

November 2009

Initial Task Force (TF) meeting held to introduce members, discuss regulatory and environmental review process

January 2010

Second Massachusetts TF meeting to present and discuss the draft Request for Interest (RFI)

October 2010

Second revised draft RFI presented to TF resulting from consultation with NMFS, DoD, and MA

February 2011

- Public information sessions in Martha's Vineyard, MA
- RFI comment period extended

June 2011

- TF and HWG meetings
- Draft Call for Information and Nominations area developed

February 2012

- Call and NOI to prepare EA published
- HWG meeting
- Public information sessions in MA

November/December 2012

- NOA for the EA published in the Federal Register on November 2, 2012
- Public Comment Period November 2-December 3, 2012
- Public meetings held in November



September 2010

BOEM MA Renewable Energy TF meeting to review and discuss the revised draft RFI

December 2010

- Joint MA and RI Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) TF meeting to discuss the Area of Mutual Interest
- Third revised draft RFI sent to TF resulting from consultation with NMFS, DoD and MA
- RFI published on December 29 with a 60-day comment period

May 2011

- Joint MA and RI ORE TF meeting
- Massachusetts Habitat Working Group (HWG) on Offshore Renewable Energy in Boston, MA
- BOEM reduced the area under consideration in response to MA's request

October 2011

BOEM MA Renewable Energy TF meeting

May 2012

After considering comments from the RFI, public meetings, Call, and NOI, BOEM announced the WEA

December 2013

BOEM receives National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Report

June 2014

After considering comments on the EA and public meetings, BOEM announced the publication of revised EA