



# Gulf of Maine Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force

## Meeting Agenda

**Date: Friday, May 31, 2024, 8:30am – 4:30pm**

**Location: Plymouth, Massachusetts (Hotel 1620, 180 Water St.)**

## Purpose

- To exchange information and opportunities for feedback regarding the Proposed Sale Notice.
- Provide an update on the Maine Research Lease.
- Introduce Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement and their role.
- Share information on related topics.
- Provide opportunities for public input about issues before the Task Force.

## What is the Gulf of Maine Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force?

The Task Force is composed of Federal, Tribal, state, and local government officials. It is tasked with facilitating the coordination of renewable energy planning activities on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Gulf of Maine.

## Detailed Agenda

*Note: Agenda sessions will include time for facilitated dialogue among Task Force members, both in plenary and table discussions. Members of the public are invited to observe all plenary discussions. **The agenda includes time for public input.***

TIME	TOPIC
<b>8:30- 9:00</b> 30 min	Arrive and registration
<b>9:00 – 9:15</b> 15 min	<b>Welcome, Opening Remarks, Agenda Review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Michael Judge, Undersecretary for Energy, Massachusetts</li><li>• Karen Baker, Chief, Renewable Energy Program, BOEM</li><li>• David Plumb, facilitator, CBI</li></ul>
<b>9:15 – 9:45</b> 30 min	<b>Gulf of Maine Tribes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of Tribal Perspectives</li></ul>

<b>TIME</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
<b>9:45 – 10:10</b> 25 min	<b>Panel of States</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of state policies, goals and drivers by each Gulf of Maine state and priorities for the Final Sale Notice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Michael Judge, Undersecretary of Energy, Massachusetts</li> <li>○ Ted Diers, Assistant Director, Department of Environmental Services, New Hampshire</li> <li>○ Dan Burgess, Director, Governor’s Energy Office, Maine</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>10:10 –10:55</b> 45 mins	<b>Proposed Sale Notice and BOEM’s planning and leasing process in the Gulf of Maine</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zach Jylkka, Project Coordinator, BOEM</li> <li>• Questions from the Task Force</li> </ul>
<b>10:55 – 11:15</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:15 – 11:45</b> 30 min	<b>Role of Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheri Hunter, Renewable Energy Operations Director, BSEE</li> <li>• Questions from the Task Force</li> </ul>
<b>11:45 – 12:15</b> 30 min	<b>Public Input Opportunity on the Gulf of Maine Proposed Sale Notice</b>
<b>12:15 – 1:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:30– 2:15</b> 45 min	<b>Understanding Bid Credits and Lease Stipulations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luke Feinberg, Project Coordinator, and Emma Chaiken, Economist, BOEM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Explanation of bid credits and lease stipulations for Gulf of Maine (10 min)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Questions from the Task Force (5 min)</li> <li>• Small group discussion (15 min) around the new lease stipulation regarding engagement</li> <li>• Plenary discussion of ideas, preferences, and concerns (15 min)</li> </ul>
<b>2:15 – 2:45</b> 30 min	<b>Public Input Opportunity</b>
<b>2:45 – 3:00</b> 15 min	<b>Stretch Break</b>

<b>TIME</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
<b>3:00 – 3:30</b> 30 min	<b>Maine Research Lease</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luke Feinberg, BOEM</li> <li>• Stephanie Watson, Offshore Wind Program Manager, Maine Governor’s Energy Office</li> <li>• Next Steps</li> </ul>
<b>3:30 – 4:20</b> 50 min	<b>Looking Ahead: Transmission</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Josh Gange, Program Specialist, BOEM</li> <li>• Alice Stratton, Ecologist &amp; Permit Coordinator, NOAA Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary</li> <li>• Theodore Paradise, Partner, K&amp;L Gates</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
<b>4:20– 4:30</b> 10 min	<b>Next Steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zach Jylkka, BOEM</li> <li>• Summary of key points from the day</li> </ul>
<b>4:30</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>

**Regarding public comments:** This meeting is being held during a public comment period for the Proposed Sale Notice. During the meeting there will be an opportunity to provide written comment that will be entered in Regulations.gov, with staff members assisting participants to enter the comments directly into the website. Verbal feedback provided during the public input opportunities will not be recorded as official public comments from individuals, but rather will be summarized thematically. The summary will be entered into Regulations.gov.

BOEM is also holding public open-house meetings in Portland, ME, Portsmouth, NH and Danvers, MA, along with virtual meetings. More details are available [here](https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/gulf-maine-proposed-sale-notice-psn-public-meetings)<sup>1</sup>.

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