



**BOEM** Bureau of  
Ocean Energy Management

# New York & New Jersey Offshore Wind Environmental Justice Forum

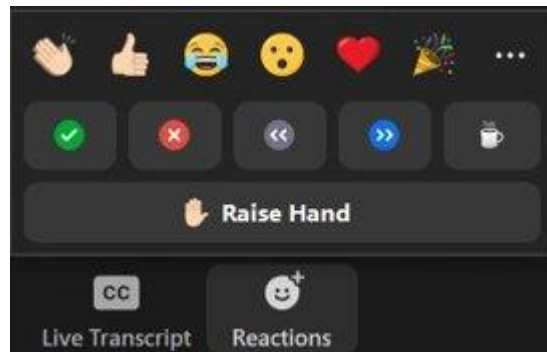
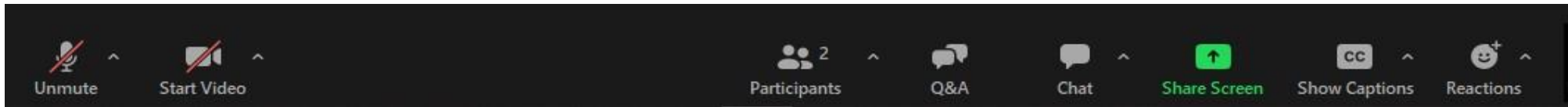
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Wednesday, April 26, 2023  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ET

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# Zoom Meeting Instructions – Technical Assistance

- If you encounter any technical issues today, please message Caisey Hoffman (Co-Host) through the CHAT. You may also email [choffman@kearnswest.com](mailto:choffman@kearnswest.com) or call/text Caisey at 210-906-9738.
- If you are participating by phone, raise your hand for help by dialing \*9.



# Proposed Meeting Objectives

- Grow relationships and improve coordination across agencies, governments, lessees, and community-based organizations.
  - Provide space for EIJ participants to talk with New York Bight lessees
- Continue to develop a shared understanding of challenges affecting and efforts to engage environmental justice populations and underserved communities on offshore wind issues across New York and New Jersey.
- Provide updates on how previous input is being processed for consideration in BOEM's and others' decision-making processes so far and invite feedback to continue refining next steps.



# Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Overview
- Participant Announcements
- Updates
  - Status of the draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement
  - Capacity-building
- Discussion with Lessees
- Next Steps and Adjourn
- 30-minute virtual informal meeting space (optional)



# Process Guidelines

- Use the “raise hand” function to join the discussion queue.
- Facilitator will mind the queue.
- When you speak, provide your name and affiliation.
- Participants are muted when they enter the meeting but can adjust their audio and video functions.
- Lessees are participating in the discussion sections of today’s forum. At previous forums, lessees joined only as observers.
- Use the chat function to ask questions, comment, or receive technical assistance.
- Whenever possible, have your video on to encourage meaningful communication and collaboration.



## BOEM Directorate Remarks – Political Advisor Marissa Knodel

### BOEM Core NY & NJ Engagement Team Introductions

**Introductions:** Please insert your name, organization, and affiliation in the chat box





# Participant Guidelines

# Meeting Principles

- All participants of in this effort will strive to be open, transparent, inclusive, and accountable in their actions. They will adhere to the highest ethical standards and are committed to using informed judgment and thoughtfulness in their participation. By agreeing to participate in the group, participants commit together to the following principles:
  - Interact respectfully with all other participants, valuing all perspectives.
  - Honor the agenda and time frames.
  - Participate in an active and focused manner – commit to the success of the process.
  - Provide balanced speaking time.
  - Provide explanations for views and interests.
  - Share perspectives and values.
  - Share relevant information.
  - Strive for transparency.
  - When sharing reports of discussions, not attributing discussions to any individual member to protect opportunities for open discussion.





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# Participant Bulletin Announcements

# Bulletin Board Announcements

Space to **share information** on developments and activities **affecting environmental justice and underserved communities** related to offshore wind off the coast of NY & NJ.

