# Environmental Resources Offshore Wind Working Group

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

5:00 - 7:00PM

# Agenda

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5:00
       Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Review (Commissioner McCabe)
5:10
      Review of Prior Meeting outcomes
5:15
       Discussion of Federal and State Interagency work, timeline and public engagement opportunities
        BOEM (15 minutes)
        DEP (15 minutes)
        USCG (15 minutes)
        BPU (5 - 10 minutes)
        EDA (5 - 10 \text{ minutes})
6:15
       Review of status of proposed Ocean Wind project and public engagement opportunities (Orsted)
6:45
       Update on additional steps for Stakeholder Engagement and feedback (DEP)
      Wrap-up and Review of Next Steps (Commissioner McCabe)
6:50
      Adjourn
7:00
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# Goals of the Meeting

- Review what we heard at last meeting
- Enhance understanding of partner responsibilities and pathways to address concerns
- Identify discrete events for stakeholder engagement within each agency's OSW process
- Report on agency tools and focused stakeholdering
- Provide resources to Working Group to navigate OSW process in New Jersey

# Concerns

# Areas of concern or need for further information:

- Transit lanes
- Federal consistency
- Loss of usable space for (1) fishing and (2) vessel traffic
- EMF impacts
- Ecological impacts
  - Inshore communities
  - Horseshoe crab sanctuary
- Physical impacts

- Construction
- Sediment impacts
- Pollution
- Wildlife impacts (non-commercial species)

Need for better coordination with federal agencies, between state agencies and regionally

# Partner Responsibilities

DOI-BOEM, NJDEP, USCG, NJBPU, NJEDA



New Jersey Offshore Wind Environmental Working Group Meeting

Wil Waskes & Brian Krevor

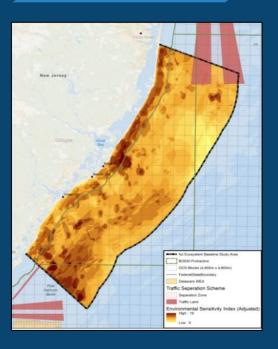
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## **OCS** Renewable Energy Authorization Process

# Planning & Analysis



### Leasing



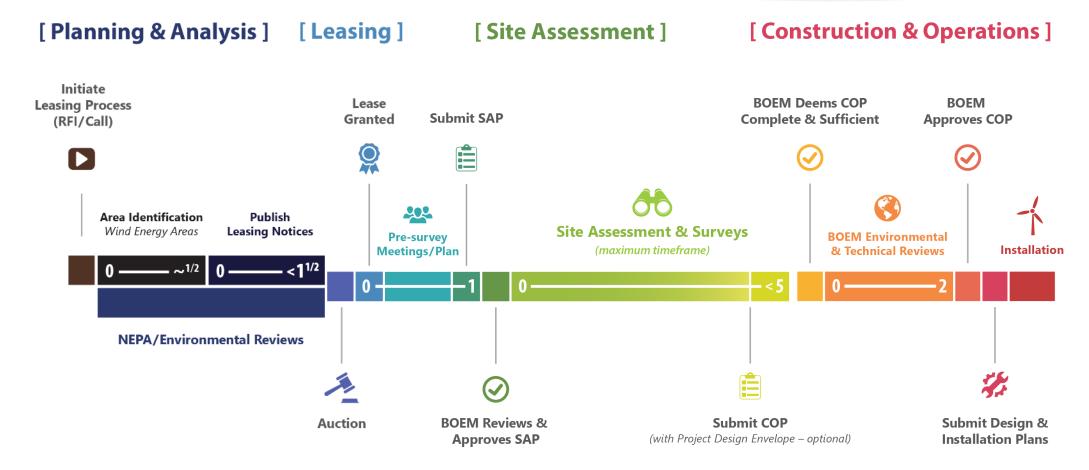
### **Site Assessment**



# Construction & Operations



### Renewable Energy Process: From Call to Operations



### Atlantic OCS Renewable Energy: "Projects in the Pipeline"





### **A New Jersey History**

### **MAJOR MILESTONES**

2005

### **Energy Policy Act**

- Public Law 109-58 signed into law by
   President George Bush on August 8,
   2005.
- Sec. 388 amends the Outer Continental
   Shelf Lands Act (OSCLA).

OCS-A 0473 (Deepwater Wind LLC)

- New Jersey OffshoreResearch Device (NJORD)
- Installed in November 2012;





2009



#### OCS-A 0472 (Fishermen's Energy)

- Wind Sentinel & Guardian
- Installed in September 2012 & May

2013

### Interim Policy (IP) Leases

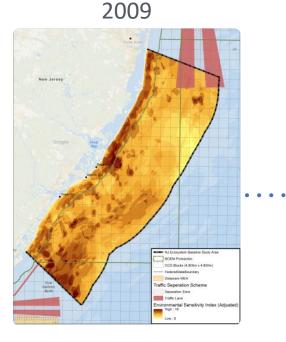
- Announced in 2007,
- 5-Year lease terms and provided
- No subsequent commercial rights.
- Expired in November 2014
- Decommissioned in October 2015.





### BOEM New Jersey Renewable Energy Intergovernmental Task Force Established

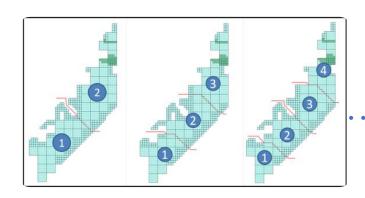
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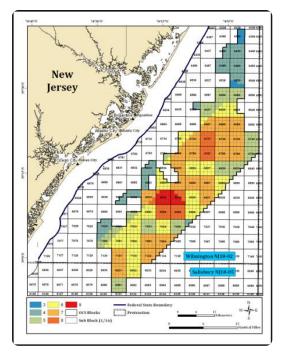
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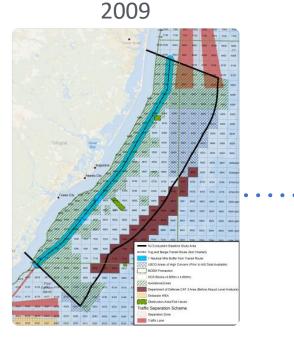


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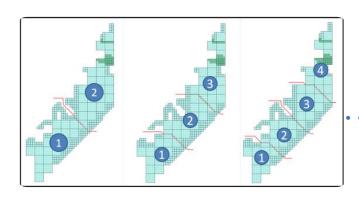
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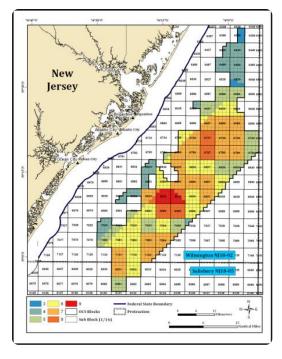
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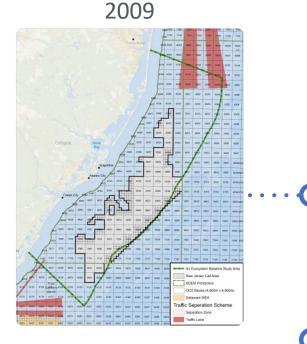


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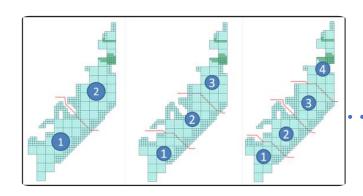
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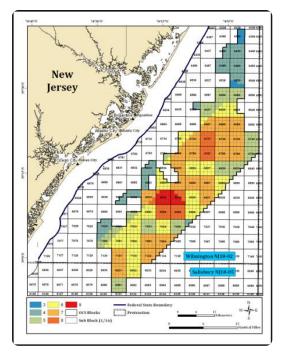
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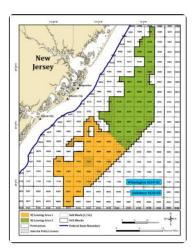
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#### **JUNE 2014**

### Published Proposed Sale (PSN) Notice for Atlantic Wind Lease Sale Five (ATLW-5)

- Eastern blocks (elbow)
   removed to alleviate
   navigational concerns prior to
   publishing the PSN.
- Two new qualification packages received.



