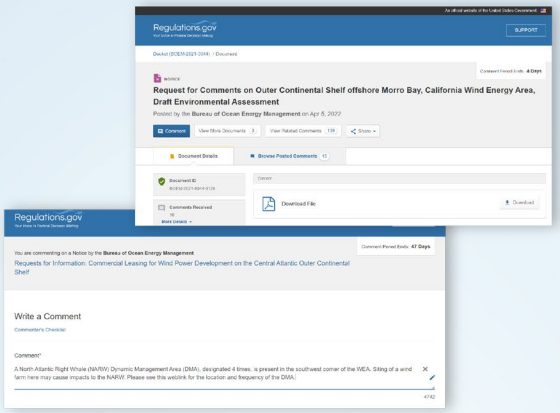
Tips to Provide Helpful Comments

Public input assists BOEM in identifying the most suitable areas for offshore wind energy development, and evaluating the potential impacts of leasing and associated activities on the Outer Continental Shelf. Ultimately, this input helps inform BOEM's Director, whom the Secretary of the Interior has delegated authority, to make the final decision on areas offered for leasing.



Helpful Comments

- Are fact-based
- Include links to data or research
- Provide specifics regarding impacts to the ocean and coasts, the plants and animals, to people, and how people use the ocean
- Provide specifics on where and when the ocean is utilized

Fact

Offshore wind, would help meet the [INSERT STATE]'s renewable energy goals by 2040.

Fact & Location Specific

The northwest corner of the Wind Energy Area (WEA) is within the area typically used for whale watching tours during May-September. Please see the attached shapefiles for location specifics.

Data / Research & Impacts

The Mid-Atlantic coast is a seasonal habitat for the Atlantic sturgeon. There has been a seasonal increase in Atlantic sturgeon mortalities in the last 5 years.

Research on this topic is available at [LINK]

Fact, Impacts & Location Specific

A North Atlantic Right Whale (NARW) Dynamic Management Area (DMA), designated 4 times, is present in the southwest corner of the WEA. Siting of a wind farm here may cause impacts to the NARW. Please see this weblink for the location and frequency of the DMA.

Less Helpful Comments

- Only support or oppose offshore renewable energy
- Do not provide enough specificity or substance for BOEM to evaluate the impact
- Provide the same or similar information as other comments
- Anonymous comments are not considered

Non-specific

Properties along the coast will lose value with offshore wind development.

Opinion

I support offshore wind and renewable energy.

Opinion

Fishing and offshore wind leasing activities cannot coexist.

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