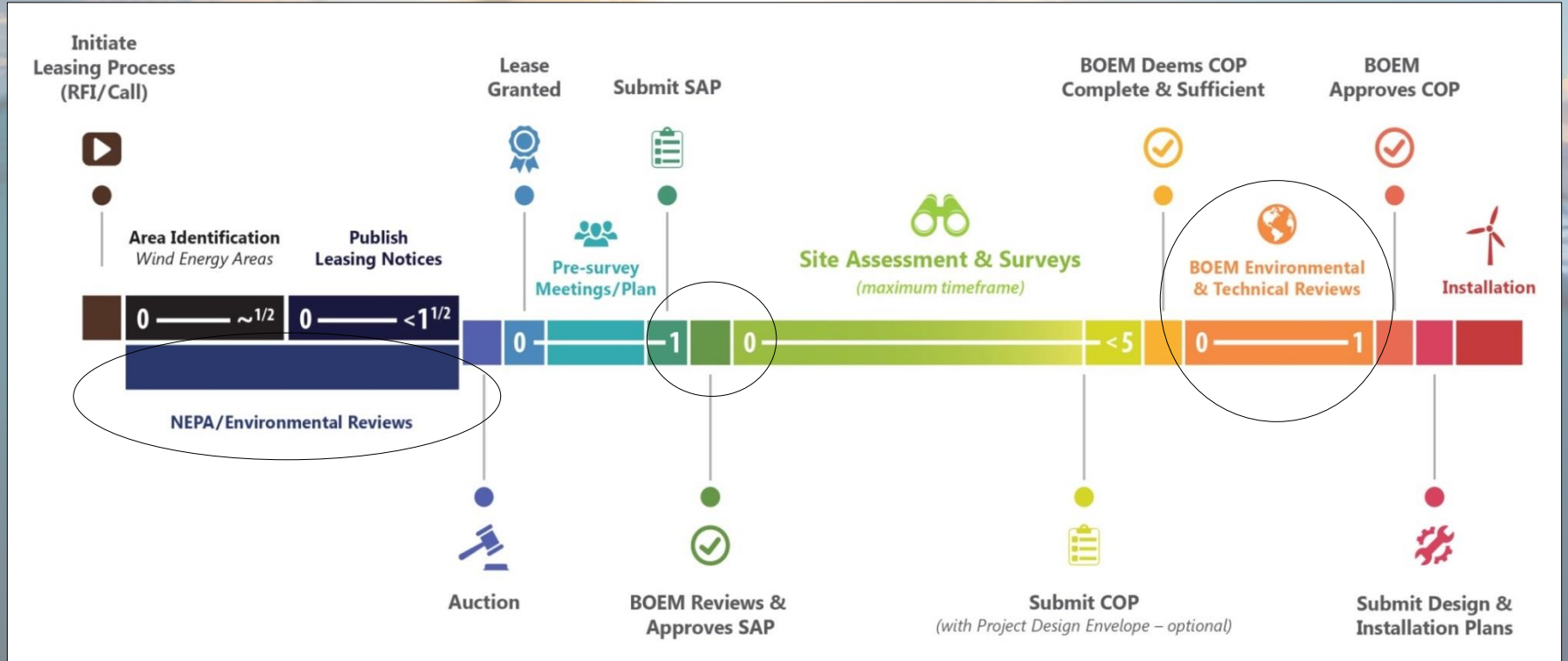


BOEM's Environmental Review Process for Offshore Wind Energy Projects

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Environmental Review | Stages of Leasing and Development