#### SEPTEMBER 2015



# Published Final Sale Notice (FSN) for ATLW-5

- Ascending clock auction with a multifactor variable.
- %20 discount for either a Power Purchase Agreement or OREC order.
- Bidder eligibility limitation

#### **NOVEMBER 2015**

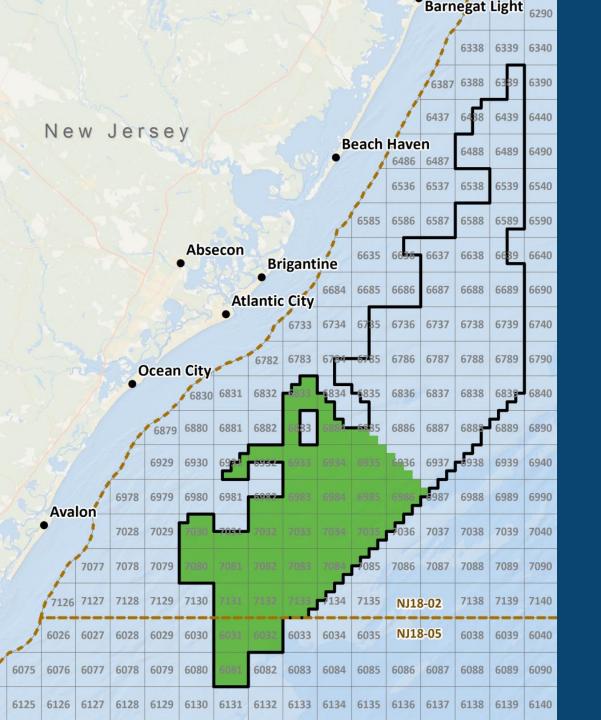
# Atlantic Wind Lease Sale Five (ALTW-5)

- 3 Bidders participated
- 7 rounds.
- OCS-A 0498 sold for \$880,715
- OCS-A 0499 sold for \$1,006,240.









# OCS-A 0498 Ocean Wind, LLC



March 2016

April 2017

Lease Execution

Lease assigned from RES America

Developments Inc. to Ocean Wind LLC

**G&G Surveys** 

Start of geophysical and geotechnical surveys in support of the SAP & COP

Site Assessment Plan

Deployment of two FLiDAR buoys

August 2019

May 2018

Construction and Operations

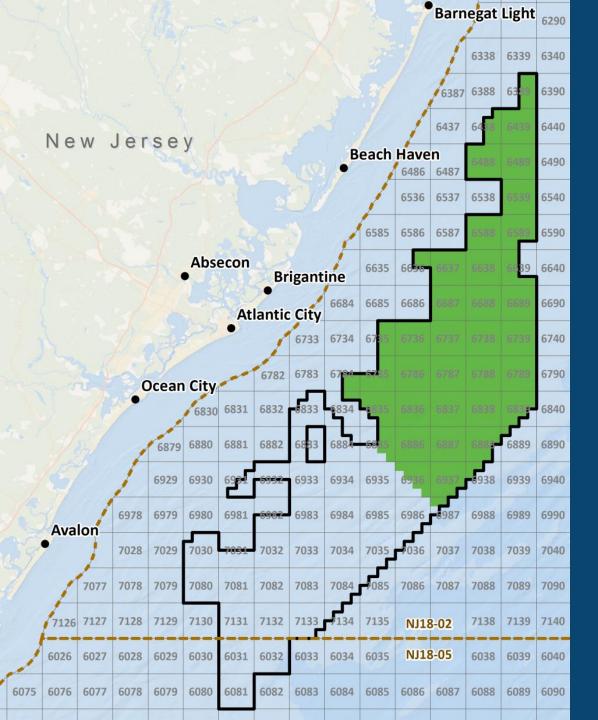
Plan

Currently being reviewed for completeness and sufficiency to initiate NEPA review and other required consultations.

Initiate Formal Review

Will start wit the publication of a Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS.

2020



# OCS-A 0499 Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC

March 2016

November 2018 April 2019

August 2019

December 2020

### Lease Executed

The Effective Date of the Lease is March 1, 2016. Issued to US Wind, Inc.

### Assignment to ASOW

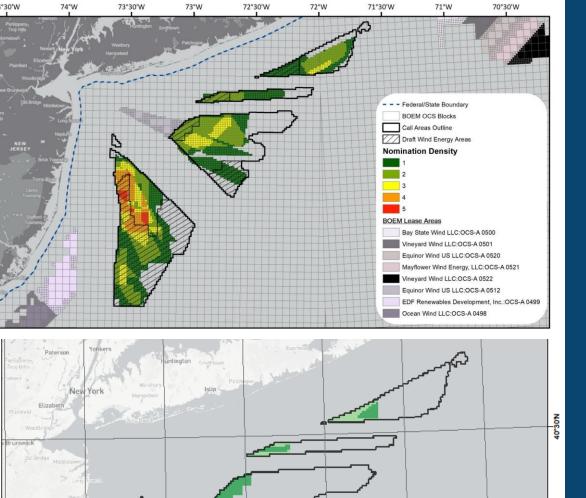
Assigned from US Wind, Inc. to EDF Renewables Development, Inc and then to Atlantic Shores Offshore, Wind, LLC

### Start of G&G Surveys

No Site Assessment Survey Plan Submitted To Date

### Site Assessment Plan

Submitted December 2019 for two FLiDAR buoys
Expected Approval Spring 2020



Map Date: 11/14/2018

# **New York Bight**



November 2017

NY Bight Task Force Webinar

April 2018

Discussion of New York's Areas of Considerations and BOEM Draft Call Areas

Call for Information

Comment Period: Opened April 11th; Closed July 30th

May 2018

NY Bight Task Force Meeting
Review Nominations, Comments

Received and Discuss Paths Forward

September 2018

**Public Meetings** 

Massachusetts with a focus on commercial and recreational fisheries

November 2018

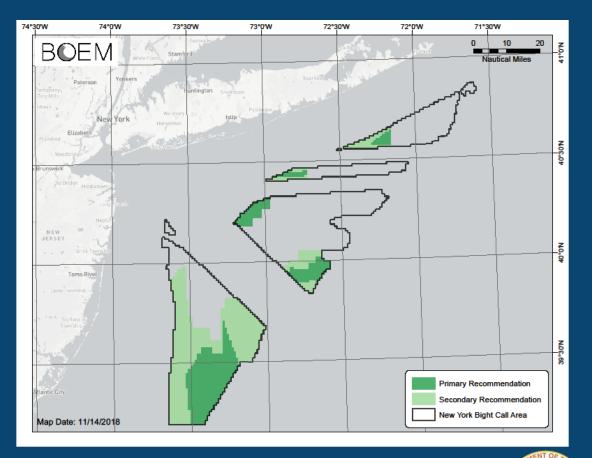
Primary Recommendation Secondary Recommendation New York Bight Call Area

NY Bight Task Force Meeting

**Primary and Secondary** Recommendations

## The Road Ahead for the New York Bight

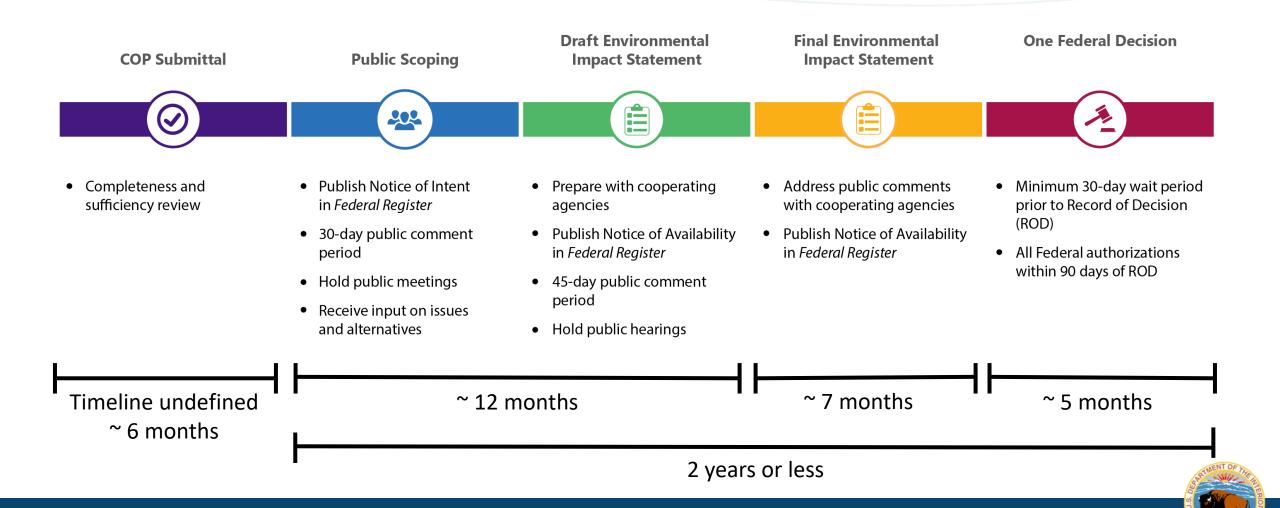
- Announcement of Wind Energy Areas (WEA)
- Publication of an Notice of Intent to
  Prepare an Environmental Assessment
- Task Force Engagement
  Input on Leasing Notices
- Publication of Proposed Sale Notice
  Open For Public Comment