Announcements may include:

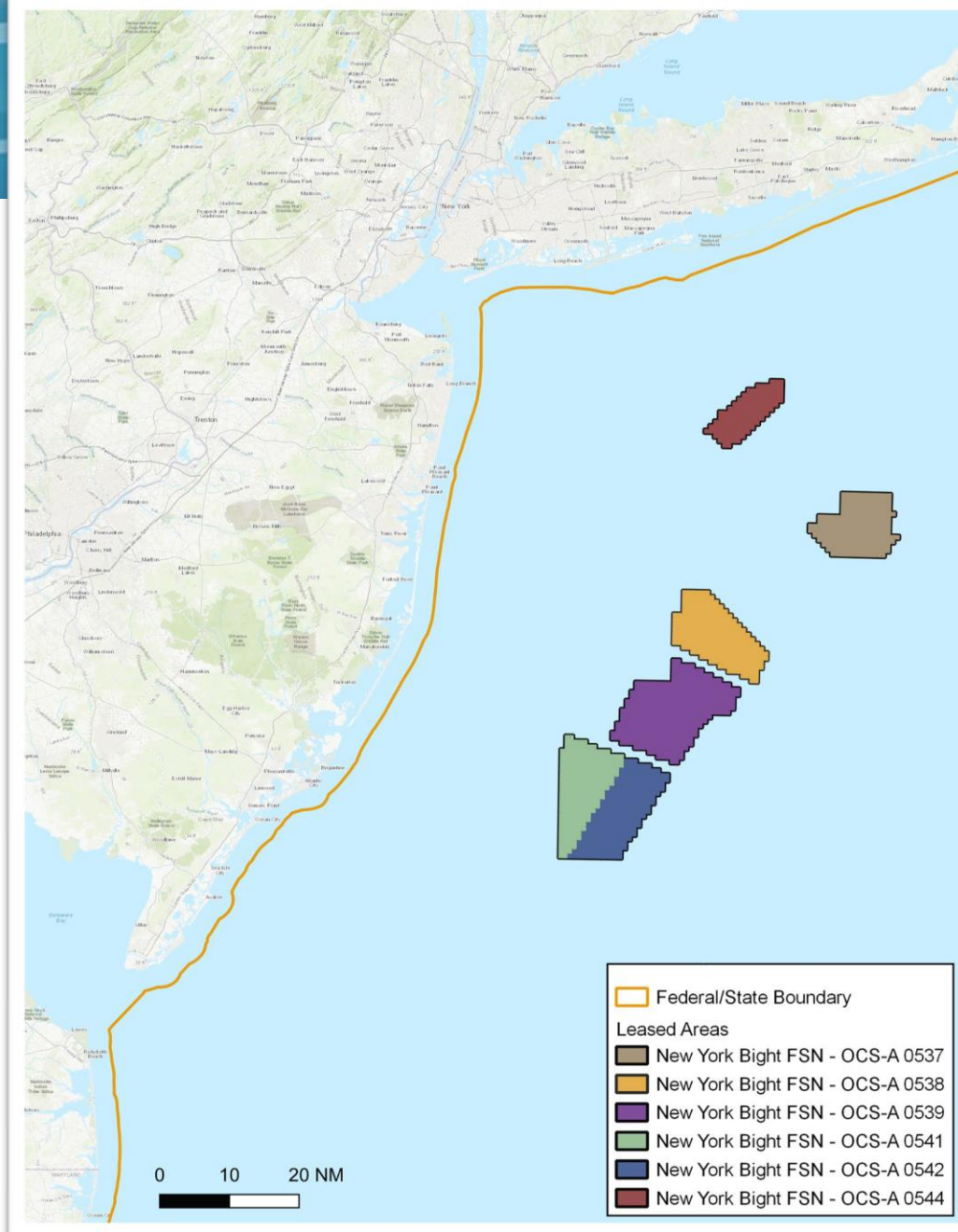
- Engagement processes underway
- Available opportunities
- Needed information or support



# **Updates: Status of New York Bight Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)**

# New York Bight Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

- BOEM is drafting a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the NY & NJ lease areas.
- 6 lease areas:
  - OCS-A-0537 - Blue Point (former Ocean Wind)
  - OCS-A-0538 - Attentive Energy LLC
  - OCS-A-0539 - Community Offshore Wind
  - OCS-A-0541 - Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind Bight, LLC
  - OCS-A-0542 - Invenergy Wind Offshore LLC
  - OCS-A-0544 - Vineyard Mid-Atlantic LLC



# Objectives of the NY Bight PEIS



Analyze regional affected environment and environmental consequences



Conduct a focused, regional cumulative analysis



Establish a framework for tiering of project-specific environmental analyses



Identify, analyze, and adopt (if appropriate) programmatic avoidance, minimization, mitigation, and monitoring measures

