

# Maryland

# Leasing Process History: OCS-A 0490

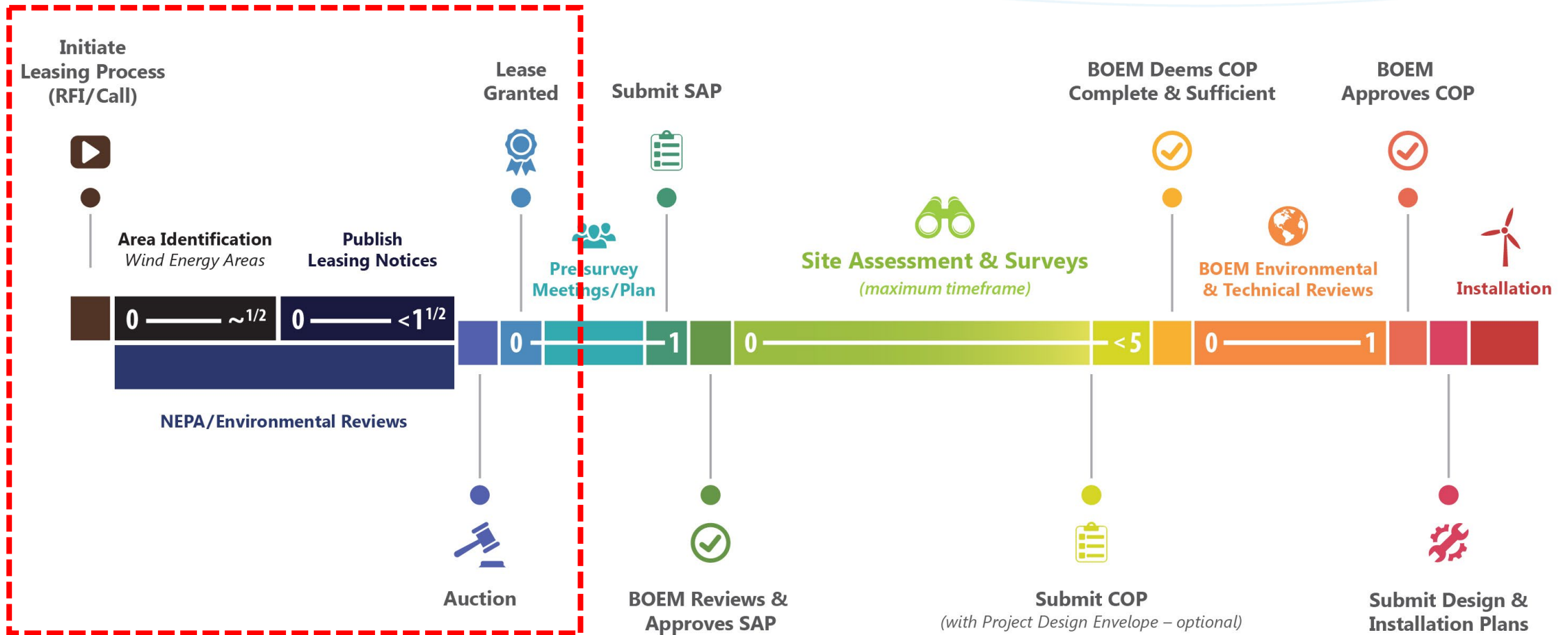
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# Planning and Leasing Process