### **Proposed Environmental Review Schedule Overview**

Bureau of
Ocean Energy Management



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# Executive Order 13807 (April 2017) - One Federal Decision (OFD)

- Sets a government-wide goal of no more than two years from Notice of Intent (NOI) to all Federal authorizations
- Ensures the Federal environmental review and permitting process for infrastructure projects is coordinated, predictable, and transparent

Requires a single schedule, single EIS, and single record of decision

https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/presidential-executive-order-establishing-discipline-accountability-environmental-review-permitting-process-infrastructure/



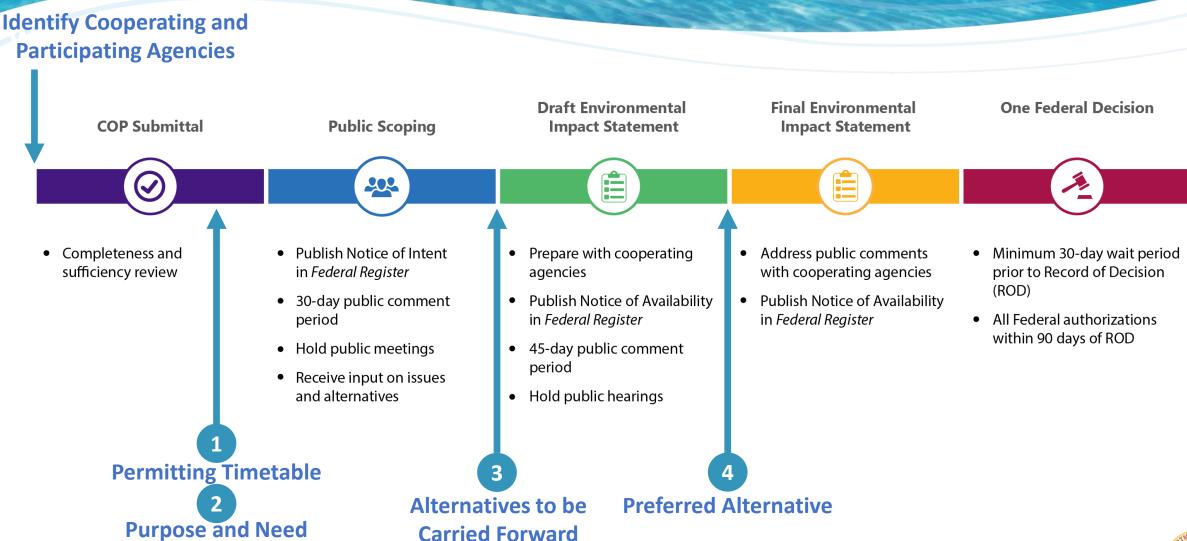
### **One Federal Decision MOU**

- Agreement between multiple Federal agencies on how to implement E.O. 13807
- Concurrence points
  - Permitting timetable (prior to publication of NOI)
  - Purpose and need (prior to publication of NOI)
  - Alternatives to be carried forward (during preparation of the Draft EIS)
  - Preferred alternative (likely after Draft EIS public comment period)
- Concurrence process
  - Drafts shared and discussed during interagency call(s), 10 business day formal concurrence period, and process for elevation, if necessary

https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/MOU-One-Federal-Decision-m-18-13-Part-2-1.pdf



### "One Federal Decision" Concurrence Points and Interaction



## Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST-41)

- Similar requirements to OFD (many OFD requirements adopted from FAST-41)
- Unique aspects of FAST-41:
  - Established by congress, not an executive order
  - Optional for applicant, required to submit a FAST-41 Initiation Notice (FIN)
  - Federal Permitting Implementation Steering Council involvement
  - Coordinated Project Plan (CPP)
  - Possible fee in the future
  - Enhanced legal protection

https://www.permits.performance.gov/about/fast-41



# Secretarial Order 3355 (August 2017)

### Establishes page limits

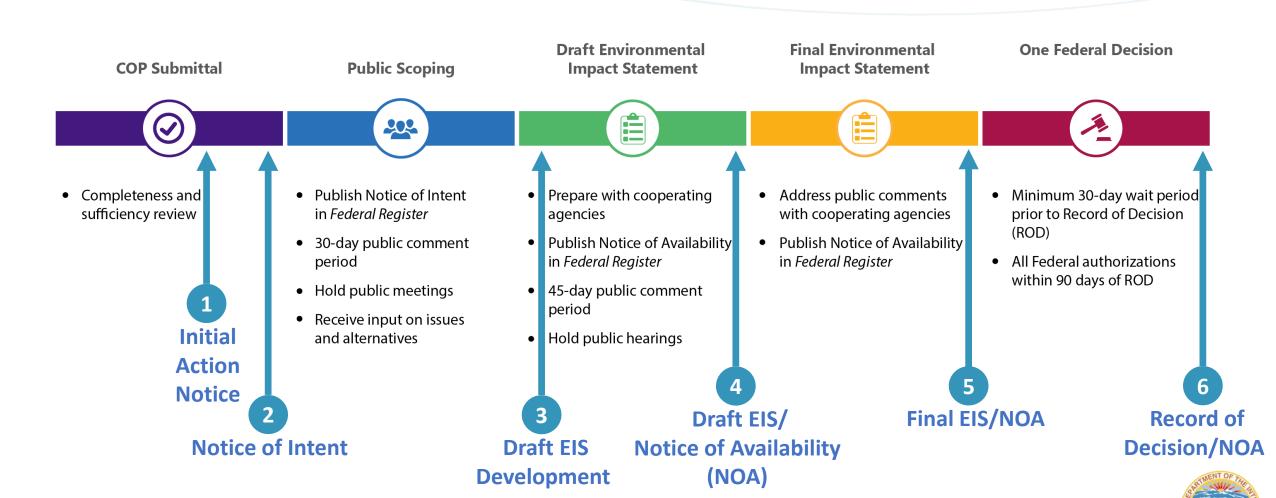
- 150 pages for standard EISs; 300 pages unusually complex EISs
- Excludes appendices; likely to limit appendices in the future
- Exceeding 150 pages requires a waiver approved by the Deputy Secretary's
   Office

### Establishes timeframes

- One year from NOI to complete Final EIS
- "Major infrastructure projects" fall under OFD and maintain the two-year timeline
- Exceeding timelines requires a waiver approved by the Deputy Secretary's
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## **Department of Interior Clearance Points**



### Atlantic OCS Renewable Energy: State Leadership



# **Offshore Wind Challenges**

- Commercial and recreational fishing
- Viewshed & visual Impacts
- Navigation and Safety
- Wildlife







# New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Offshore Wind Development

Megan Brunatti, Office of Permit Coordination & Review

# NJDEP'S ROLE IN OFFSHORE WIND DEVELOPMENT

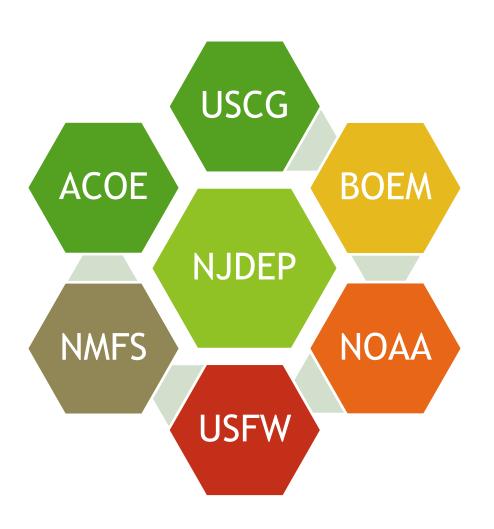
The construction and connection of offshore wind-related infrastructure on land and in water, including cables, transmission lines, sub-stations and ports; will require significant review and numerous DEP permits or approvals.



# **State Coordination**



# **Coordination with Federal Partners**



# **DEP Permits and Approvals**

- Green Acres Diversion(s)
- Use of State Owned Lands
- Historic Preservation
- ► Federal Consistency/Land Use Permits
- Stormwater/NJPDES

# Green Acres and State Owned Lands

Impacts to Green Acres encumbered park land or state owed lands for offshore wind development require a major diversion or a lease.

If the major diversion application is approved by the DEP Commissioner, the application also requires the approval of the State House Commission.

These processes both include a public hearing and opportunities for public comment.

# **Historic Preservation**

DEP's State Historic Preservation Office consults with BOEM regarding cultural resource review, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as well as the Programmatic Agreement for Outer Continental Shelf Renewable Energy Activities Offshore New Jersey and New York.