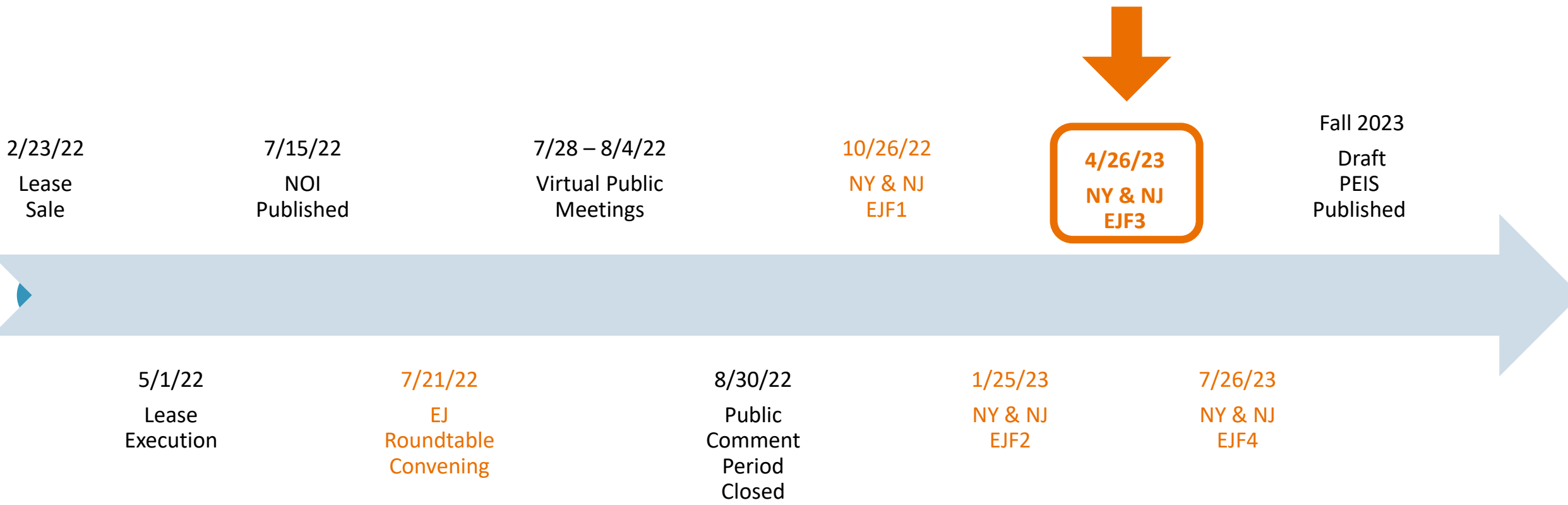


Provide predictability and consistency to cooperating agencies, partners, and developers





