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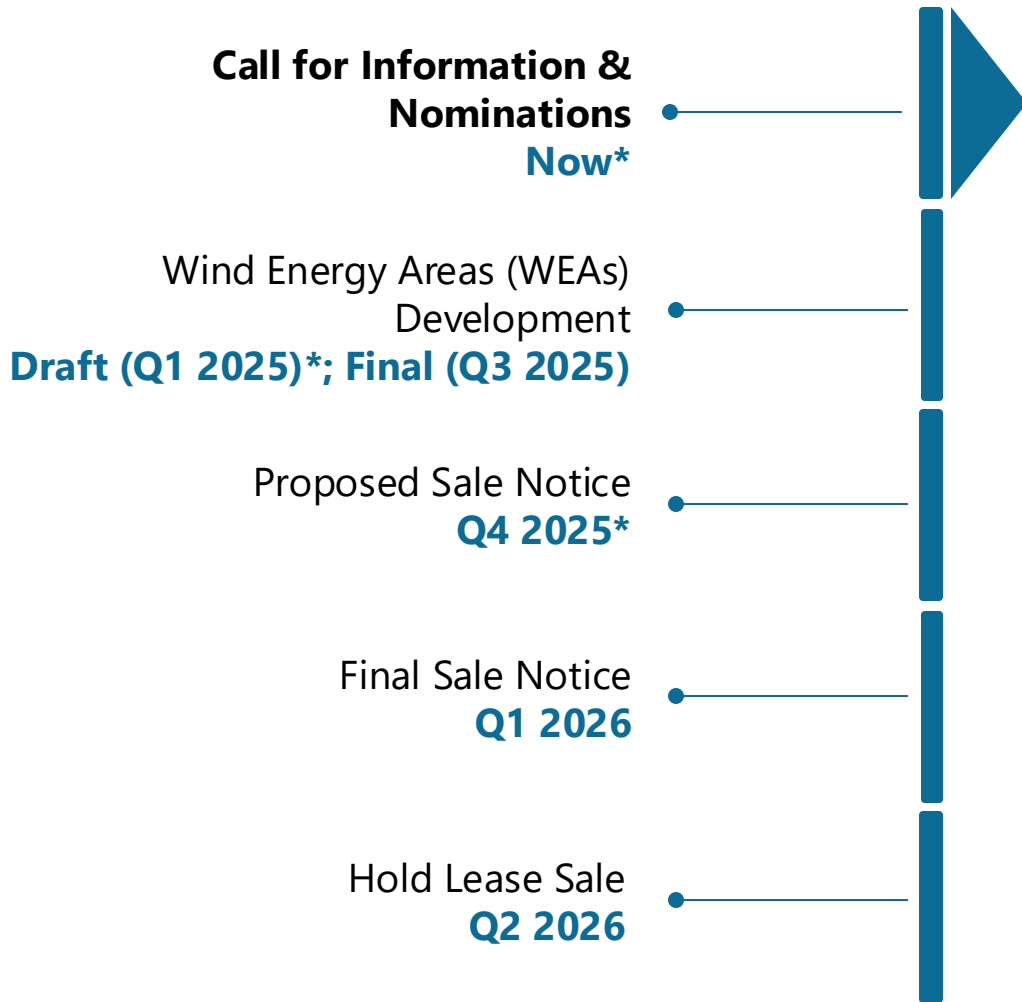
# Next Steps in BOEM's Offshore Wind Leasing Process in the Central Atlantic

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Central Atlantic Intergovernmental Task Force Meeting  
September 11, 2024

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# Central Atlantic 2: Timeline and Outreach



## Call Timeline and Target Dates

- Federal Register Notice Publication - August 22
- Virtual Central Atlantic Task Force Meeting - September 10 & 11
- In-Person Engagement Meetings - September 17-19 & 24-26
- Virtual Public Meeting – October 2
- Comment Period Closes - October 21

\*Comment Periods

# Central Atlantic 2: Open House Meetings

- Opportunity for the public to learn more about the Central Atlantic planning process through interactive stations and individualized discussions with BOEM staff.
- These meetings will include opportunities for provision of written comments but will not include a formal oral comment period.
  - Morehead City, North Carolina – September 17, 2024, 5-7:30PM
  - Virginia Beach, Virginia – September 18, 2024, 5-7:30PM
  - Ocean City, Maryland – September 24, 2024, 5-7:30PM
  - Rehoboth Beach, Delaware – September 25, 2024, 5-7:30PM
  - Atlantic City, New Jersey – September 26, 2024, 5-7:30PM

Register at: <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/central-atlantic>

# Open Comment Period

- Central Atlantic 2 Call for Information and Nominations
  - Open until October 21, 2024
  - Navigate to Regulations.gov and search 'BOEM-2024-0040'
- Verbal comments provided today will be summarized and added to the docket



# Identifying Draft Wind Energy Areas



- BOEM has partnered with NOAA NCCOS to utilize best available science and data through spatial modeling to inform WEA identification.
- Public input will inform spatial modeling and decisions on draft WEAs.
- BOEM is committed to ensuring draft WEAs will be made available for public review and comment.



# Leasing Milestones

Milestone*	Action	Target Date**
<b>Publish Call for Information &amp; Nominations</b>	<b>Publish Call</b> <i>60-Day Comment Period</i>	<b>August 22, 2024</b>
<b>Area Identification</b>	<b>Draft Wind Energy Areas (WEAs)</b>	<b>Q1 2025</b>
	<b>Designate Final Wind Energy Areas</b>	<b>Q3 2025</b>
<b>Lease Sale</b>	<b>Proposed Sale Notice (PSN)</b> <i>60-Day Comment Period</i>	<b>Q4 2025</b>
	<b>Final Sale Notice (FSN)</b>	<b>Q1 2026</b>
	<b>Hold auction</b>	<b>Q2 2026</b>

\* Task Forces are incredibly valuable tools in the leasing process and **additional meetings** can be expected, likely to be scheduled around significant process milestones.

\*\* Dates of planning/leasing milestones are all tentative.





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