### Includes review of:

- Shipwrecks
- Historic properties and districts
- Visual impacts

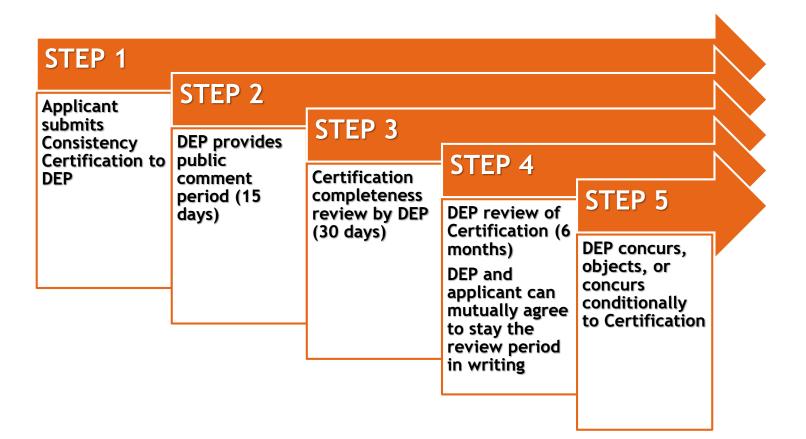


# Federal Consistency

Federal consistency is the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) requirement that federal actions that have reasonably foreseeable effects on any land or water use or natural resource of a state's coastal zone must be consistent with the enforceable policies of that state's federally-approved Coastal Management Plan.

Activities not proposed or performed by a federal agency but requiring federal permits, licenses, or other forms of federal approval are subject to the CZMA (such as wind farms).

### DEP's Federal Consistency Review Procedure



#### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Opportunities for public comment during the COP environmental review process:

1. Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

#### 2. Draft EIS

Separately, there will be a public comment process for any proposed and Final Lease Sale Notice for the proposed Wind Energy Areas in the NY Bight Lease Area.



## NJ Coastal Management Program Enforceable Policies

#### **Rules**

- Coastal Zone Management rules (N.J.A.C. 7:7)
- Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act rules (N.J.A.C. 7:7A)
- Stormwater Management rules (N.J.A.C. 7:8)
- NJ Pollutants Discharge Eliminations Systems rules (N.J.A.C. 7:14A, Subchapters 1, 2, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25)
- Hackensack Meadowlands District Zoning Regulation (N.J.A.C. 19:4, portions of Subchapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9)

#### **Statutes**

- CAFRA (N.J.S.A. 13:19)
- Wetlands Act of 1970 (N.J.S.A. 13:9A)
- Waterfront Development Law (N.J.S.A. 12:5-3)
- Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act (N.J.S.A. 13:9B)
- Hackensack Meadowlands Reclamation and Development Act (N.J.S.A. 13:17)
- The Law concerning the transportation of dredged materials containing PCBs (N.J.S.A. 13:19-33)

#### **DEP Land Use Permits**

- In addition to the Federal Consistency Determination, offshore wind projects may need the following permits for the near- and onshore components; including cables, substations and port facilities:
  - ► CAFRA Individual Permit
  - WFD Individual Permit
  - Coastal Wetlands permit
  - ► Freshwater Wetlands permit
  - ► Flood Hazard Area permit
  - Tidelands Conveyance



#### DEP LAND USE APPLICATION REVIEW

Review includes consultation with other DEP programs (coordinated through Office of Permit Coordination)

Marine Fisheries Administration Endangered and Nongame Species Program

#### TIMING OF SUBMISSIONS

- Federal Consistency Determination is expected to be submitted to DEP and made public when BOEM publishes the COP (Construction & Operations Plan).
- Applicable State permit applications will likely be submitted later in the COP process once project details are more defined.



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON DEP PERMITS AND REVIEWS

- ▶ FEDERAL CONSISTENCY- within 15 days of publication in the DEP Bulletin of "Notice of Application"
- CAFRA Individual Permits within 15 days of notice of application submission in DEP Bulletin(opportunity to request a public hearing)
- AND within 30 days of the start of the public comment period if a hearing is not requested; or within 15 days of the public hearing if one is held.
- ► WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT, COASTAL WETLANDS, FRESHWATER WETLANDS and/or FLOOD HAZARD AREA PERMIT- within 15 days of publication in the DEP Bulletin of "Notice of Application"



Public comments are accepted throughout the review process; and outside of the public comment period; but sooner is better.

If comments are received too late in the review process, they may not be able to be considered in the Department's decision.



## Important Links

►NJDEP Bulletin

https://www.nj.gov/dep/bulletin

►NJDEP Offshore Wind

https://www.nj.gov/dep/aqes/offshore wind.html

**▶**BOEM NJ Activities

https://www.boem.gov/renewableenergy/state-activities/new-jerseyactivities

► BOEM NY Bight Activities

https://www.boem.gov/renewableenergy/state-activities/new-yorkbight



## Questions?





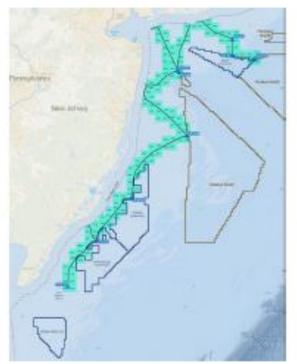


Coast Guard's Role in Offshore Wind and Related Studies and Proposals

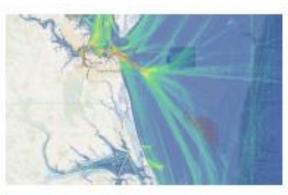
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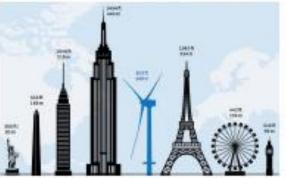
Jerry Barnes Mid-Atlantic Marine Planner Aids to Navigation Manager

## Potential Impacts









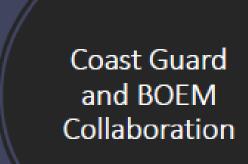


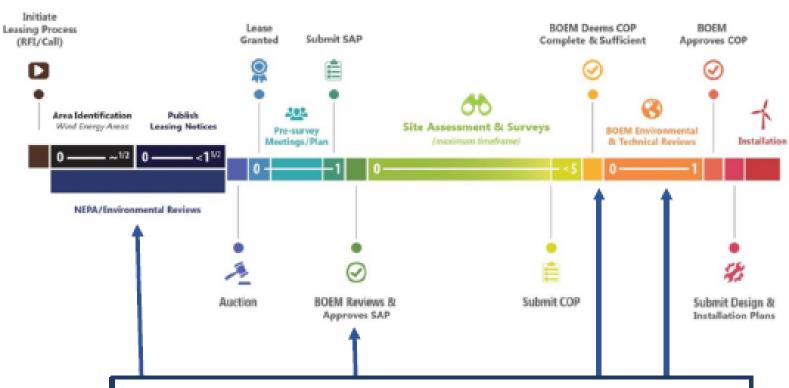
#### Cooperating agency under NEPA

- Navigation safety
- Marine transportation system
- Traditional uses of the waterway
- Coast Guard's ability to conduct its missions



## **BOEM Leasing Timeline**

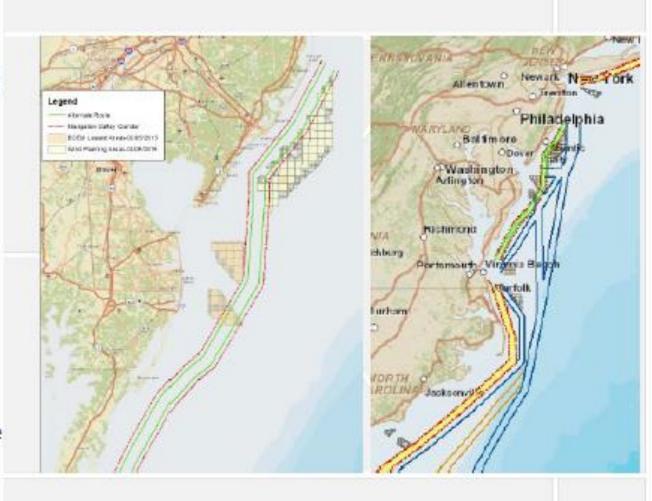




BOEM provides the Coast Guard an opportunity to review the lessee's plans at multiple stages in the leasing process.

## North – South Port Access Route Study

- USCG study commenced in 2011 and completed in 2017.
- Identified N-S navigation routes customarily used by ships engaged in commerce and recommended USCG establish fairways.
- ANPRM to establish N-S fairways expected in 2020.
- In 2019, USCG Director, Marine Transportation System, announced in Fed Register that CG Districts would prioritize and complete supplemental Port Access Route Studies for port approaches and international transit areas (i.e., East-West routes) associated within their areas of responsibility.





