



**BOEM** Bureau of  
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# New York & New Jersey Offshore Wind Environmental Justice Forum

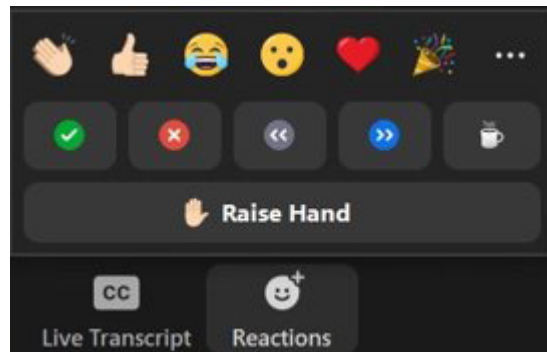
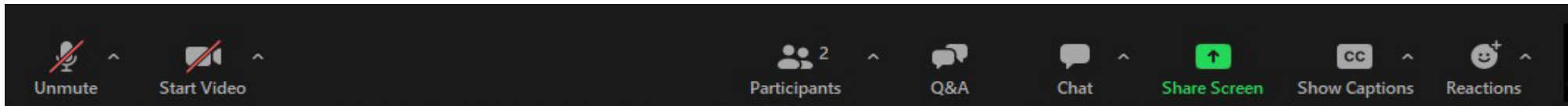
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Wednesday, January 24, 2024  
10:30 am – 12:30 pm ET

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# Zoom Meeting Instructions – Technical Assistance

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



# Proposed Meeting Objectives

- Build capacity of participants to comment on BOEM's Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) on Expected Wind Energy Development in the New York Bight (offshore NY and NJ)
- Provide updates on how previous input is being utilized by BOEM or others
- Grow relationships and improve coordination



# Agenda

1. Welcome and Agenda Overview
2. Discussion on PEIS
  - a. Overview of comment period & meetings
  - b. Panel discussion on key elements of the PEIS
    - i. Open discussion and Q&A
  - c. Encouraging your networks to engage in the PEIS – social media tools available
3. Debrief November EIJF
  - a. Key themes & action items
4. Announcements
5. Next Steps & Adjourn
6. Optional: 30 minutes of unstructured networking



# 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.



## BOEM Core EJV Engagement Team Introductions

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



# Updates: Progress Reports

# Lease-specific Information on BOEM Website

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## New York Bight

### Project Overview

Lease Area Descriptions

Leasing History

Environmental Review

#### What's New?

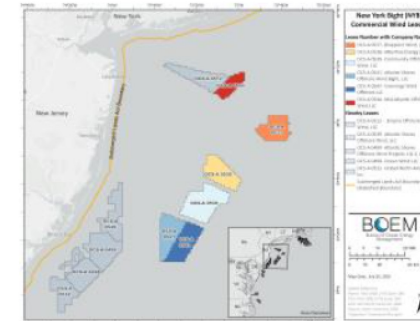
#### Efforts Underway

BOEM will hold Environmental Justice Forums for New York & New Jersey over the course of the PEIS development period, on a quarterly basis through July 2024. These forums are intended to be bidirectional information sharing sessions, co-designed with participants, including federal agencies whose work overlaps with the BOEM activities, state agencies, and community-based organizations. More information can be found at [New York & New Jersey Offshore Wind Environmental Justice Forums](#).

#### Background

There are six leases in the New York Bight.

- Bluepoint Wind, LLC (OCS-A 0537)
- Attentive Energy LLC (OCS-A 0538)
- Community Offshore Wind, LLC (OCS-A 0539)
- Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind Bight, LLC (OCS-A 0541)
- Invenergy Wind Offshore LLC (OCS-A 0542)
- Vineyard Mid-Atlantic LLC (OCS-A 0544)