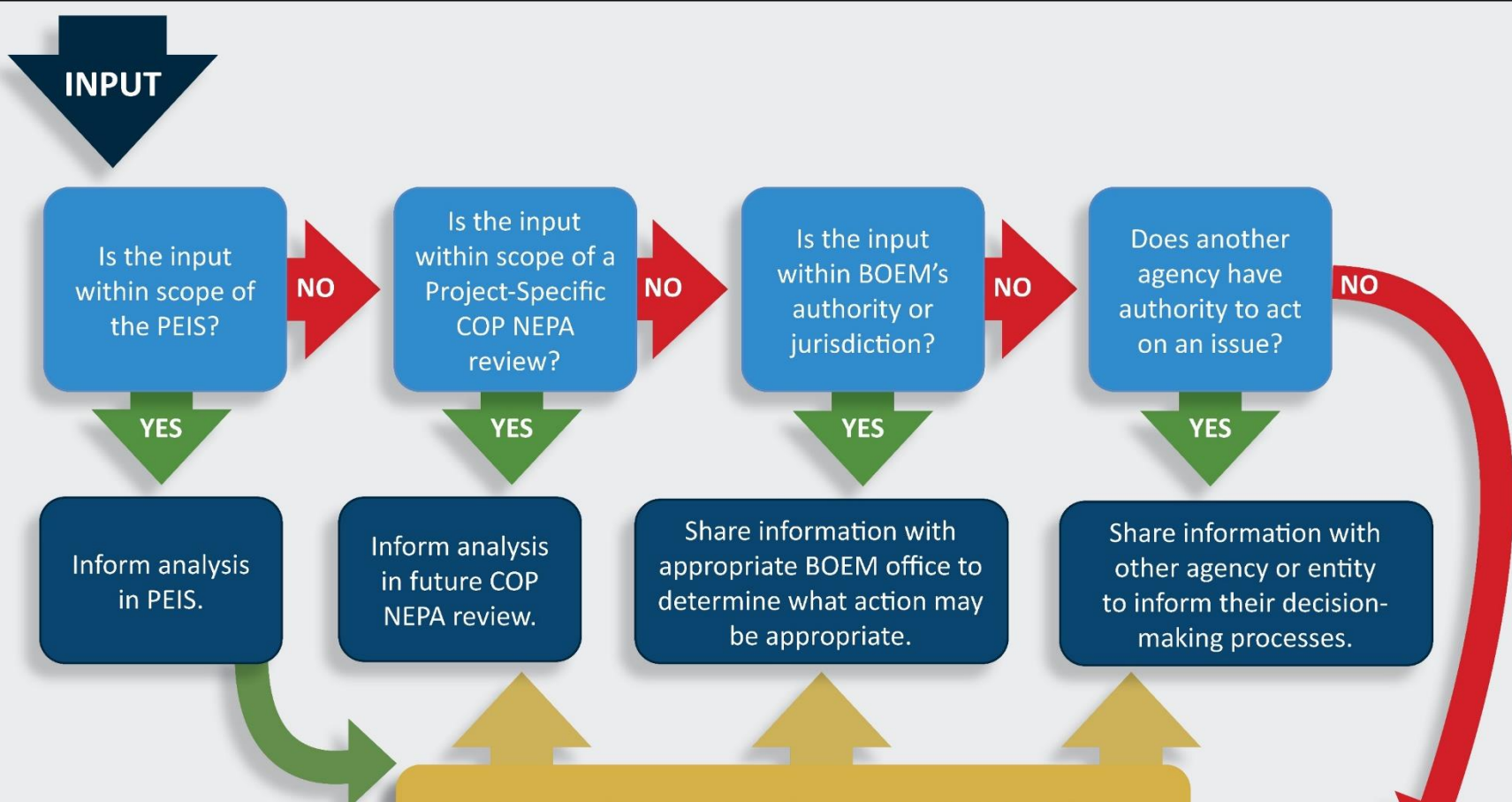
# New York Bight Draft PEIS Timeline





# Updates: Capacity Building

# Discussion with Lessees



| Acronym | Definition   |
|---------|--|
| AMMM    | Avoidance, minimization, mitigations, and monitoring |
| BOEM    | Bureau of Ocean Energy Management                    |
| COP     | Construction and Operations Plan                     |
| NEPA    | National Environmental Policy Act                    |
| NYB     | New York Bight                                       |
| PEIS    | Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement          |

**Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)**  
 The PEIS will analyze potential impacts of actions; alternatives; and AMMM measures.

- The PEIS analysis will inform the decision on whether to apply programmatic avoidance, minimization, mitigation, and monitoring measures BOEM may require as conditions of approval on COPs for the six NYB lease areas and identify measures that should be considered during site-specific NEPA reviews.
- PEIS will support BOEM's review of COPs in NYB lease area and supports other agencies reviews and decisions.

Share information through Environmental Justice Forums for participants to consider.

# EJF Dialogue with Lessees

## EJF Input Status Report themes:

- Allow more time for participant discussion at the EJF (C.02)
- Increase lessee engagement in the EJF(C.03)

