

## GULF OF MAINE PROPOSED SALE NOTICE MEETING EASTHAM, MA – CAPE COD - JULY 17, 2024 MEETING SUMMARY

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### MEETING IN BRIEF

Responding to requests from stakeholders on Cape Cod, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hosted a meeting with BOEM on July 17, 2024 in Eastham, MA to provide information and receive input on the Gulf of Maine Proposed Sale Notice. BOEM dedicated the majority of meeting time to discussion, which will inform BOEM and the Commonwealth on next steps.

### ATTENDANCE

Approximately 180 people signed in at the meeting. Signing in was encouraged but not required. A list of in-person attendees is attached below.

### SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS

Massachusetts Energy Undersecretary Michael Judge opened the meeting and described the Commonwealth's energy and offshore wind priorities. Zach Jylkka, BOEM Project Coordinator, reviewed the process for designating offshore wind lease areas in the Gulf of Maine, leading up to the development of the Final Wind Energy Area (WEA) and the Proposed Sale Notice (PSN) announced during the spring. Mr. Jylkka described how previous stakeholder input and data influenced the design of the Final WEA and PSN. He also reviewed next steps and how interested parties can continue to provide input to guide the process.

Brandi Sangunett, BOEM Environmental Specialist, and Luke Feinberg, BOEM Energy Program Specialist, provided additional abbreviated presentations. Topics covered included the PSN's lease stipulations and bidding credits for workforce training and fisheries compensation, as well as the Draft Environmental Assessment for site characterization and assessment activities.

Presentations are available on the BOEM website:

<https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/gulf-maine-proposed-sale-notice-psn-public-meetings>

### DISCUSSION

Participants were able to ask questions and provide feedback, providing specific input on the PSN, as well as general comments on the leasing process. Below is a summary of key themes and topics discussed.

#### Public Meeting

- **Data Gaps:** A few participants expressed concerns that there is not adequate data informing the leasing process. A participant expressed a concern that there is no data showing that tuna, bass, and whales will not be significantly impacted by the projects. A few participants felt that the data being used is not accurate or being interpreted properly.
- **Construction and Maintenance:** Many participants raised concerns about turbine blade failures, maintenance practices, and environmental impacts of the construction and

operation phases, including potential effects on national seashores and marine protected areas.

- **Regulatory Process:** A few participants asked questions about the lease process, including how leases are awarded and what happens if developers drop out of the project. Participants also expressed concerns about the adequacy of disaster response plans and insurance for potential impacts.
- **Safety:** Several participants expressed concerns that turbines would affect the safety of vessels and cited the potential dangers of debris in the water, generation of additional fog, and the challenge of navigating through turbines in storms or if vessels lost control of steering.
- **Fisheries:** Several participants were concerned about the impact on local fishing industries and economic hardship for those dependent on fishing.
- **Fisheries Compensation Fund:** A participant inquired about how recipients of the fisheries compensation fund will be identified and how the compensatory fund would be scaled to reflect the worth of the fishing industry to Cape Cod.
- **Cable Landings:** Several participants expressed concerns about the potential size of cables and transmission infrastructure, and fears developers would not consult with local communities about where the cables come to shore. One participant noted the landings in Barnstable as an example of this concern. Other participants expressed concerns about running transmission cables through Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary.
- **Climate Change & Shifting Fish Patterns:** Several participants emphasized wind as the most feasible option to mitigate climate impacts, which include warming waters in the Gulf of Maine and changing fish patterns. The challenge of balancing the benefits of clean energy with the need to protect marine and coastal environments was a recurring theme.
- **Cape Outreach:** Participants said there had been insufficient outreach on Cape Cod.
- **Job Creation:** Several participants expressed optimism that the projects will create jobs and referenced the union jobs created for other offshore wind projects such as Vineyard Wind. One participant noted that it is possible to balance the interests of confronting climate change and economic development.
- **Access to Information:** Several participants expressed frustration in their efforts to get answers and information from their state representatives.
- **Representation:** A participant commented that they felt that Cape Cod voices and interests were not considered to the same extent as those from Maine and New Hampshire.
- **Process Pace:** Some participants voiced a desire to slow down the process to get adequate input from Cape Cod and environmental assessments.
- **Environmental Assessments:** Some participants requested a programmatic environmental assessment or impact statement early in the process.
- **Floating Platform Technology:** One participant asked about floating platform technology and how it functions.
- **Marine Life:** Participants shared concerns about the impact of wind turbines on marine species, including bluefin tuna, striped bass, whales, and lobsters. The concerns included disruption of fish lifecycles, potential impacts from electromagnetic fields affecting lobster migration, and potential harm from turbine-generated turbulence and heated water discharge from substations.

### ATTENDEES LIST

(Please note: Sign-in was optional. Several participants did not sign in. In addition, CBI has done its best to transcribe accurately hand-written sign-in sheets.)

