



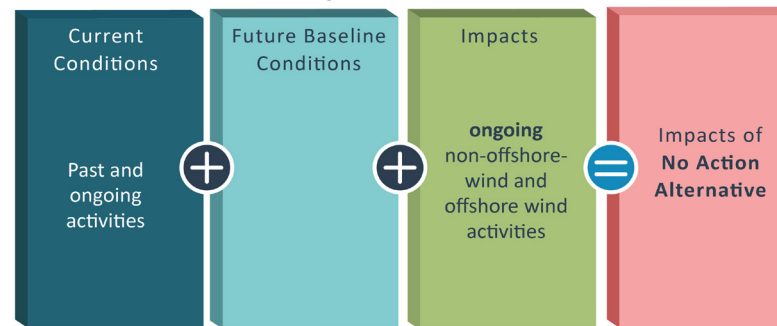
Alternatives

The New York Bight Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) analyzes possible Avoidance, Minimization, Mitigation, and Monitoring (AMMM) measures that BOEM may require as conditions of approval for activities proposed by lessees in project plans submitted for the six New York Bight lease areas. For the analysis, BOEM considered alternatives that were identified through coordination with Tribal Nations, cooperating and participating agencies, and through public comments received during the public scoping period for the PEIS. The Draft PEIS evaluates three Alternatives: no action, defer adoption of AMMM measures, and adoption of AMMM measures. Each Alternative analysis also considers the cumulative impacts of the action with ongoing and planned activities in the region, including other offshore wind projects.

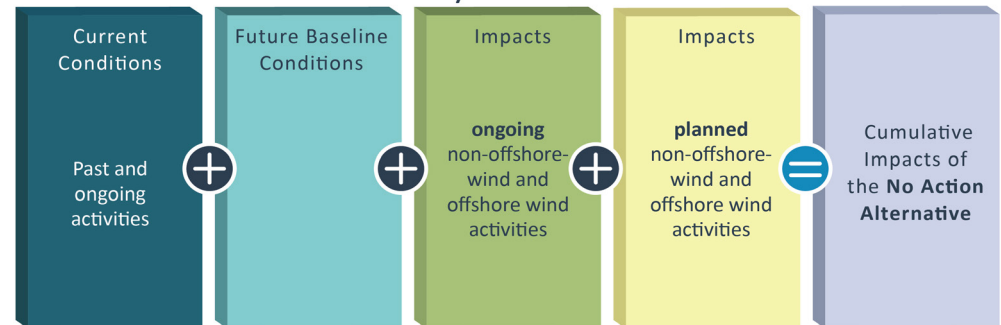
Alternative A – No Action Alternative

- Alternative A, the No Action Alternative, assumes that no offshore wind development would occur in any of the six New York Bight lease areas.
- The current resource conditions, trends, and impacts from ongoing activities under the No Action Alternative serve as the baseline against which the impacts of Alternative B and C are evaluated.
- The impacts of all other ongoing and planned offshore wind and non-offshore wind activities would still be expected to occur and are analyzed under Alternative A.

No Action Alternative Analysis



No Action Alternative Cumulative Analysis

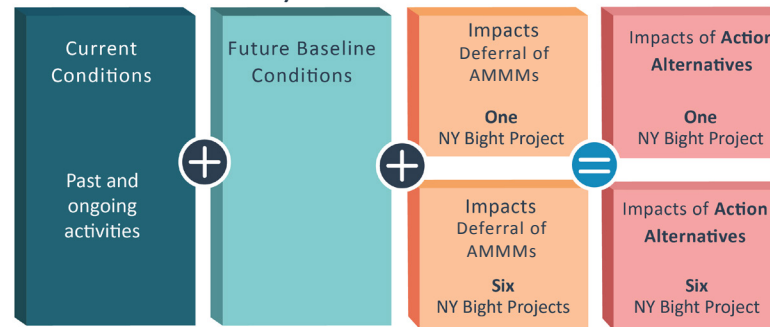




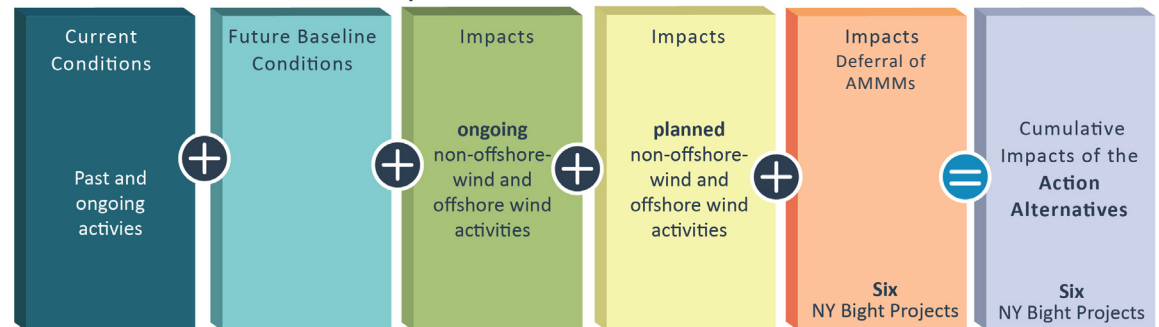
Alternative B – Defer Adoption of Avoidance, Minimization, Mitigation, and Monitoring Measures

- Alternative B considers the potential impacts of future offshore wind development in the New York Bight lease areas when the identification of AMMM measures is deferred to the site-specific analysis stage.
- Alternative B evaluates impacts of one hypothetical New York Bight project without the application of any AMMM measures, as well as the overall impacts of six New York Bight projects without the application of any AMMM measures.
- Alternative B also evaluates the cumulative impacts of deferring AMMM measures for the six projects alongside planned and ongoing activities in the region, including other offshore wind projects.

Action Alternatives Analysis



Action Alternatives Cumulative Analysis

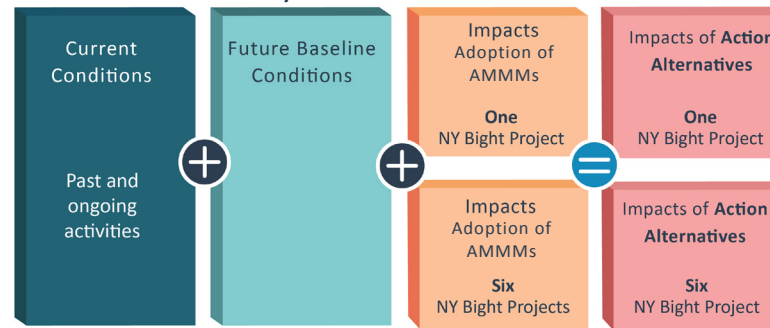




Alternative C – Adoption of Avoidance, Minimization, Mitigation, and Monitoring Measures (Proposed Action)

- Under Alternative C, the Proposed Action, AMMM measures would be adopted such that the potential impacts described in Alternative B may be avoided or reduced.
- Alternative C evaluates impacts of a hypothetical New York Bight project with the adoption of AMMM measures, as well as the overall impacts of six New York Bight projects with the adoption of AMMM measures. Other than the adoption of AMMM measures, all offshore wind project design parameters in Alternative C are the same as Alternative B.
- Alternative C also evaluates the cumulative impacts of adopting AMMM measures for the six projects alongside planned and ongoing activities in the region, including other offshore wind projects.

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