Approaches to Chesapeake Bay, Virginia

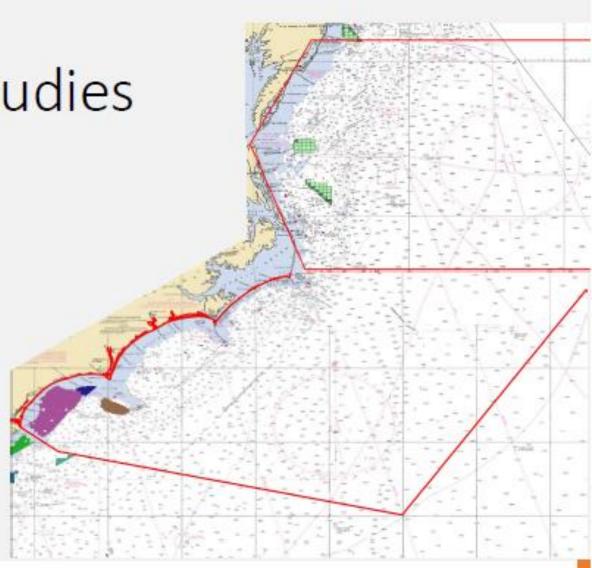
Notice of Study published Nov 27, 2019. USCG conducting AIS traffic analysis. 60 day comment period closed Jan 27, 2020. 13 comments received; industry supports establishment of fairways. Draft Final Report under development.

 Approaches to Cape Fear River, Beaufort Inlet and North Carolina Seacoast

Notice of Study published Mar 18, 2020. Comments and related materials must be received on or before May 18, 2020. Requests for a public meeting must be submitted on or before Apr 17, 2020.

 Approaches to Delaware Bay and New Jersey Seacoasts

Notice of Study under development. Target publishing date May 1, 2020. (See next slide)



Seacoast of New Jersey and Approaches to Delaware Bay Port Access Route Study Area FLAWARI Coordinate System: GCS WGS 1984 Datum: WGS 1984 New Jersey Lease Area - North Study Area Units: Degree Prepared by CG NAVCEN Delaware Lease Area

NOAA Chart: 13003

Purpose: To determine whether existing or additional vessel routing measures are necessary along the seacoast of New Jersey and approaches to the Delaware Bay, Delaware. The PARS will consider whether existing or additional routing measures are necessary to improve navigation safety due to factors such as planned or potential offshore development, current port capabilities and planned improvements, increased vessel traffic. existing and potential anchorage areas, changing vessel traffic patterns, weather conditions, or navigational difficulty. The aim of vessel routing measures is to reduce the risk of casualties. Examples of potential measures include traffic separation schemes, two-way routes, recommended tracks, deep-water routes, precautionary areas, and areas to be avoided. The recommendations of the study may lead to future rulemakings or appropriate international agreements.

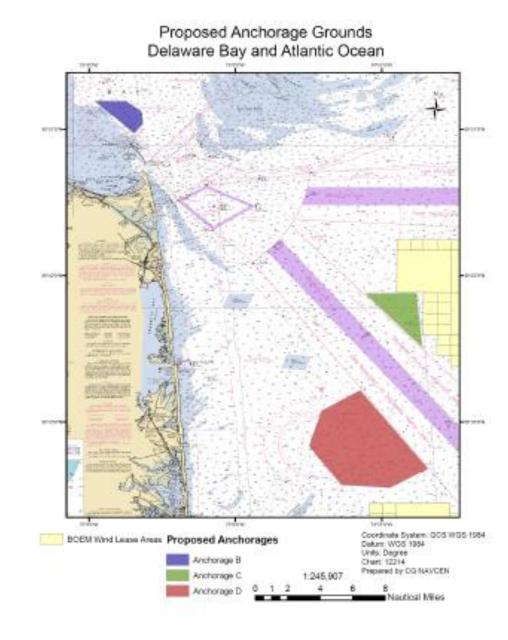
New Jersey Lease Area - South

New York Lease Area

Maryland Lease Area

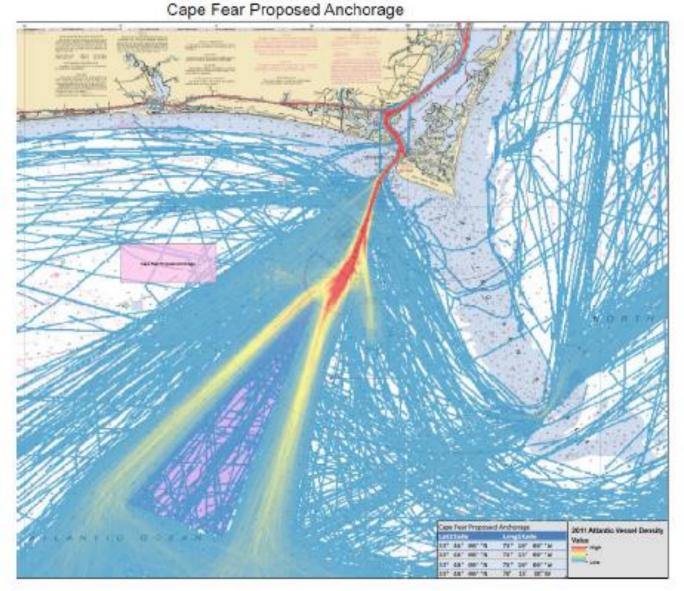
## Anchorage Grounds; Delaware Bay and Atlantic Ocean

- Notice of Inquiry published Nov 29, 2019 with 60-day comment period. Comment period ended Jan 29, 2020.
- Notice responds to industry request to establish three new anchorage grounds as potential wind energy leases remove traditional anchorage areas from use.
- Proposed anchorage grounds are outside wind energy lease areas but would impact developers' planned transmission line routes.
- 42 comments received. Initial review of comments indicates significant concern from wind farm developers, wind farm trade associations and environmentalists.



## Anchorage Grounds; Cape Fear River Approach, North Carolina

- Notice of Inquiry drafted seeking public feedback on the need to establish new anchorage grounds in the approach to the Cape Fear River, and to modify the Lockwoods Folly Inlet explosives anchorage.
- Notice is in response to the need to preserve areas traditionally used for anchoring as BOEM looks to lease wind energy areas offshore southern NC and northern SC.
- Traditional anchorage areas and proposed location are outside wind energy lease areas but may impact potential transmission line routes.







## NJ Board of Public Utilities



#### **OSW Strategic Plan**

- OSW Strategic Plan being updated to incorporate the 7,500 MW goal
- BPU working closely with NJDEP and NJEDA

#### **Second OSW Solicitation**

- Building on lessons learned from first solicitation
- Issue solicitation Q3 2020
- Anticipated awards Q2 2021



#### **OSW Solicitation Schedule**

Solicitation	Capacity Target MW	Issue Date	Submittal Date	Award Date	COD
1	1,100	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Q2 2019	2024
2	1,200	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q2 2021	2027
3	1,200	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q2 2023	2029
4	1,200	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q1 2025	2031
5	1,400	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q1 2027	2033
6	1,400	Q1 2028	Q3 2028	Q1 2029	2035



#### **Opportunities for Public Engagement**

- Strategic Plan
  - Draft Strategic Plan will be issued for public comment
    - Written comments
    - Public meeting and webinars
- Second Solicitation
  - Draft solicitation guidance document will be released for public comment
    - Written comments
    - Public meeting and webinars



Questions?





New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) serves as the State's principal agency for driving economic growth.

Mission: The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) grows the state's economy and increases equitable access to opportunity by:

- Supporting high-quality job creation;
- Catalyzing investment; and
- Fostering vibrant, inclusive community development.

NJEDA works in partnership with a diverse range of stakeholders to implement programs and initiatives that **improve quality of life**, **enhance economic vitality**, and strengthen New Jersey's **long-term economic competitiveness**.