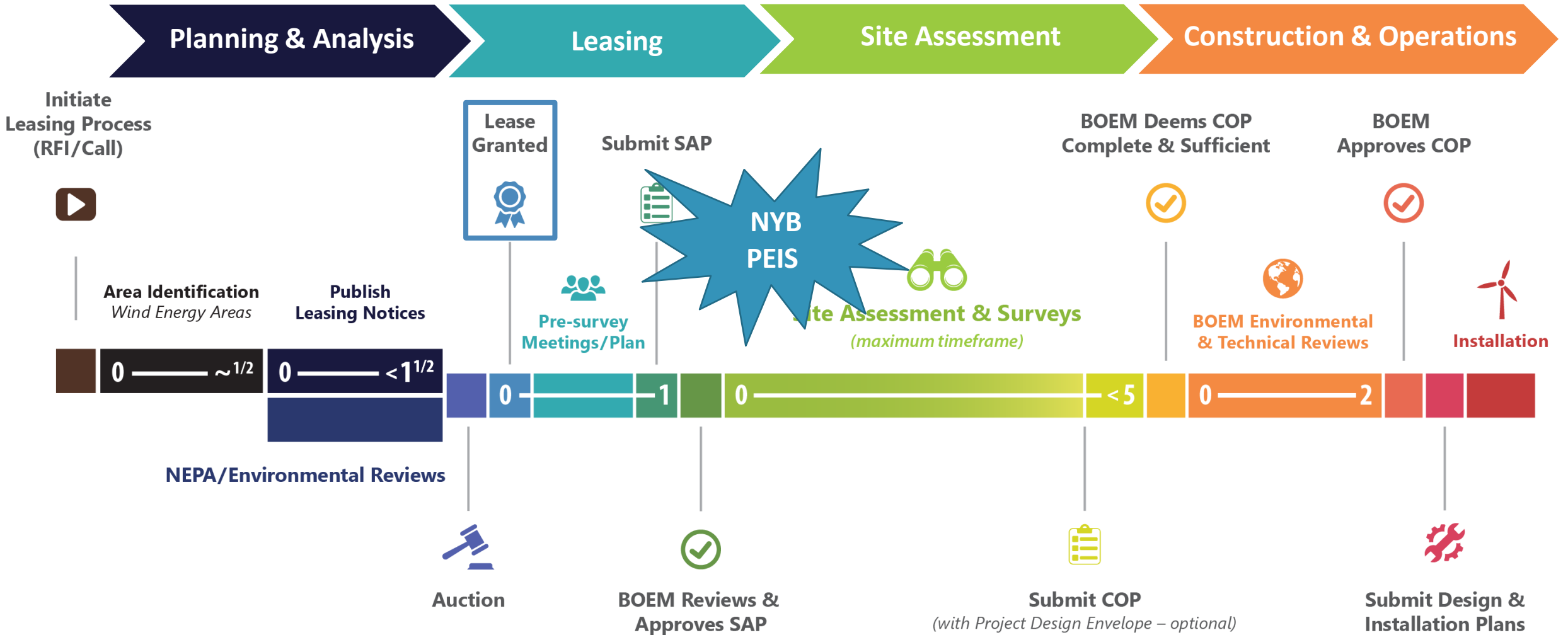
(See pages 10-11 of EJF2 Input Status Report) →

| EJF Process Related Input (C) |  |               |  |               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------|--|---------------|--|
| Issue Code                    | Issue  | Source        | Progress   | Applicable to | Status   |
| C.01                          | Consider hosting future EJFs in person   | Jan. 2023 EJF | BOEM is considering an in-person EJF in coordination with the PEIS meeting later this year   | BOEM          | In process                                     |
| C.02                          | Adjust the EJF format to provide more time for participant discussion sooner in the meeting. Allow lessees and states to hear community member input. Don't break up participants by sector in the breakout sessions | Jan. 2023 EJF | BOEM is planning to address this by allowing more time for discussion in the April EJF and adjusting the approach to breakout rooms during the forums.               | BOEM          | To be implemented at April EJF and future EJFs |
| C.03                          | Consider increasing lessee engagement in the EJF, where lessees can share what they've heard and how they are using that information   | Jan. 2023 EJF | The main agenda item for the April EJF includes opportunity for lessees and EJF participants to engage directly.   | BOEM, lessees | To be implemented at April EJF                 |
| C.04                          | Share lessons learned about community benefits agreements, how the Port Authority of NY and NJ evaluates facilities, and how other states conduct evaluations  | Jan. 2023 EJF | BOEM will continue seeking opportunities to hear and share lessons learned from states and other authorities and welcomes information or events that BOEM can share. | BOEM; States  | Exploring information sharing                  |





# New York/New Jersey Lease Area Timeline



# Lessee Progress Reports

- New York Bight Reporting Requirement Lease Stipulation
  - Semi-annual progress reports with updates on engagement activities
  - Progress reports for May 1, 2022 – Oct. 31, 2022 available on BOEM's website
  - Next set of progress reports will publish summer 2023