New York Bight Leases

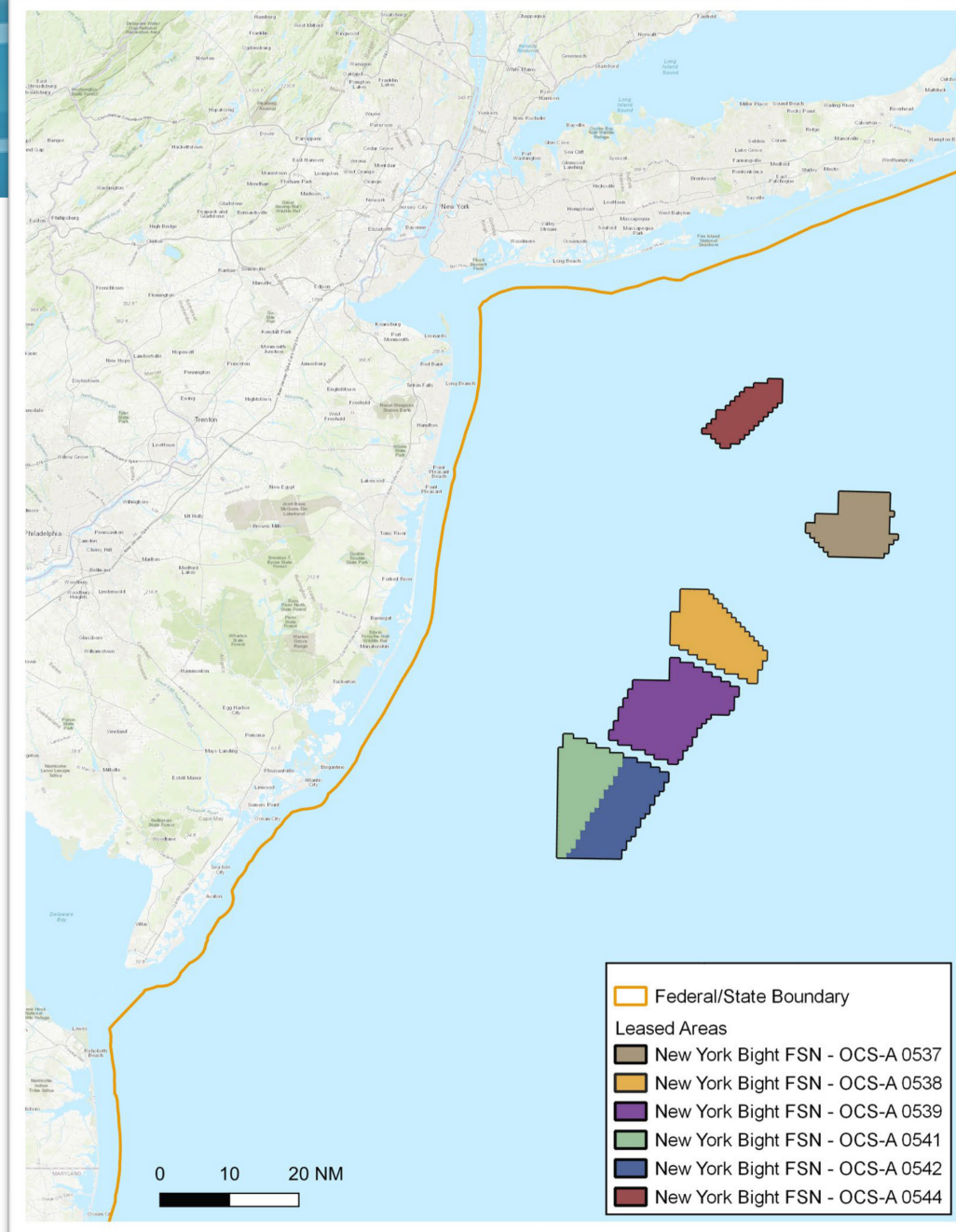




**Overview of New York Bight  
Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)**

# New York Bight Draft 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 - Bluepoint Wind, LLC (formerly Ocean Winds East)
  - OCS-A-0538 - Attentive Energy LLC
  - OCS-A-0539 - Community Offshore Wind, LLC
  - 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



