

# Proposed Next Steps toward Offshore Wind Energy Leasing

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# Renewable Energy Process: Calls, Wind Energy Areas and Lease Areas

## Call for Information and Nominations (Call)

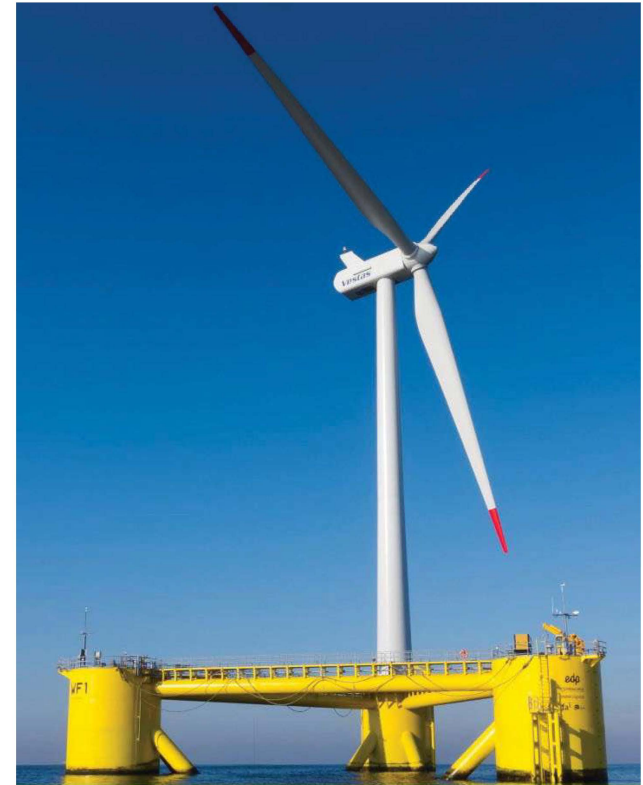
- Calls for formal public comment about the area, uses and concerns
- Requests nominations of interest for development

## Wind Energy Area (WEA)

- An area within a Call Area identified by BOEM for environmental review
- Basis for a lease area(s)

## Lease Area

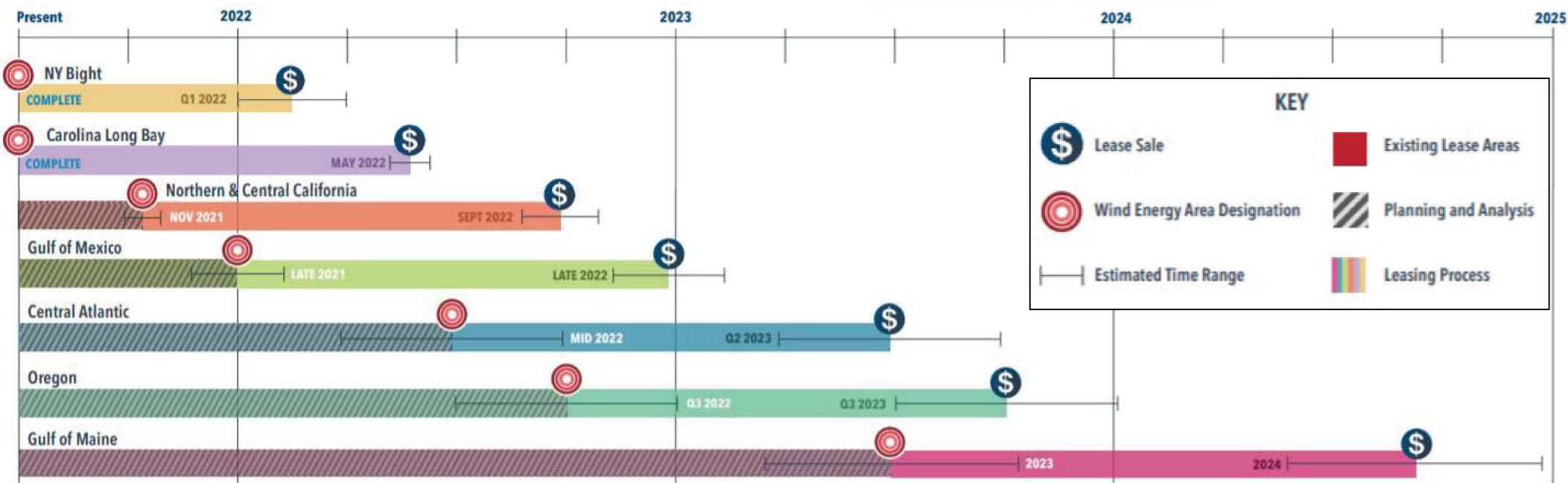
- Areas BOEM would offer for lease during a Lease Sale



Aguçadoura WindFloat Prototype  
October 2011 - 4KM Offshore of Aguçadoura, Portugal



