



# Task Forces and the Gulf of Maine Task Force Charter

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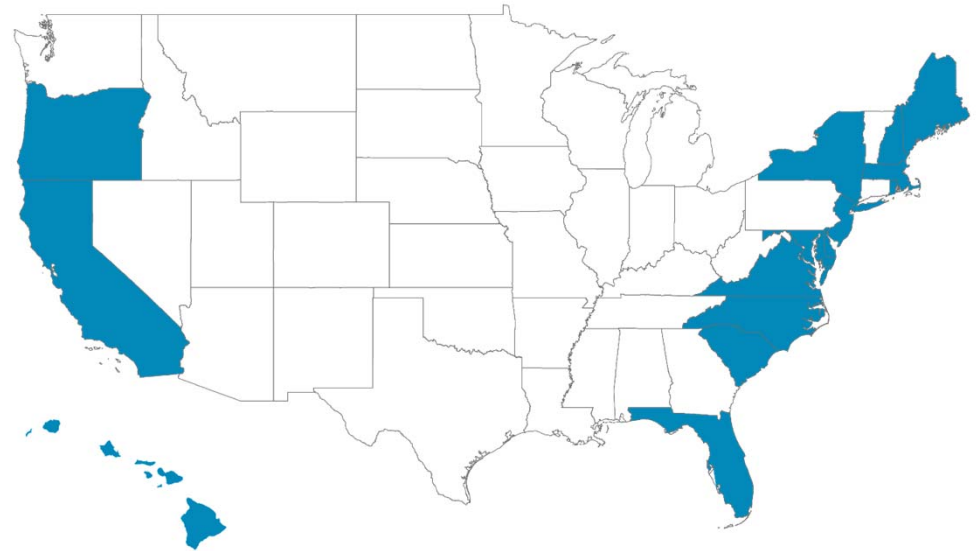
# What is a Renewable Energy Intergovernmental Task Force?

- **OCSLA** requires **coordination** with the Governor of any **affected State**
- Initiated by a state Governor request to BOEM
- Mechanism for coordination and **information exchange** with governmental partners
- Members include elected officers of state, local, and tribal governments and federal officials



# OCS Renewable Energy Intergovernmental State Task Forces

- 15 state Task Forces established
- Facilitates local and regional stakeholder input and transparency
- Active through all phases of program
- Regional Approach
  - NY Bight
  - Carolinas
  - Gulf of Maine



# Gulf of Maine Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force Charter

## Why a Charter?

- Establishes the Task Force

## Clarifies the:

- Purpose
- Authority
- Membership
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Communication



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#### Introduction

Under the regulatory framework for renewable energy activity on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issues leases, easements, and rights-of-way for orderly, safe, and environmentally responsible offshore renewable energy development activities, such as the siting and construction of wind generation facilities on the OCS. This charter establishes the BOEM Gulf of Maine Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force ("Task Force") to: 1) educate members about the renewable energy program, processes, and requirements; 2) exchange data and information; 3) discuss issues of concern; and 4) assist government decision-making within the established BOEM regulatory framework regarding renewable energy activity on the OCS in the Gulf of Maine.





## Charter: Purpose

- An information exchange to facilitate coordination and consultation related to renewable energy planning activities on the OCS in the Gulf of Maine
- Task Force is neither a decision-making nor approval body
- Secretary of Interior remains the ultimate decision-maker



# Charter: Membership

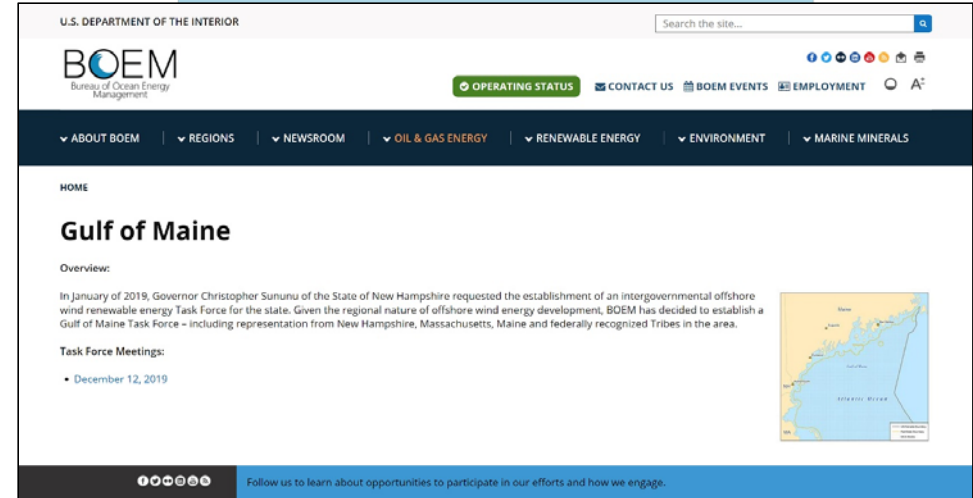
- Task Force is chartered under an exception to the **Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)** *41 CFR § 102-3.40(g)*
- Members limited to “full-time or permanent part-time officers or employees of the Federal Government and elected officers of State, local and tribal governments (or their designated employees with authority to act on their behalf), acting in their official capacities.”
- If you do not meet this definition, you can still attend and observe the meeting

	Do I Meet the Task Force Definition?	
	Yes?	No?
Participate in the meetings?	✓	--
Listed on the Task Force Roster?	✓	--
Provide public input?	✓	✓



# Charter: Communications

- BOEM will hold Task Force meetings or webinars in coordination with the state points of contact
- Public information or materials generated from Gulf of Maine Task Force meetings will be made available on the BOEM website



## Comments on the Charter?

- If you have further comments on the Charter, please email [meredith.lilley@boem.gov](mailto:meredith.lilley@boem.gov) by **Friday, January 3, 2020**
- Charter will be finalized and posted on the BOEM Gulf of Maine website





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