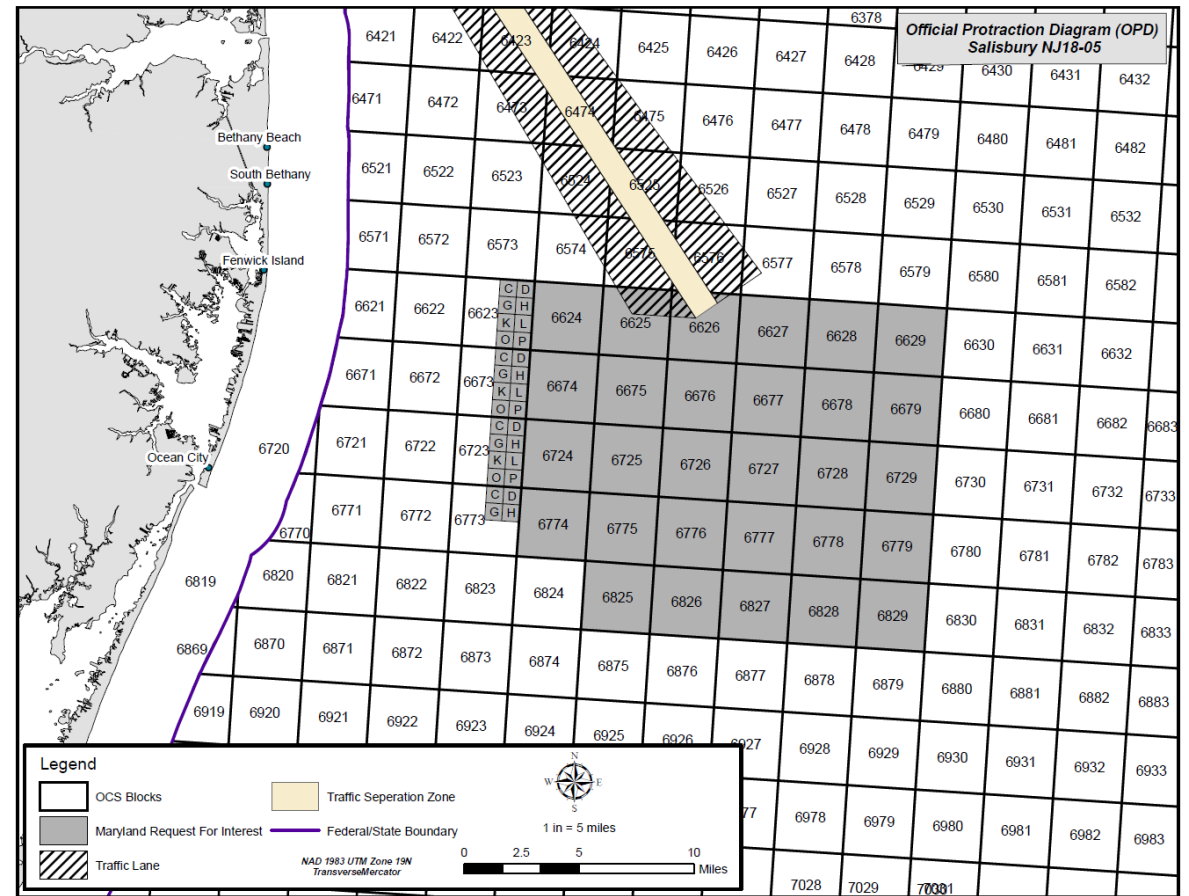


# Stakeholder Outreach in Maryland

- **6 Task Force Meetings**
  - First meeting April 2010
- **Engagement with Stakeholder Groups**
  - Stakeholder engagement from first Task Force to Final Environmental Assessment
- **Last Task Force: June 27, 2013**

# 2010-2011: Maryland Request for Interest

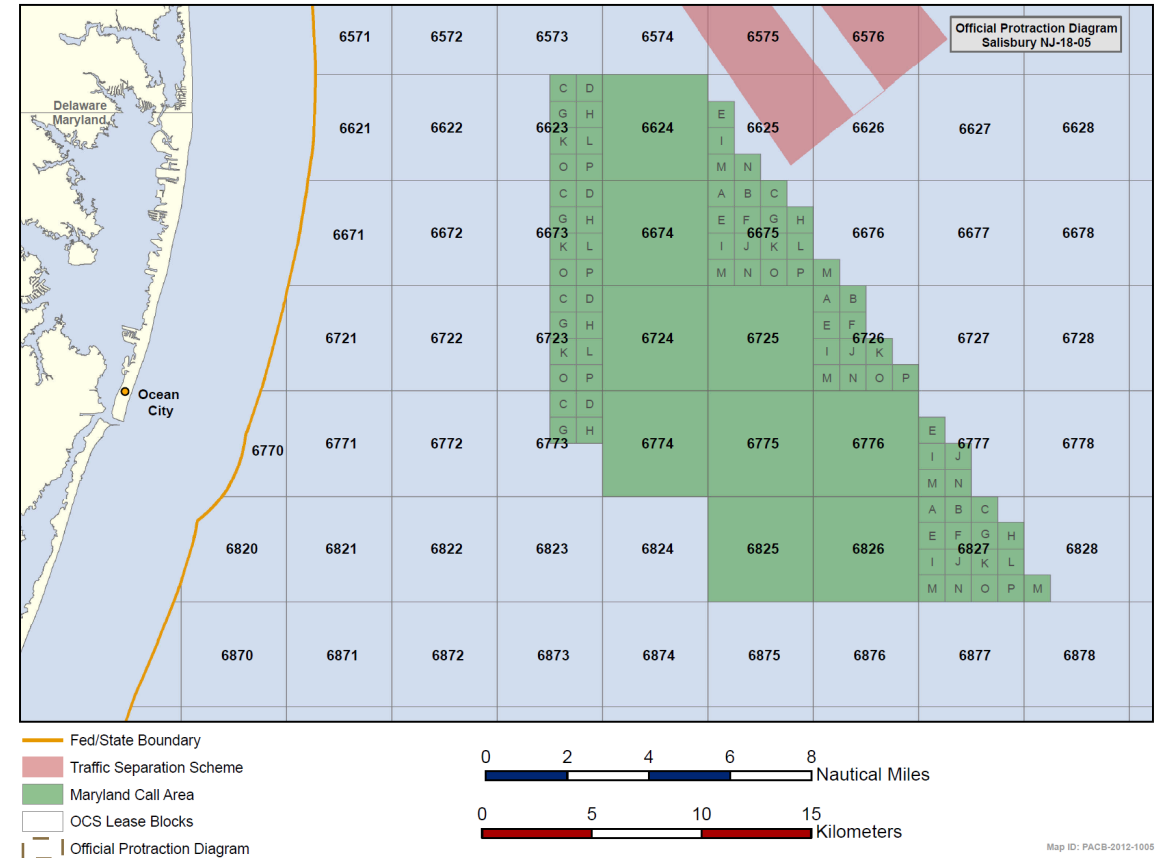
- Request for Interest
  - Commercial interest
  - Public comments
  - Task Force meetings
- Areas eliminated from map:
  - Shipping/navigation
  - Fishing areas
  - Habitat for protected species