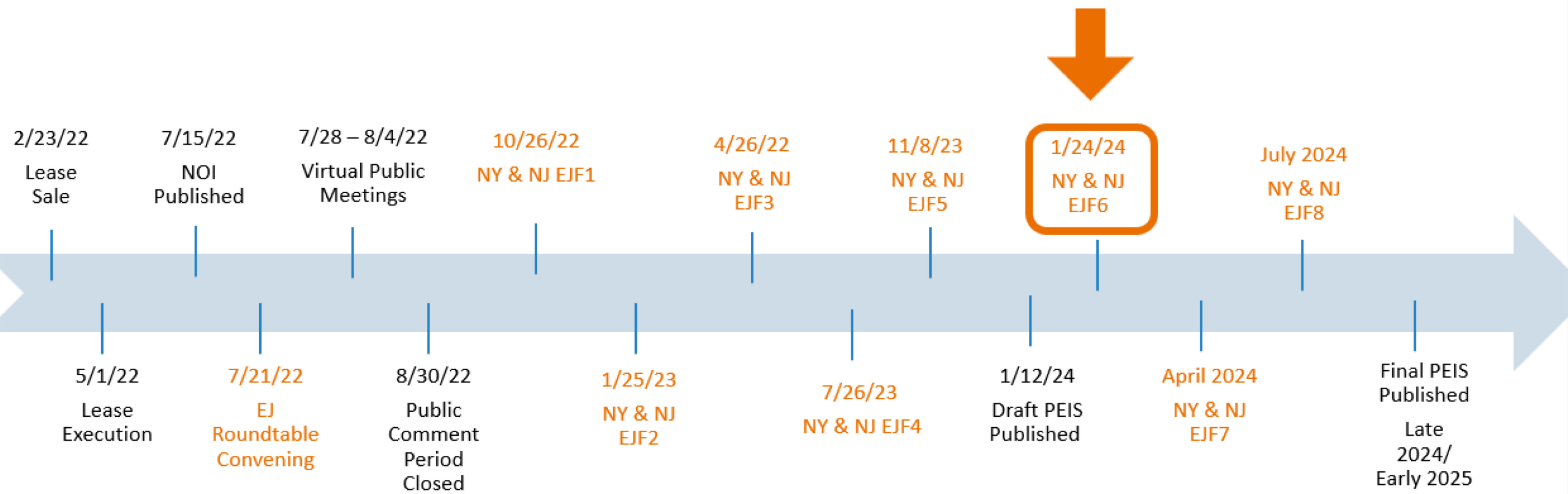
Identify, analyze, and adopt (if appropriate) programmatic avoidance, minimization, mitigation, and monitoring measures



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



# New York Bight Draft PEIS Timeline



# Upcoming Public Meetings

Learn more and register at: <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/new-york-bight>

- **Virtual Public Meetings**

- January 31, 5:00 PM EST
- February 13, 1:00 PM EST

- **In-Person Open House Public Meetings**

- February 5, 4:00-7:00 PM EST, UMass Dartmouth, New Bedford, MA
- February 7, 4:00-7:00 PM EST, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY
- February 8, 4:00-7:00 PM EST, Clarion Hotel, Toms River, NJ

- **Public comment docket numbers:** BOEM-2024-0001

- <https://www.regulations.gov/document/BOEM-2024-0001-0001>



# **Panel Discussion: Key Elements of the Draft PEIS**

**Courtney Strain, Oceanographer, NYB PEIS Project Manager**

**Annette Ehrhorn, Project Coordinator, Office of Renewable Energy Programs**

**Lindy Nelson, Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Renewable Energy Programs**

**Lynn Petrazzuollo, President and Senior Environmental Scientist, Avanti Corporation**

## Q&A

***Please submit questions via the Q&A pod at the bottom of your screen or raise your hand and the moderator will call on you.***

# Social Media Toolkit



# November EJF Debrief

Our first in-person Forum - in response to EJF participant feedback had two elements:

