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Meeting Agenda

May 10 & 11, 2023

Cross Insurance Center, 515 Main St, Bangor, ME 04401

Established in 2019, the Gulf of Maine Intergovernmental Renewable Energy 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. It serves as a forum to discuss potential issues and concerns, as well as exchange data and information about ocean resources and uses.

Meeting Purpose and Objectives:

- Facilitate coordination, consultation, and information sharing among federal, Tribal, state, and local governments regarding renewable energy leasing process on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Gulf of Maine, offshore of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine.
- Receive updates from other Task Force members, including Tribal governments, individual states, and federal agencies.
- Discuss next steps and receive feedback on the Gulf of Maine leasing process:
 - Call for Information and Nominations
 - Additional information BOEM is reviewing as it prepares to identify draft Wind Energy Areas
- Discuss next steps and receive feedback on Maine's Research Lease application.
- Discuss and provide useful information on key emerging topics:
 - Transmission planning
 - Offshore wind data collection activities: analysis for whales and other protected species
 - Floating offshore wind technology
- Provide opportunities for public input on the topics being considered by the Task Force.

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



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Agenda Overview

Day 1 – BOEM Workshop - Key Topics for OSW in the Gulf of Maine

This half-day session is an opportunity to discuss and provide information around topics that are shaping the conversations about offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine. It will focus on three topics: floating offshore technology, offshore wind data collection activities and associated analyses for whales and other protected species, and transmission planning. In addition, BOEM will also provide a brief overview of the leasing process in the Gulf of Maine.

Day 2 – Next Steps in the Leasing Process in the Gulf of Maine

This full-day session will focus on BOEM’s leasing process in the Gulf of Maine. Participants will receive information and discuss BOEM’s Call for Information and Nominations, additional information BOEM is reviewing as it prepares to identify draft Wind Energy Areas, and the process for determining those areas. The meeting will also address next steps for Maine’s research lease application.

Detailed Agenda

Day 1

TIME	AGENDA
12:30 – 1:00 30 min	Arrive and poster session
1:00 – 1:30 25 min	Welcome, Opening Remarks, Agenda Review
1:25 – 1:45 20 mins	Overview of BOEM leasing process in the Gulf of Maine <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Luke Feinberg, BOEM Project Coordinator</i>
1:45 – 2:30 45 mins	Floating Offshore Wind Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Walt Musial, Principal Engineer, National Renewable Energy Laboratory</i>• Clarifying questions and Task Force discussion
2:30 – 3:00 30 min	Stretch Break – Poster Session



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TIME	AGENDA
3:00 – 3:45 45 min	Offshore Wind Data Collection Activities: Analysis for Whales and other Protected Species <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Kyle Baker, BOEM Marine Biologist</i> • <i>Stanley Labak, BOEM Acoustician, Center for Marine Acoustics</i> • Clarifying questions and Task Force discussion
3:45 – 4:30 45 min	Public Input Opportunity
4:30 – 4:45 15 min	Stretch Break
4:45 – 5:30 45 min	Transmission planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Josh Gange, BOEM Project Coordinator</i> • Clarifying questions and Task Force discussion
5:30 – 5:45 15 mins	Wrap up and outlook for Day 2
5:45 – 6:15 30 mins	Poster session

Day 2

TIME	AGENDA
8:30 – 9:00 30 min	Arrive and poster session
9:00 – 9:30 30 min	Welcome, Opening Remarks, Agenda Review
9:30 – 10:25 55 min	Commercial Wind Energy Leasing Process in the Gulf of Maine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Seth Theuerkauf, BOEM Project Coordinator</i> • <i>James Morris, NOAA-NCCOS</i> • Clarifying Questions and Task Force Discussion
10:25 – 11:10 45 min	Tribal perspectives
11:10 – 11:30 20 min	Stretch Break and Poster Session



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11:30 – 12:25 55 min	State Perspectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maine, Massachusetts & New Hampshire • Clarifying Questions and Task Force Discussion
12:25 – 1:40 75 min	LUNCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poster session active during lunch
1:40 – 2:20 40 min	Task Force Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table discussions, plenary debrief
2:20 – 2:50 30 min	Research Lease Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Luke Feinberg, BOEM Project Coordinator</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next steps and key issues • Opportunity for Task Force questions and comments
2:50 – 3:20 30 min	US Coast Guard – Port Access Route Study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>LCDR Jacob Aulner, United States Coast Guard</i> • Clarifying Questions and Task Force Discussion
3:20 – 3:40 20 mins	Stretch Break
3:40 – 4:40 60 min	Public Input Opportunity
4:40 – 5:00 20 min	Engagement Opportunities and Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOEM presentation • Final questions and comments by Task Force members
5:00 – 5:15 15 min	Wrap-up and Close
5:15 – 6:00 45 min	Poster session