## New Jersey is taking a value-oriented approach to procurement, including considering economic and environmental benefits of offshore wind development

To receive
Offshore
Renewable
Energy Credits
(ORECs),
Developers must
demonstrate positive
economic and
environmental
benefits for
New Jersey



## **ECONOMIC BENEFITS**

**In-state activity** from construction, operations and maintenance, and equipment purchases

In-state impacts from employment, wages, indirect business taxes, and output, with a particular emphasis on manufacturing employment



## ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

**Greenhouse gas** reductions **Other** reduced emissions

## New Jersey has a suite of financing and incentive programs, including a \$100M offshore wind tax credit program



Financing and support tools

- Small and medium sized business loans
- Loan guarantees
- Tax-exempt bond financing (for manufactures and port developments)
- Brownfield and Contaminated Site Remediation Program
- Business Action Center (Site selection, one-stop permitting, and advocacy)
- Workforce development and job training grants



#### **Incentive programs**

- Angel Investor Tax Credit program
- Technology Business Tax Credit
   Transfer program
- Salem County & Urban EnterpriseZone Energy Sales Tax Exemption



## Offshore wind industry development tools

- Offshore Renewable Energy Certificate (OREC) Program
- Offshore Wind Energy Tax Credit Program
- Workforce Development & Job training programs (P.L. 2018, c.17)
- Events to support industry partnering

For full program information, visit NJEDA.com

#### **Offshore Wind Supply Chain Registry**

#### **Program Overview**

The free, searchable registry creates a profile of each business, including their contact information and core competencies, and makes the information available to other businesses and projects throughout the offshore wind industry.

businesses have joined the registry

**Resource** for companies looking to buy from and partner with NJ-based firms

**Registers** you in the Business Network for Offshore Wind's national supply chain registry

Receive special invitations to offshore wind events and resources

**Governor Murphy** 

has set a bold vision for 100 percent clean energy by 2050 and businesses up and down the supply chain will be a driving force behind achieving this critical goal

> - Tim Sullivan CEO, NJEDA



#### We'd love to connect with you!





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# Ocean Wind Leading the Way Towards New Jersey's Clean Energy Future



#### Ørsted offshore: global overview

## Ørsted is the global leader in offshore wind

Over **5,600 MW** in operation

Over **4,300 MW** under construction

**~1,150** turbines spinning world-wide

25 offshore wind farms in operation

1991 2019
25+ years of experience and unparalleled track record

The world's first



America's first



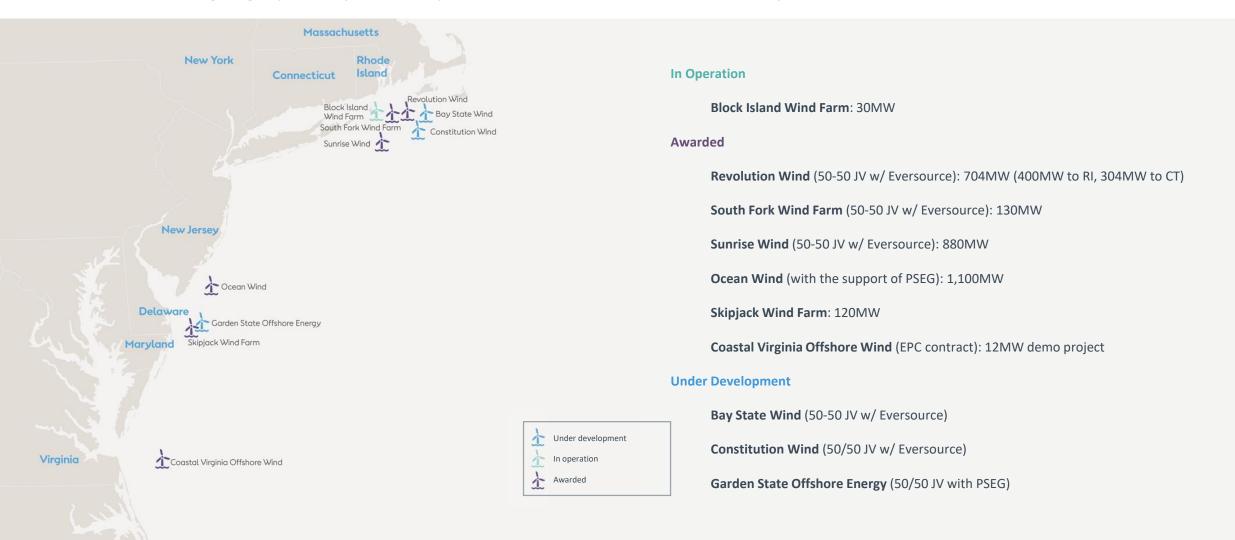
The world's largest





#### Ørsted U.S. Offshore Wind

Attractive and geographically diverse portfolio of offshore wind assets: potential for 8-10GW





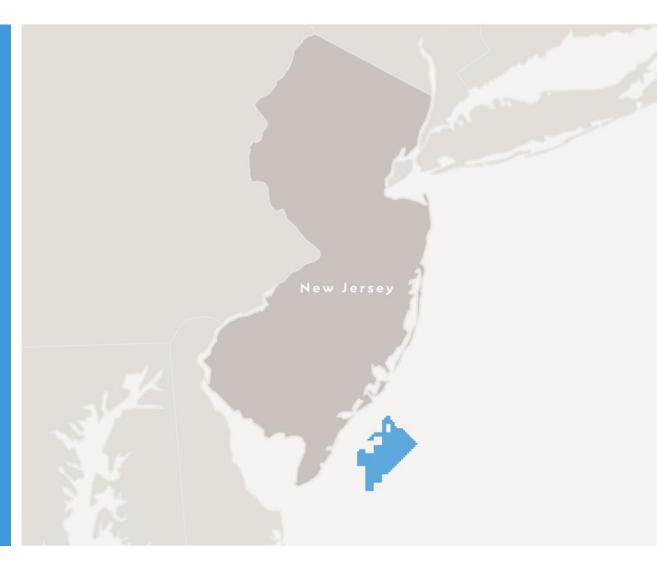
#### **Ocean Wind**

#### Awarded by the NJ BPU in June 2019

- 1,100 MW the **largest** offshore wind farm in the U.S. to date
- 15 miles off the coast of Atlantic City to minimize visual impacts
- Will create thousands of construction jobs
- Will power over half a million NJ homes

#### **Schedule**

Ongoing	Stakeholder engagement
Ongoing	Project engineering and design
2019	COP submitted to BOEM
2022	Permit approvals received
2022	Onshore construction begins
2023	Offshore construction begins
2024	Project brought online



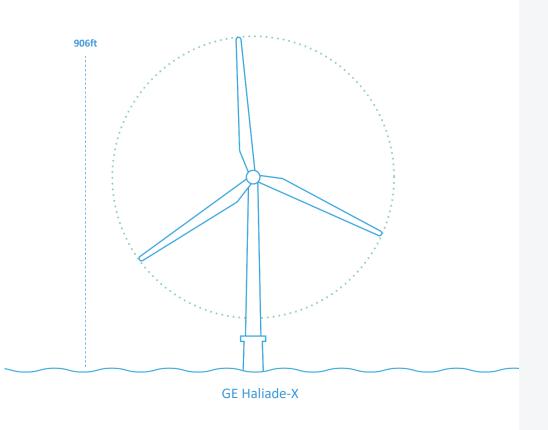


#### **Ocean Wind turbine**

**GE Haliade-X 12 MW offshore wind turbine** 

#### Haliade-X

- 12 MW offshore wind turbine, the most powerful and efficient offshore wind turbine in the world to date
- Each blade on the turbine is 351 feet long sweeping a total area of 409,000 square feet
- One turbine can generate 67 GWh annually, 45% more annual energy production than the most powerful machines on the market today
- Distance between water and rotor tip when in lowest position approximately 90 ft
- Nacelle height of 512 ft
- Top tip height of 906 ft
- Rotor diameter of 788 feet





#### **Economic & Community Development**



Opened New Jersey office in Atlantic City in May 2018

Thousands of construction jobs for the three-year construction lifecycle; O&M facility with 69 employees for 25+ years

Signed MOUs with Rutgers, Rowan, Montclair, and Stockton Universities

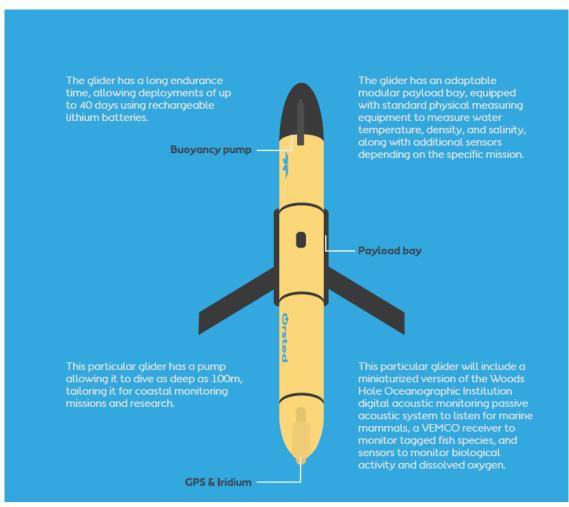
\$15 million dedicated to the Pro-NJ Grantor Trust to enable MBE/WBE/small business entry to the offshore wind industry and advance coastal infrastructure development

Partnered with JINGOLI's Competitive Edge to establish workforce development and training program

Already working with a variety of NJ companies to support the Project



# Marine Mammal Detection System: Ecosystem and Passive Acoustic Monitoring (ECO-PAM) Project



#### A three-year project designed to:

- Better understand the habitat and behavior of the North Atlantic right whale in offshore wind lease areas.
- Provide better protection of the North Atlantic right whale during the survey, construction, and operation phases of its US offshore wind projects.
- Work jointly with Rutgers University, the University of Rhode Island (URI), and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI).