- **Brooklyn Site Visit, 40 participants**
  - UPROSE gave a presentation on their work and led a guided community tour highlighting environmental justice dynamics impacting Sunset Park
  - Equinor shared about their work and led a tour onto the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal
- **The EJF had group-based discussion activities and a panel, nearly 50 attendees (and additional 25 virtually). Topics discussed included:**
  - Visions for a Just Transition
  - Community perspectives on offshore wind
  - Workforce development
  - Engaging communities during the PEIS process
  - Collaborative partnerships
  - Best practices for environmental justice



# November EJF Debrief – things we heard, actions we took

- **Develop materials to provide clear information on the Draft PEIS and comment period, including foundational information on offshore wind and the National Environmental Policy Act**
  - Social media toolkit
  - Two handouts: (1) summary of the EJ section in the Draft PEIS and (2) factsheet on the EJ Forum
- **Provide translation and interpretation in Spanish.**
  - Live Spanish interpretation will be available at the virtual and in-person Draft PEIS public meetings
  - Materials above are being translated into Spanish, will be available this week
- **Develop a list/chart of points of contact for federal and state agencies involved in offshore wind.**
  - In progress - initial list developed, still need to expand (located on the EJF webpage)
- **Engage local governments in the EJF.**
  - New contact lists generated to target local governments to receive notification of Draft PEIS availability and introduction to EJF; increased future engagement expected as more local information available during environmental review of the Construction and Operations Plans.
- **Capacity- and trust-building efforts with communities.**
  - Speaking fees and invitational travel offered for November EJF
  - Two Fellows started in the Fall; they will start implementing more capacity- and trust-building activities



# November EJF Debrief – Informing April EJF Planning

Recurring topics that EJF participants may want to discuss at the April EJF include:

- providing clear information and messaging about all public input opportunities to increase awareness and participation, particularly as projects move toward Construction and Operations Plan reviews
- jobs (including skills required and employment pathways), and increased engagement of unions and lessees to talk about jobs in EJFs
- equitable distribution of benefits to communities, particularly looking toward European offshore wind development examples
- reducing stakeholder fatigue, particularly finding collaborative opportunities between Federal and State governments
- creating an EJF-informed best practices document for all participants to jointly capture best practices and lessons learned through this effort and be able to share throughout government and beyond; focused on outcomes from the EJF

Any other topics to consider for the April EJF come to mind?



# **Announcements, Next Steps, Closing Remarks**

# 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



# Reflections

- What are you thinking about that we didn't discuss today?
- Are there any other topics you would like to see covered?



# Next Steps

# Contact Information

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

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Thank you!

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**Environmental Justice Forum Team**

**We will be taking a short break before the optional unstructured networking begins.**

**Please return at 12:35 pm ET.**

# EJ Avoidance, Minimization, Mitigation, and Monitoring (AMMM) Measures That Could Prevent or Reduce Potential Impacts

| Measure     | Description   |
|-------------|---|
| <b>EJ-1</b> | Lessees would create Environmental Justice Communications Plans to notify EJ communities about when and where construction and operations activities will take place and who they may affect. Lessees would share these plans with communities as part of their coordinated engagement efforts and solicit input on appropriate communication methods.  |
| <b>EJ-2</b> | Lessees would create Environmental Justice Mitigation Resources Plans to provide households in EJ communities that are impacted by construction and operations activities with supplies or mitigation resources needed (e.g., air filters, noise canceling headphones, blackout curtains) to reduce adverse impacts.  |
| <b>EJ-3</b> | Lessees would be required to report progress related to their Environmental Justice Communications Plans and Environmental Justice Mitigation Resources Plans. This measure would ensure activities of the communications and mitigation plans are recorded and available to BOEM, BSEE, and EJ communities. This measure would also enable adjustments to mitigation measures over time to make sure they are adequately addressing impacts on EJ communities. |
| <b>EJ-4</b> | Lessees would make annual financial contributions to a third-party-managed compensatory mitigation fund to address disproportionate and adverse impacts on EJ populations directly tied to Outer Continental Shelf offshore wind activities that have not been addressed through other mitigation measures.   |