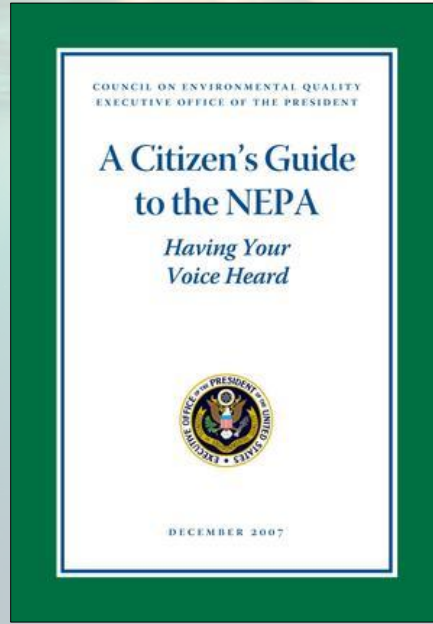


Primary purpose

- Involve the public
- Inform the decision

Analyses

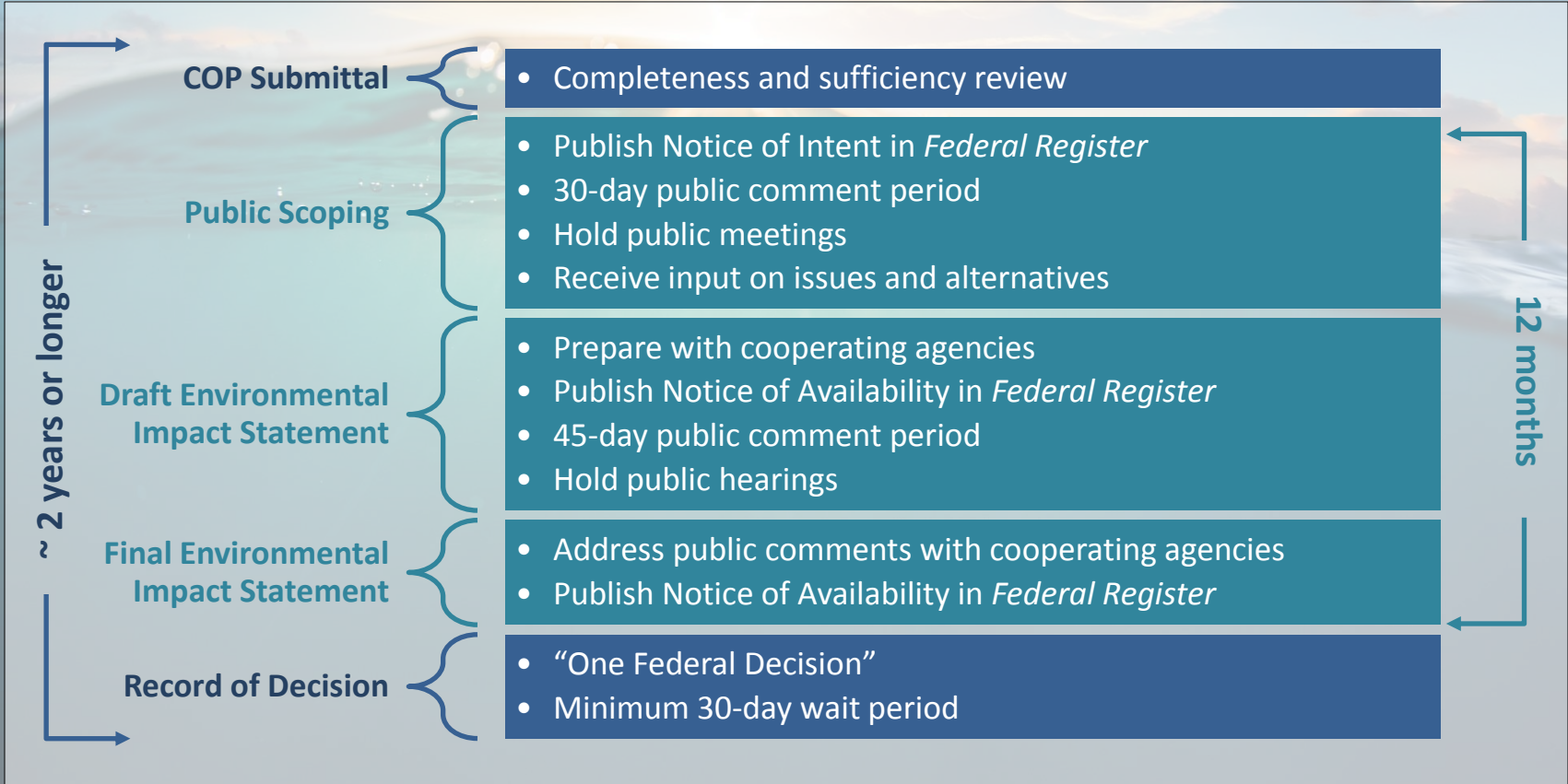
- Proposed Action
- Alternatives
- Cumulative
- Routine activities & non-routine events