The project will use data from two sound detection buoys deployed by the WHOI and one experimental buoy deployed by URI. In addition, a glider deployed by Rutgers will provide real-time oceanographic data and detections of marine mammal vocalizations.



#### Ørsted built a strong integrated end-to-end business model

Ørsted Offshore core competencies

#### Develop

Identify and mature projects

#### Build

Manage construction, sourcing and supply

#### **Operate**

Conduct life-cycle maintenance

#### Own

M&A, attract capital through partnerships, asset management



Ability to design and optimize projects with a 'total life-cycle cost of wind farm' mindset



Experience and expertise along the entire value chain allow for **better understanding and management of risks** 



End-to-end model reduces LCoE through **fast** feedback and **learning** across the entire organization



## **Engagement across the spectrum of stakeholders**







#### Local community –

Engagement early and often in the local communities near the project location

#### NGOs –

Local, state, regional, and national non-profit

#### Fishing -

Commercial and recreational, plus shore-side supply chain





#### Academic –

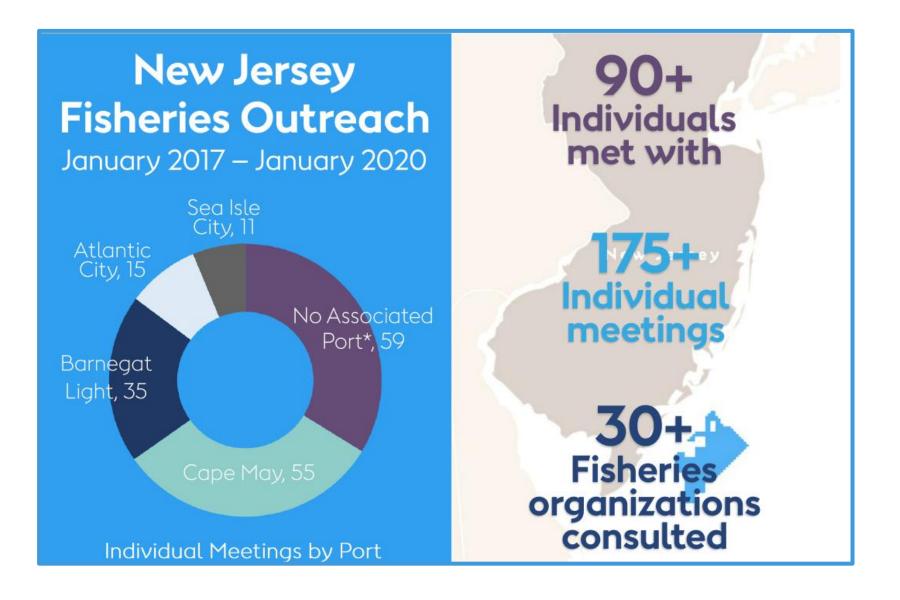
University, college, and other academic partners

#### Research and Development –

National labs, research institutions, private entities



### Fisheries engagement: Our goal is coexistence



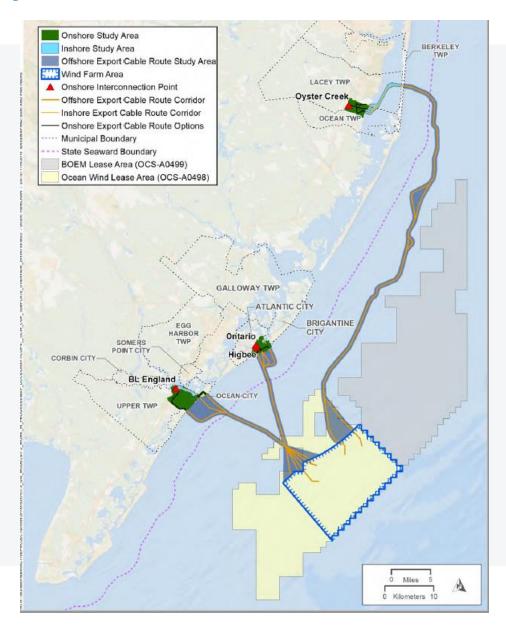


## **Ocean Wind – Permitting Overview**

- Overview
  - Terrestrial
  - Offshore
- Cable routes
- Construction and Operation Plan (COP)
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Other State and Federal Approvals



## **Project Overview**

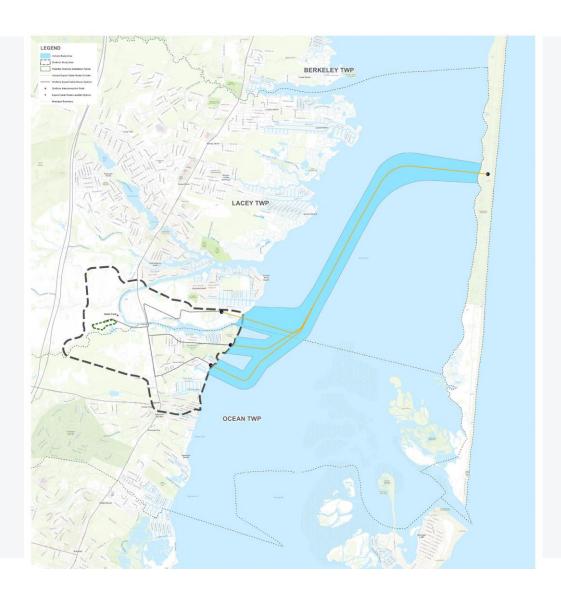


#### **Onshore Project Description:**

- 3 points of interconnection (POI)
  - Oyster Creek (Lacey Township)
  - BL England (Upper Township)
  - Higbee/ Ontario (Atlantic City)
- Onshore cable routes were developed to utilize existing, disturbed rights of way and the majority of cables would be buried.
- Routes were developed in discussion with local township officials
- Several indicative routes have been developed for each POI. They will continue to be evaluated as we receive data on Geotech (soils) and existing utilities



## **Oyster Creek – Ocean County**

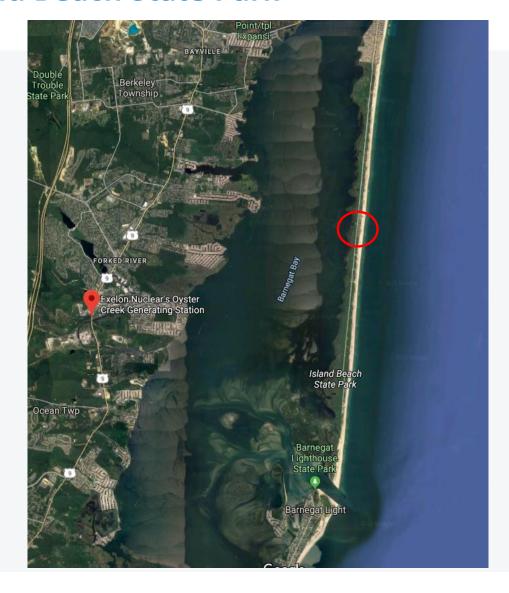


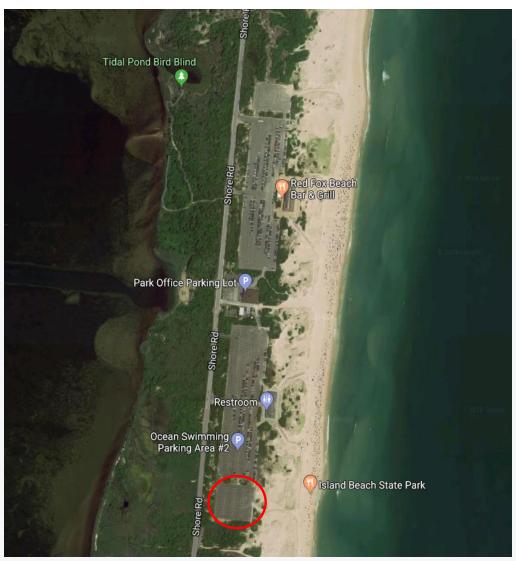
#### **Island Beach State Park**

- Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) used to cross under Island Beach State Park
  - Drill set up in parking lot of IBSP
  - Requires lease of DEP Managed Lands (20 year lease) for buried cables
- Barnegat Bay- exact method and route of cable burial to be determined based on:
  - Geotech data being gathered now
  - Shellfish habitat and submerged aquatic vegetation in the Bay
- USACE burial requirements (4-6 feet) beneath the Intracoastal Waterway