# 2012: Maryland Call Area

- **2012: Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment**
  - Limited to site assessment activities
  - Public comments
  
- **2012: Maryland Call for Information and Nominations (Right)**
  - Public Comments
  - Industry nominations

BOEM Maryland Call for Information and Nominations Area

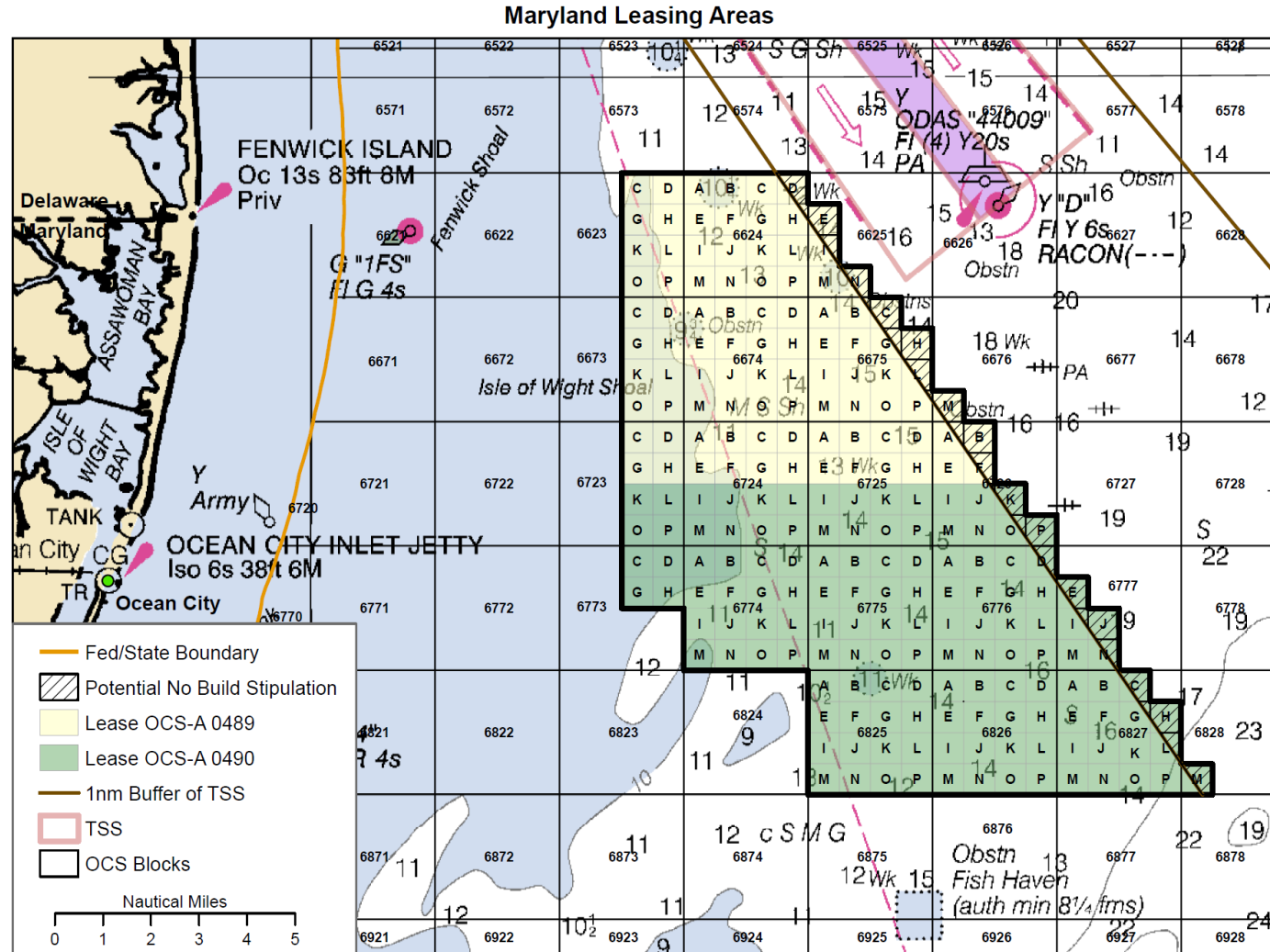


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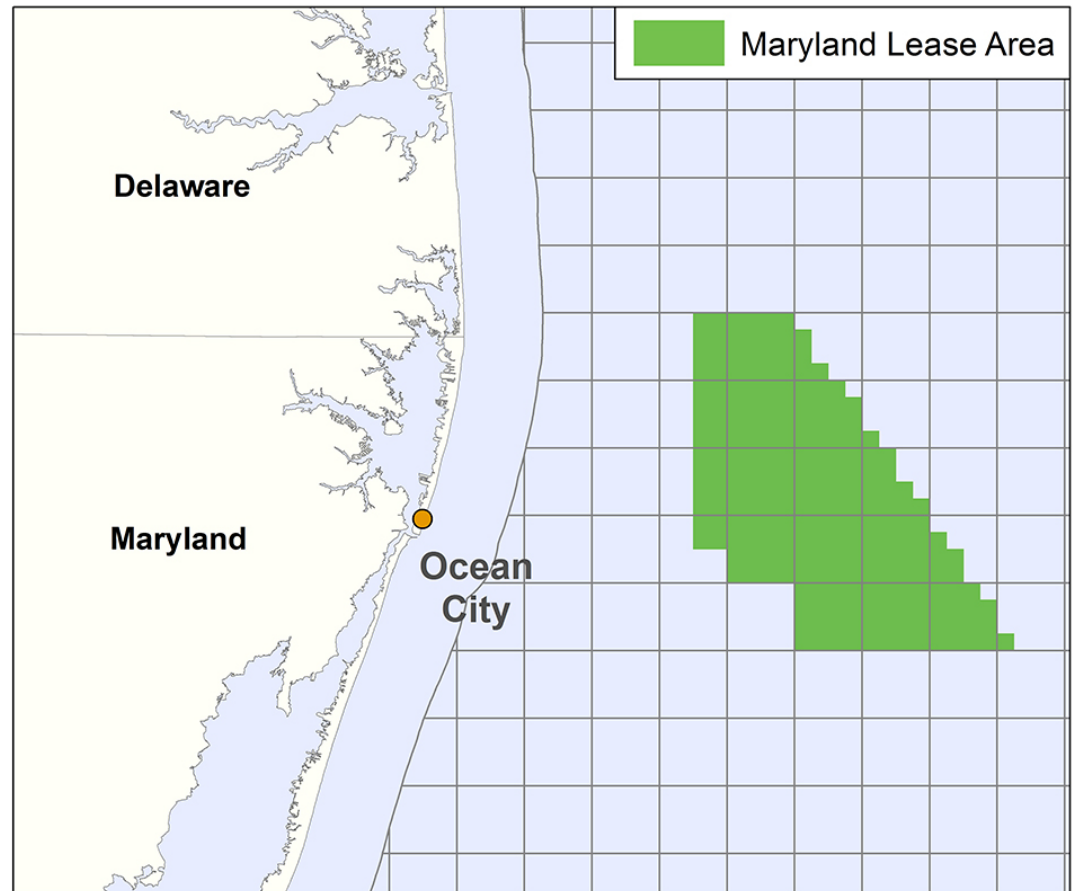
# 2013-2014 : Maryland Lease Sale

- **2013 and 2014: Proposed and Final Sale Notices**
  - Public comments
- **2014: Commercial Lease Sale**
  - Leases OCS-A 0489 and OCS-A 0490 sold to US Wind
- **2018: Lease Merge**
  - OCS-A 0489 and OCS-A 0490 merged into a single lease – OCS-A 0490



# 2014-Present: Lease OCS-A 0490

- **Site Assessment Activities**
  - 2015 to Present Geotechnical and Geophysical Surveys
  - 2018 First Site Assessment Plan Approved for meteorological tower (2022 SAP cancelled and incorporated into COP)
  - 2021 Second SAP Approved for meteorological buoy
- **US Wind Construction & Operations Plan**
  - OCS-A 0490 submitted August 2020



# US Wind COP

- **COP is currently available at:**

<https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/us-wind-construction-and-operations-plan>

- **BOEM can approve, disapprove, or approve with conditions**

- Will happen after environmental impact statement (EIS) is complete and will be documented by the Record of Decision (ROD)



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