Name	Affiliation
Ed Daniels	
Wayne Clough	
Heather Swenson	Centerville Homeowner
Susan Gauthier	Wellfleet Homeowner
Marty Gauthier	Wellfleet Homeowner
Susane Conte	SGDB
Tom Peterson	
Sallie Tighe	Truro Assembly Delegate
Hannah King	Truro Homeowner
Katherine Batchelore	Eastham Homeowner
Jason Philhower	Eastham Homeowner
Mary Jo Philhower	Eastham Homeowner
Chris Powicki	
Francie Williamson	Eastham Board of Health
Owen Nichols	Center for Coastal Studies
Davie Stepanis	
Sam Pickard	Lobster/Aquaculture
Joanne O'Connor	Barnstable Speaks
Susan Girard-Irwin	Truro JB
John Wolf	Wellfleet Selectboard Chair
Scott Macallister	Fv Carol Marie
Bob Bennett	Wellfleet Resident
Kevin Pawsey	Cape Resident
Tom Guerini	Town of Wellfleet
Aron Danielson	Millwright Local 1121
Ryan Carlas	Town of Wellfleet
Craig Tamash	Town of Barnstable
Gayle Ashton	
Steve Mckenna	CZM
Andrew R	
Brendan Adams	Outer Cape Lobstermen
Scott Yelle	Ortus Charter
Nancy Medoff	Truro Select Board
Irene Paine	Cape Codder 14th
Doug Payson	Citizen
Jim Wolf	Climate Change Collaborative

Name	Affiliation
Jerry Leeman	Nefsa
Sue Kostyk	
Dawn Pazolt	Black sheep
Steve Burke	
Ray Rowen	CCEF Wellfleet Resident
Tim Sayre	Wellfleet
Joanna Stevens	Eastham
Jane Franks	Wellfleet
Lisa Engler	MassCEC
Tony Rogers	Wellfleet
Suzanne Bryan	Town of Eastham Select Board
Haley O'Neil	
Laura Ludwig	CCS
Stormy Mayo	CCS
Carol Ruggiero	
Vincent Ruggiero	
Vania Rivera	CCS
Steve Shotland	
Douglas Nelson	Electrical Workers IBEW c4223
Jane Franke	Wellfleet
Mike Judge	MA EEA
Steven Mundrel	
Michael Holcomb	Senator Cyris Office
Russ Sandblom	Eastham Res
Lili Flanders	Truro Climate Action Committee
Heather McElroy	Cape Cod Commission
Chris Clark	Truro
Mary Nee	Eastham
Pat DeFrancesco	Wellfleet
Drania O'Connor	
Lisa Still	
Noah Santos	
MJ Sanves	
Jim Russo	
Tony Tully	
Leslie Sandbag	P-Town Select Board
Peter Nix	
Aimee Eckman	Town of Eastham
Paula Soerry	Eastham Resident
Leslie Reynolds	Eastham Resident
Katie Riconda	Town of Truro Employee

Name	Affiliation
Jeff Dykens	Town of Chatham
Christopher Lauzon	State Senate Candidate
Ricky Pollo	
Bob Weinstein	Truro Select Board
Jeanne Mcnett	CCS
Kate O'Brien	Truro Resident
Dennis O'Brien	Truro Resident
Rich Cabral	
Sue Areson	Truro Select Board
Dave Crocker	Truro resident
Jennette Barnes	WCAI
Kevin Galligan	Town of Orleans Select Board
Larry Franke	Wellfleet Resident
Aubrey Church	CCCFA
William Young	
Juliet Chapman	Friends of Herring River
Tricia Murray	Community Development Partnership
Lecia Mckenna	Town of Wellfleet cons. Agent
Josh Zacharias	Eastham Resident
Adele Sullivan	
Nicholas Athanassion	
Shareen Davis	
Marty Rivera	
Herb Heidt	
John Sinopoli	
Macie Jones	
Madeline Mille	
Sue Hamar	
Kevin Granwald	
Frank Hubacz	
Jan Hubacz	
Kristin Terkelsen	
Charlie Carlson	
Richard Wood	
Doug Brown	Falmouth Select Board
Levi McAtee	IEC
Michael Russo	
Christine Sorensen	Wellfleet Resident
Karen Kaminski	Wellfleet Resident
Joan Zukgs	

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Jorie Fleming	Orleans Resident Realtor Compass
Jeff Picakrd	Commercial Fisherman
Brian Cooney	Eastham
Hadley Luddy	Orleans
Sue Cooney	Eastham
Kaimi Lum	Eastham
Stacey Klimkosky	
Nancy Gralla	
Nathaniel Trumbull	
Pam Goddard	
Denice Lapierre	
Sandy Jones Fitzgerald	
Ellen Ray	
Rob Werner	
Steve Mague	
Casaundra Healy	
Chris Allgeier	
Fred Goldsmith	