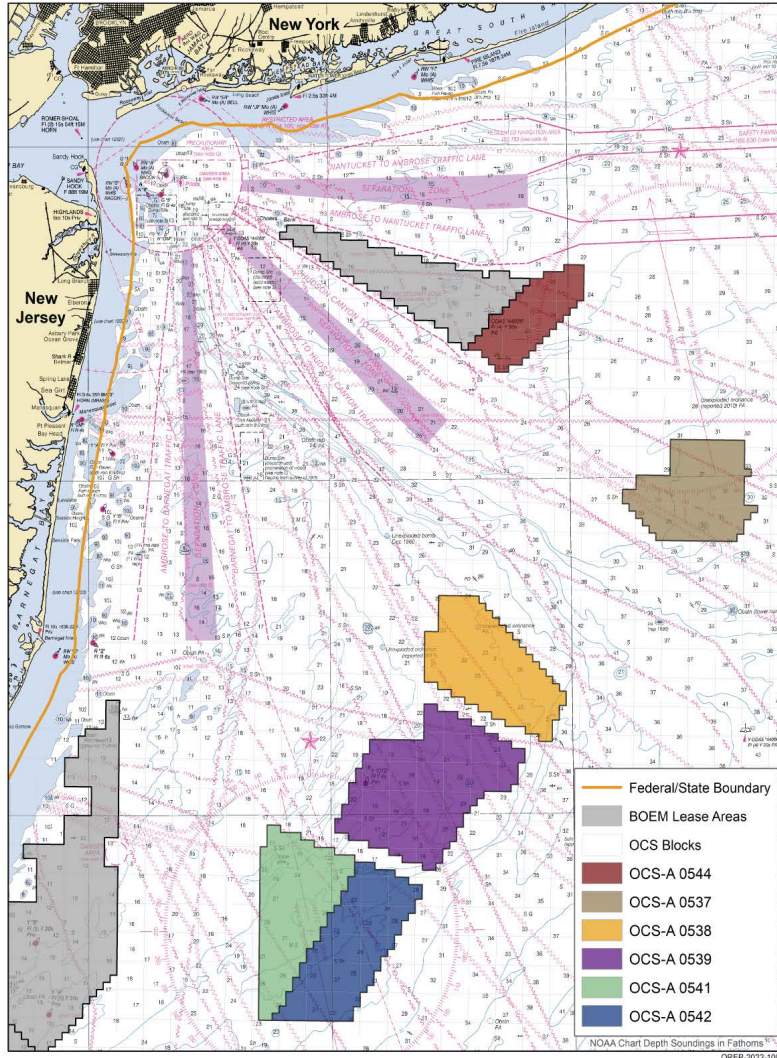
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# Introduction to NYB Lessees

## New York Bight Lease Areas



OCS-A 0544

Vineyard Mid-Atlantic, LLC

OCS-A 0537

Bluepoint Wind, LLC

OCS-A 0538

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Invenergy Wind Offshore LLC



# Discussion with Lessees

- How do you integrate environmental justice feedback into your project development?



# **Group Exploration of Community Benefit Mechanisms**

# Facilitated Q&A with Lessees

- Please ask your question through the raised hand function or Q&A pod. (If you prefer to remain anonymous, please select that option through the Q&A pod.)
- The facilitator will mind the queue and may ask follow up questions.
- There may be some questions that we do not have time to respond to today.
- We are capturing all the questions so no information will be lost.

Question and Answer

**Welcome to Q&A**

Questions you ask will show up here. Only host and co-host will be able to see all questions.

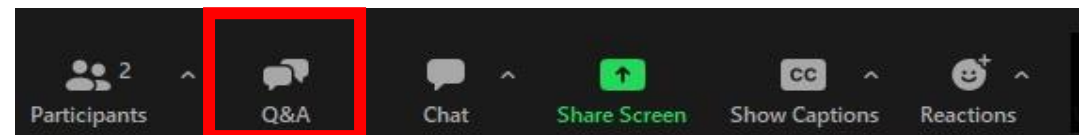
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Who can see your questions?

**What questions do participants have for lessees?**





## Next Steps

# Process Improvements

The next EJF is July 26, 2023, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ET

Are there suggested modifications ahead of the next Forum?

Consider the following:

1. The EJF format.
2. Pre- and post-EJF activities.
3. Distributing materials.
4. Meeting the intention of the EJF and stated goals.
5. Agenda topics for future EJFs and parking lot items.
6. Other items?





# Contact Information

For further input and discussion: [environmental.justice@boem.gov](mailto:environmental.justice@boem.gov)

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**We will be back at 12:35 p.m.  
ET**

**Thank you!**

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