

DRAFT Agenda
Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force Meeting for the Gulf of Maine
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
 May 19, 2022
 9:00am to 5:00pm

Meeting Purpose and Objectives:

- Facilitate coordination, consultation, and information sharing among federal, state, local, and Tribal governments regarding renewable energy leasing process on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) in the Gulf of Maine (offshore of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine).
- Receive updates from other Task Force members, including individual states, various federal agencies, and Tribal governments.
- Discuss next steps in the processing of Maine’s research lease application (RFCI).
- Discuss next steps in the offshore wind energy leasing process for the Gulf of Maine states and share Task Force member feedback on:
 - An RFI Development Framework
 - Tribal and stakeholder engagement approach once the RFI is released
- Provide opportunities for public input on the topics being considered by the Task Force.

Note: Agenda sessions will include time for facilitated dialog among all Task Force members, both in plenary and breakout sessions. All plenary sessions will be open to interested members of the public. Breakout sessions will be for Task Force members only and key discussion points will be shared back in plenary.

Plenary Session (Open to all interested members of the public)

TIME	AGENDA
8:45-9:00 15 min	Sign on and technology check
9:00-9:05 5 min	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Jim Bennett, Chief, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Office of Renewable Energy Programs (OREP)</i>
9:05-9:20 15 min	Introductions & Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Amanda Lefton, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management</i> ● <i>Opportunity for Tribal representative remarks</i>
9:20-9:30 10 min	Agenda Review & Ground Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>David Plumb, CBI, Facilitator</i>
9:40-10:10 30 min	Outer Continental Shelf Wind Energy Leasing in the Gulf of Maine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Zachary Jylkka, BOEM Project Coordinator</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review topics and outcomes of 2019 meeting ○ BOEM process for an unsolicited research lease application ○ BOEM commercial leasing process ○ Brief overview of Development Framework/Draft RFI Area ○ Opportunity for Task Force questions and comments
10:10-11:05 55 min	State Perspectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● States explain actions and priorities around offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maine ○ New Hampshire ○ Massachusetts ● Opportunity for Task Force questions and comments
11:05-11:20 15 min	Coffee/Stretch Break
11:20-12:30 70 min	Federal Trust Resources and Responsibilities in the Gulf of Maine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ● U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ● Department of Defense ● U.S. Coast Guard
12:30 – 1:20 50 min	Lunch Break
1:20-1:35 15 min	RFI Development Framework for Gulf of Maine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Zachary Jylkka, BOEM Project Coordinator</i> ● Opportunity for Task Force questions and comments
1:35	<i>Task Force convene in the Task Force only break-out sessions (in separate Zoom Meeting).</i>
1:35 – 2:10 35 min	Public Input Opportunity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In Zoom webinar, facilitated session with the public on the same topic as the Task Force breakouts - feedback on the RFI Development Framework and stakeholder engagement to accompany the winnowing process.
2:10 – 2:25 15 min	<i>Break in main room</i>

Break-Out Sessions: Task Force Members Have New Zoom Link.

TIME	AGENDA
1:35-1:40 5 min	Reconvene - Session Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Task Force Members only convene in Zoom meeting
1:40-2:25	Task Force Member-only Breakout Sessions – RFI Development Framework

45 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opportunity for small group discussions and feedback on the RFI Development Framework. ● Groups can also consider the stakeholder engagement that should accompany the subsequent phases of the planning & leasing process.
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Final Plenary Session (Open to all interested members of the public)

TIME	AGENDA
2:25-2:30 5 min	Reconvene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All Task Force members reconvene in the Zoom webinar
2:30-3:00 30 min	Report Out and Discussion from Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Report back from breakout session participants on key points from their discussions ● Opportunity for broader discussion
3:00-3:40 40 min	Stakeholder Engagement During the BOEM Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Panel discussion with BOEM and Gulf of Maine states ● Opportunity for Task Force questions and comments
3:40-3:55 15 min	Coffee/Stretch Break
3:55-4:40 45 min	Public Input Opportunity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opportunity for public input on topics under Task Force discussion
4:40-4:50 10 min	Action Items and Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Zachary Jylkka, BOEM, and David Plumb, CBI, Facilitator</i>
4:50-5:00 10 min	Closing Remarks and Adjourn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Jim Bennett, Chief, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Office of Renewable Energy Programs (OREP)</i>