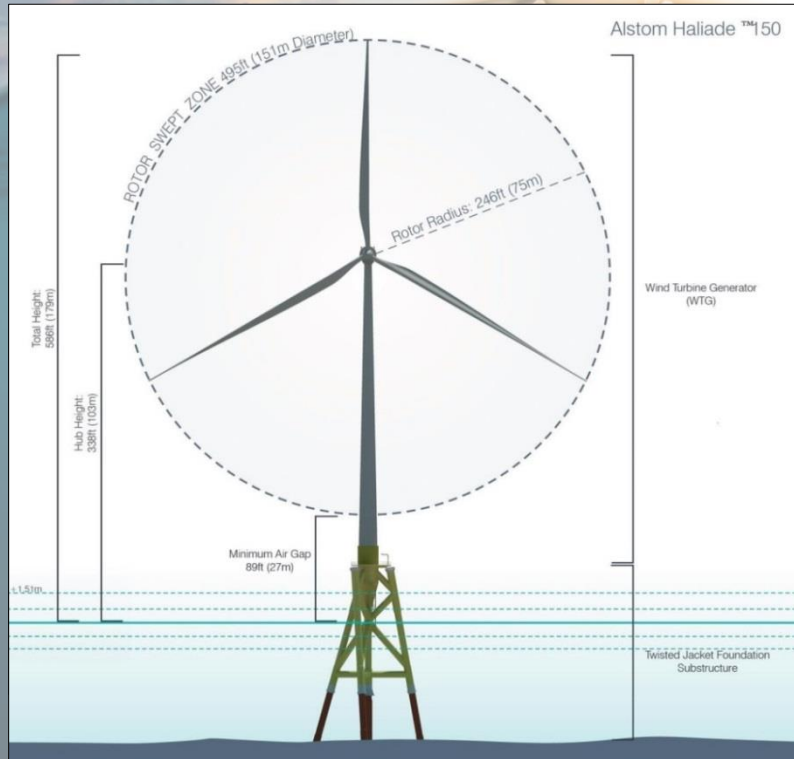
Cooperating agencies

- Jurisdiction or special expertise
- Federal agencies like USCG & BSEE
- Affected states
- Federally-recognized Tribes

Environmental Review | Environmental Impact Statement



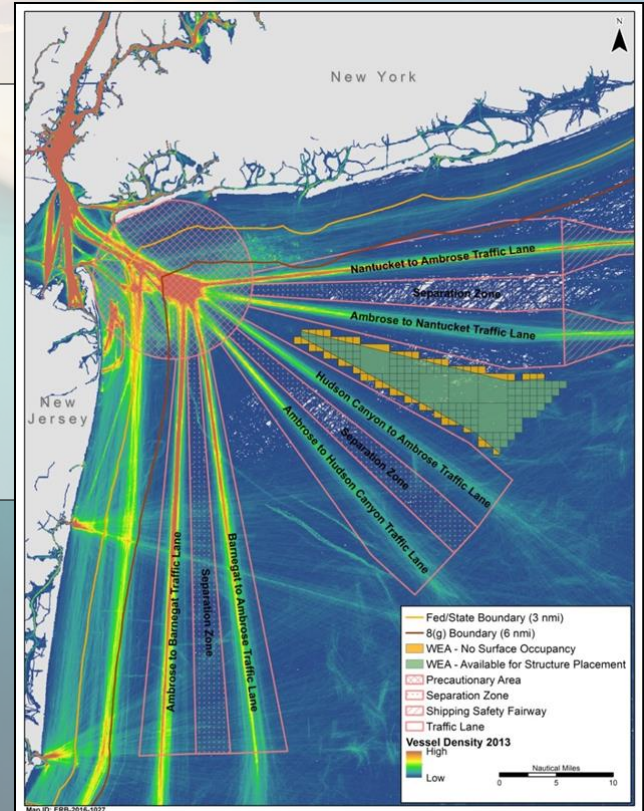
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- Proposed facilities and activities
- Best management practices
- Mitigation measures
- Navigation risk assessment
- Lighting and marking plan
- Other OCS activities

Environmental Review | Navigational Assessment

- Characterize historic and future vessel transit routes and volumes
- Identify and evaluate impacts
- Develop additional mitigation, if necessary



Are the proposed activities consistent with
State's Coastal Management Program?



- Space-use conflicts
- Ports and infrastructure
- Benefits of offshore wind
- Risks, fate, and effects of chemicals

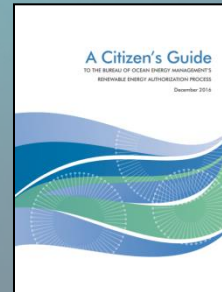


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Stakeholder Engagement | Opportunities for Involvement

- Intergovernmental Task Forces
- Public notices
- Public meetings
- Stakeholder workshops

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Questions?



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Overview

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“To promote safety, protect the environment and conserve resources offshore through vigorous regulatory oversight and enforcement.”

BSEE Mission Statement

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BOEM - BSEE Relationship

- Secretary's Order 3299
- BOEM/BSEE Agreements
 - 2011 Memorandum of Understanding
 - 2011 Environment and NEPA MOA
 - 2014 Enforcement Activities MOA

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- National Environmental Policy Act
- BSEE is a Cooperating Agency
 - BSEE participates in BOEM's NEPA analysis to ensure it meets our needs.
 - BSEE adopts BOEM's analysis if applicable for our decision making.

Safety and Environmental Compliance

- Inspections (Compliance Verification)
 - Lease Terms
 - Conditions of Approval
 - Mitigations
- Enforcement
 - Appropriate for Conduct Detected
 - Aimed at Changing Operators Behavior

Links to Additional Information

Environmental Focus - <https://www.bsee.gov/what-we-do/environmental-focuses>

Safety Enforcement - <https://www.bsee.gov/what-we-do/safety-enforcement>

Interagency Partnerships - <https://www.bsee.gov/newsroom/partnerships/interagency>

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