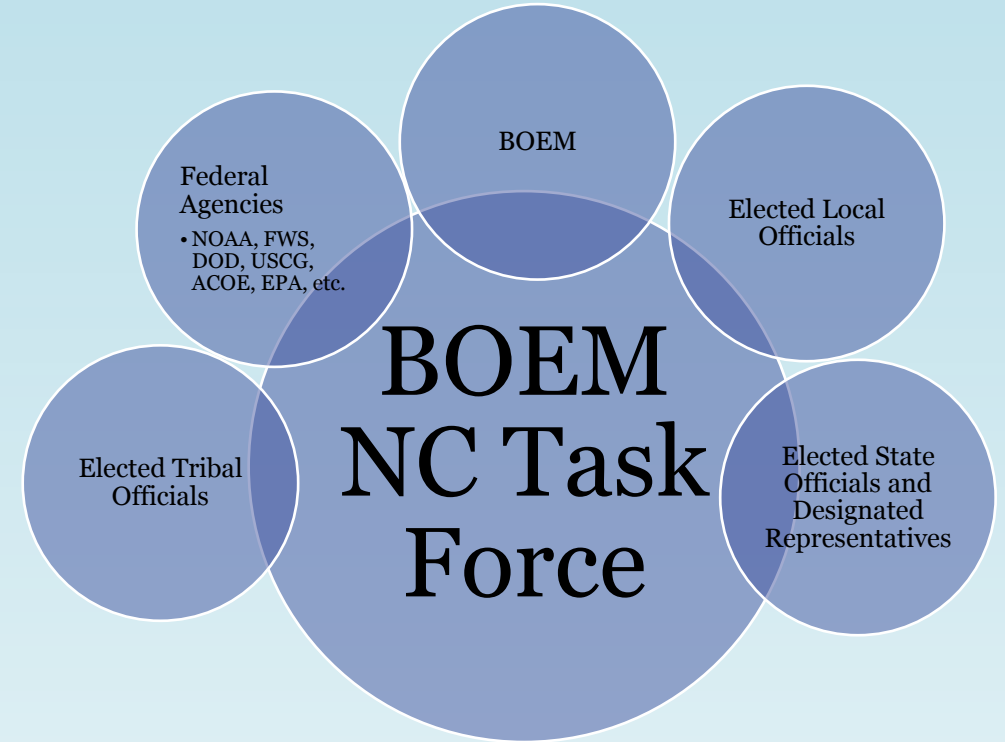
- May 2012 – Mid Atlantic Fisheries Management Council
- Jan. 2013 - NC Call
- Jan 2013 - NOI Public Meetings
- Jan. 2015 - EA Public Meetings



Issue Driven Outreach Initiatives

- Jan. & April 2012 – Fishing, Diving, Ecotourism Study Meetings
- Dec. 2012, June and Sept. 2013 - Maritime Working Group
- Jan. 2013 - Visual Open Houses
- Aug. 2013 – Visual Open House

Who is Part of the Task Force



How does a Task Force Operate?

Established and coordinated by BOEM

North Carolina Department of Energy and Natural Resources leads State participation on behalf of the Governor of North Carolina

Membership is Dynamic

Governed by an adopted Charter

Work within the context of BOEM's regulatory framework

Task Force

Task Force Charter

UPDATE

Introduction

Authority

- Subsection 8(p) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act

Purpose

- Immediate Charge
- Subsequent Activities

Membership

- State Designee
- Primary Points of Contacts

Schedule

- First Meeting



We want your
FEEDBACK!

Thank You!