#### **Island Beach State Park**







## **Oyster Creek – Ocean County**



- Select one of three potential landfalls via HDD:
  - Finninger Farm Holtec property, Lacey
     Twp
  - Bay Parkway, Twp of Ocean
  - Lighthouse Drive, Twp of Ocean
- Route follows Route 9 before entering substation property via private road (JCP&L) ending at substation parcel
- Ørsted to construct new substation to connect to existing substation at Oyster Creek



## **Atlantic City Landfall Option – Higbee**

#### **Atlantic City**

Three general landfall areas via HDD are being evaluated

AC beaches are under the USACE nourishment program requiring

- Section 408 Permit
- 27 ft burial depth

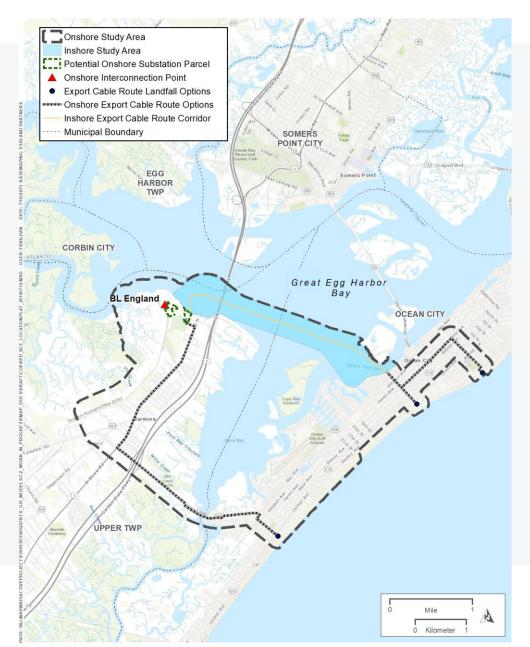
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## Ocean City Landfall Option – BL England



#### **Ocean City**

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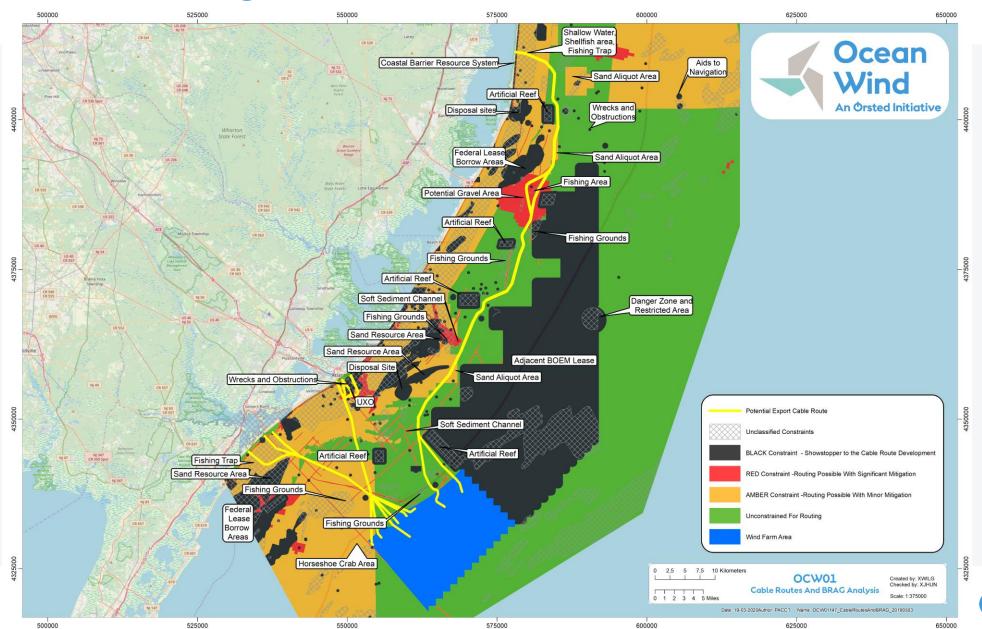
• Section 408 Permit, 27 ft burial depth

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- Green Acres "major subsurface diversion"
- Select one of three potential landfalls:
  - 5th Street
  - 13th Street
  - 35th Street
- 5th Street and/or 13th Street landfalls utilize a Bay crossing to Beesley's Pt.
- 35th Street continues on Roosevelt Blvd into Upper Township and then North Shore Road to BL England



## Offshore cable routing





## **Construction and Operations Plan (COP)**

The COP must demonstrate that you have planned and are prepared to conduct the proposed activities in a manner that conforms to your responsibilities as a lessee<sup>+</sup>.

#### The COP must include the results of the following surveys\*:

- Shallow hazards
- Geological survey relevant to the design and siting of your facility
- Biological
- Geotechnical survey
- Archaeological resources
- Overall site investigation

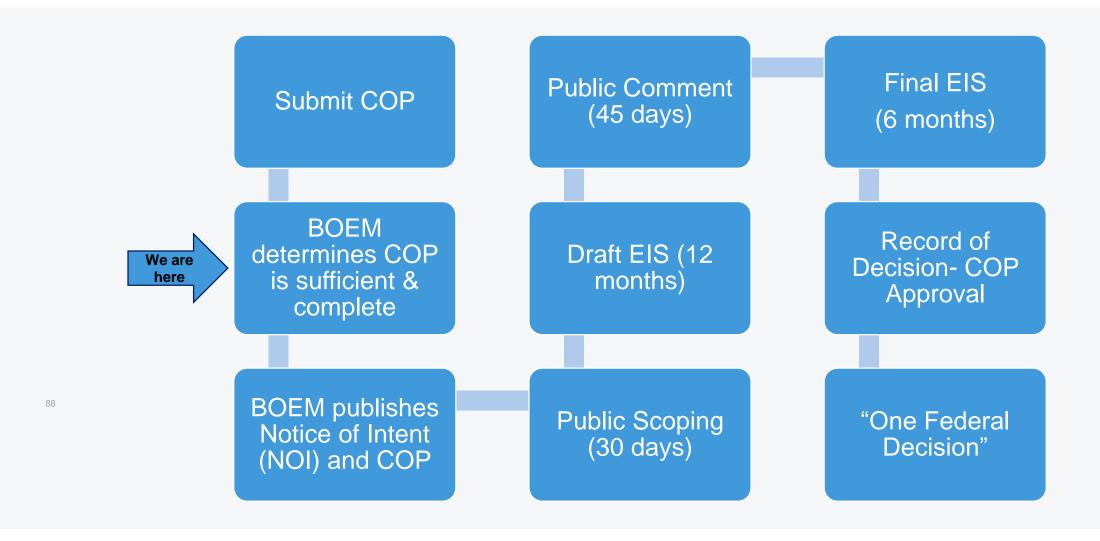


## **Construction and Operations Plan (COP)**

Type of Information	Including:	
Hazard information	Meteorology, oceanography, sediment transport, geology, shallow geological or manmade hazards	
Water Quality	Turbidity and total suspended solids from construction	
Biological resources	Benthic communities, marine mammals, sea turtles, coastal and marine birds, fish and shellfish, plankton, seagrasses and plant life	
Threatened & Endangered Species	As defined by the Endangered Species Act	
Sensitive biological resources or habitats	Essential fish habitat, refuges, preserves, special management areas identified in coastal management programs, sanctuaries, rookeries, hard bottom habitat, chemosynthetic communities, calving grounds, barrier islands, beaches, dunes and wetlands	
Archaeological resources	As required by the National Historic Preservation Act	
Social and Economic resources	Employment, existing offshore and coastal infrastructure (including major sources of supplies, services, energy and water) land use, subsistence resources and harvest practices, recreation, recreational and commercial fishing *including typical fishing seasons, location and type), minority and lower income groups, coastal zone management programs, and viewshed	
Consistency Certification	As required by the Coastal Zone Management Act regulations	
Other resources, conditions and activities	As identified by BOEM	



## Federal Approval Process- ~2 years from NOI





## **Example of Other Federal Approvals**

Agency	Jurisdiction
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Air emissions
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	Activities within Waters of the U.S.
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)	Navigable Airspace
U.S. Coast Guard	Navigable Waterways
National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)	Fisheries, Marine Mammals, Endangered Species
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	Federally T&E Listed Species and Migratory Birds
Department of Defense	Military Operations



## **Individual NJ State Approvals**

- Waterfront Development
- Coastal Zone Consistency
- Wetlands
- Tidelands
- Flood Hazard Area
- Water Quality
- Stormwater
- Park Lands, Preserved Lands
- State threatened and endangered species Timing Restrictions
- Green Acres





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## DEP: Additional Steps for Stakeholder Engagement







EMF WHITE PAPER



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