



Tips to Provide Helpful Comments

Public input on the Draft New York Bight Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) assists BOEM in refining the analysis of potential impacts of offshore wind development in the six lease areas of the New York Bight area. BOEM will analyze the comments received, conduct further analyses as necessary, and prepare the Final PEIS after the public comment period closes.

BOEM welcomes comments on all facets of the PEIS, but encourages comments that follow the guidelines below. Comments in support or opposition of the PEIS do not provide enough specificity or substance for BOEM to evaluate potential impacts. Additionally, comments submitted via form letters that provide similar information are less helpful to BOEM in developing an accurate Final PEIS.

Helpful Comments

- Are fact based.
- Include links to data or research and are supported by methodologies and/or assumptions when applicable.
- Provide specifics regarding potential impacts to the ocean, land, coasts, plants, animals, historic properties, and people.
- Accurately describe potential impacts to the affected region, affected interests, and localities.



Examples of Helpful Comments

- **Fact & Location Specific:** One nautical mile north from lease area OCS-A 1234, at 200-meter water depth, is a shipwreck that is considered a historic property. Please consider this in your review.
- **Data/Research & Impacts:** The New York Bight area is an important habitat for the North Atlantic right whale. Experience with this species suggests that offshore wind vessel activity and noise disturbance could negatively impact them. Research on this topic, including potential avoidance or mitigation measures, is available at [link].
- **Fact, Impacts & Location Specific:** I manage a commercial fishing company that operates in the New York Bight lease areas. These areas have been productive spots for fisheries for many years. The farm is [number] miles from [lease area number] in the New York Bight lease area. We are very concerned about offshore wind activity so close to our waters and possible effects on our fishing operations.



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The BOEM NY Bight website provides background information, details about the New York Bight lease areas, and more.



Attend a Public Meeting

Public meetings will be scheduled in January and February 2024 to provide information on the environmental review process, facilitate questions and answers (Q&As) with subject matter experts, and collect public comment.

To register for these meetings, please visit **The BOEM NY Bight website**.



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