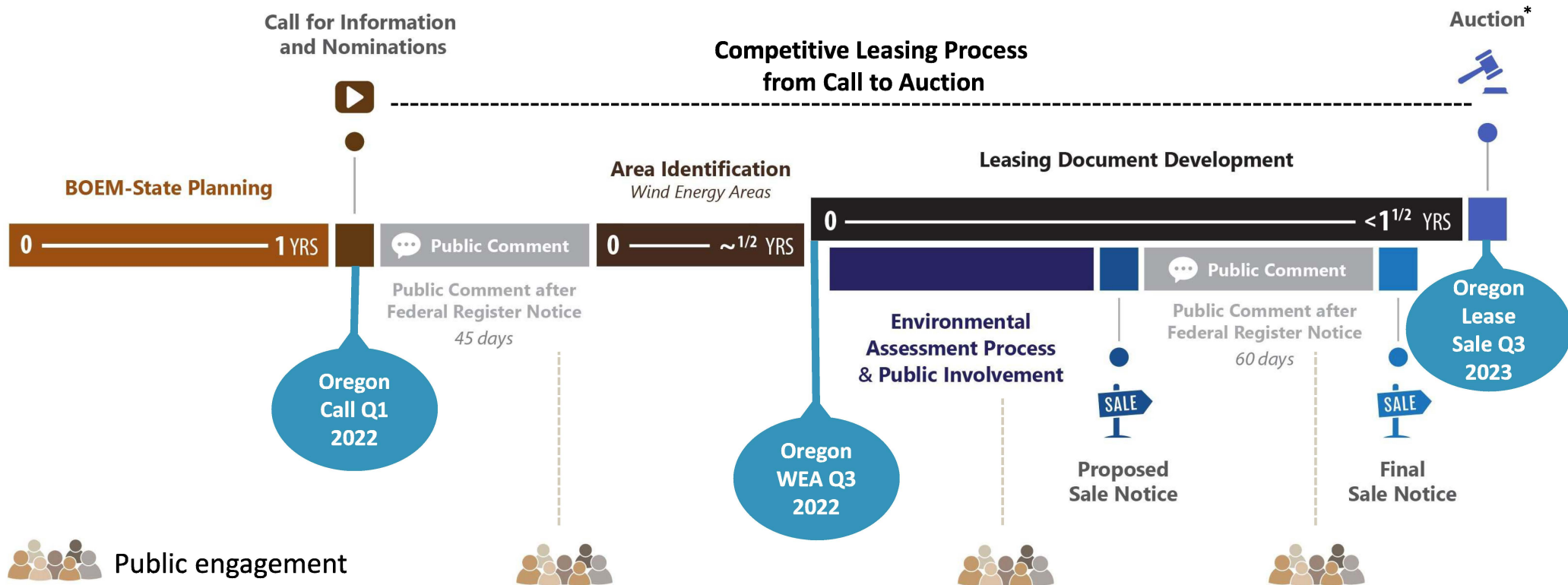
# BOEM Offshore Wind Leasing Path Forward 2021-2025



Our path forward will help achieve the first-ever national offshore wind goal to deploy **30 gigawatts of offshore wind by 2030**, which would create nearly **80,000 jobs**



# Oregon Planning and Public Input Opportunities Prior to a Lease Auction



\*A lease provides the lessee the right to submit a Site Assessment Plan (SAP) and a Construction and Operations Plan (COP) for technical and environmental review and approval. A lease does not, by itself, authorize any activity within the leased area.



# Continuous: Data and Information Gathering for Analysis

- **Commercial and recreational fishing activity**
- **Marine ecosystems, including marine mammals and wildlife**
- **Maritime navigation/safety issues**
- **Tribal issues of concern and indigenous traditional knowledge**
- **Visual impacts of potential development**
- **State and local renewable energy goals**
- **Technical factors**
- **Other considerations**



# Next Steps toward Leasing in Oregon

- **Continuous**
  - Collect data and information to inform decision-making
  - Engage with interested and potentially affected parties
- **November – December 2021:**
  - Provide key data sets not included in OROWindMap for consideration
  - BOEM and State coordinate to identify areas suitable for leasing to initiate leasing process
- **January 2022**
  - 10<sup>th</sup> BOEM Oregon Task Force Meeting
    - Present and discuss draft Call Areas
  - BOEM publish Call in *Federal Register*



# Section 106 Programmatic Agreement Offshore Oregon

## Because the program

- is complex
- involves multiple undertakings
- involves phased evaluation

**BOEM proposes to establish a standard process for Section 106 review for any offshore wind energy activities under the renewable energy regulations. These include issuance of any leases and grants and approval of any plans submitted under these leases or grants.**

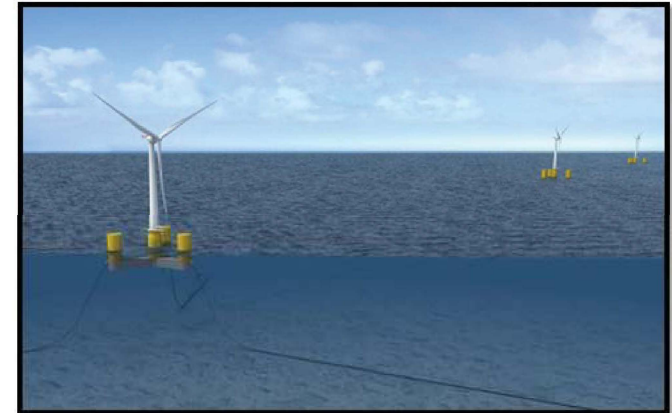


see 54 U.S.C. 306108,  
36 CFR 800.14(b)(1),  
and 36 CFR 800.4(b)(2)

# Section 106 Programmatic Agreement Offshore Oregon

## The Programmatic Agreement will:

- Guide how BOEM and the parties will consult at the decision points under the agency's regulatory authority
- Include an agreed-upon definition of the areas of potential effect
- Include an agreed-upon definition of a reasonable and good-faith effort to identify historic properties
- Identify activities exempted from review (e.g., the collection of vibracores for the purposes of historic property identification when conducted by or under the supervision of a Qualified Marine Archaeologist)
- Administrative items (e.g., expedited and electronic review, special submission directions for certain SHPOs, etc.)



see 36 CFR 800.14(b) and (c)