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California Activities

What's New?

Call for Information and Nominations

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will publish a Call for Information and Nominations (Call) on October 19, 2018 to obtain nominations from companies interested in commercial wind energy leases within the proposed areas off central and northern California.

In addition to nominations, BOEM will seek public input on the potential for wind energy development in the Call Areas. This includes site conditions, resources, and multiple uses in close proximity to, or within, the Call Areas that would be relevant to BOEM's review of any nominations submitted, as well as BOEM's subsequent decision whether to offer all or part of the Call Areas for commercial wind leasing.

California Call for Information and Nominations,

Docket Number: 2018-0045

Central California

Central California, NOAA Chart

Northern California

Northern California, NOAA Chart

Once published, the Call will initiate a 100 day comment period.

The comment period will close on January 27, 2019. All responses will be reported on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Nominations should be postmarked no later than the date above and submitted in written form to the following address. In addition to a paper copy of the nomination, include an electronic copy of the nomination on a data storage device. BOEM will list the parties that submitted nominations and the location of the proposed lease areas (i.e., OCS blocks nominated) on the BOEM website after the 100-day comment period has closed.

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Comments and other submissions of information may be submitted by either of the following two methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry titled "Enter Keyword or ID," enter BOEM-2018-0045, and then click "search." Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view supporting and related materials available for this notice.

U.S. Postal Service or other delivery service. Send your comments and information to the following address:

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Public Engagement

BOEM continues to coordinate state and federal planning and permitting of offshore renewable energy through the BOEM California Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force (California Task Force), a partnership of members of state, local and federally-recognized tribal governments and federal agencies. The task force also serves as a forum to: discuss stakeholder issues and concerns; exchange data and information about biological and physical resources, ocean uses and priorities; and facilitate early and continual dialogue and collaboration opportunities.

BOEM established the BOEM/California Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force to promote planning and coordination, and to facilitate effective and efficient review of requests for commercial and research leases and right-of-way grants for power cables on the Federal outer continental shelf (OCS). The OCS begins 3 nautical miles offshore California. Members of the Task Force include representatives of Federal, state and local government agencies, and tribes.

2018 - Task Force Meeting: Two

2018 - CA Offshore Wind Energy Planning Outreach Summary Report: BOEM and the State of California are working together with stakeholders to identify and collect relevant data and information on existing ocean resources and uses to inform future decision-making for offshore wind leasing off California.

2017 - California Offshore Wind Gateway

2016 - Task Force Meeting: One

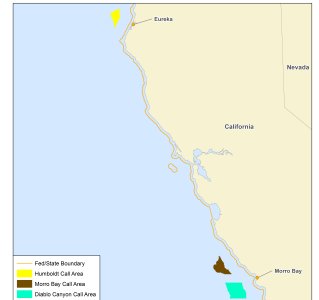
Fact Sheet: California Offshore Renewable Energy, BOEM California Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force

Lease Planning Activities

The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act requires BOEM to award renewable energy leases competitively, unless BOEM determines there is no competitive interest.

In January 2016, BOEM received an unsolicited request for a commercial lease from Trident Winds LLC. (Trident Winds). In order to determine competitive interest, BOEM published a notice in the Federal Register, "Potential Commercial Lease for Wind Power on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Offshore California - Request for Interest (RFI) in Docket No. BOEM-2016-0051 on August 18, 2016.

The objective of the RFI was to determine whether or not other companies were interested in developing in the areas proposed in the unsolicited lease request (i.e., to determine competitive interest.) BOEM received one expression of interest from Statoil Wind US, LLC.



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Based on responses to the RFI, there is competitive interest offshore California and BOEM and the State of California have initiated the competitive planning and leasing process for possible future leasing for offshore wind development off California.

BOEM is currently working with the State of California on planning for potential leasing for offshore wind in federal waters off California.

Public comments in response to the Request for Interest (RFI)

Background Information/Resources

CEC Workshops on Offshore Renewable Energy archived webcast, presentations and handouts

2017 - California Offshore Wind Public Information Meeting April 13, in San Luis Obispo, CA

VIDEO RECORDING - **April 13, 2017, Offshore Wind Public Meeting**

AGENDA - **April 13, 2017, Offshore Wind Public Meeting**

2016 - California Ocean Renewable Energy Conference, November 1-2, in Davis, California

BOEM-NREL 2014 Ocean Renewable Energy Workshop

A Citizen's Guide to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's Renewable Energy Authorization Process

National Environmental Policy Act Citizen's Guide

Fact Sheet: BOEM Renewable Energy Program

Fact Sheet: BOEM Leasing Process

Fact Sheet: California Offshore Renewable Energy, BOEM California Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force

BOEM Research

Selected BOEM-Funded Research Informing Renewable Energy Offshore California

Related Announcements

Trump Administration Delivers Historic Progress on Offshore Wind

BOEM Joins State of California and San Luis Obispo County at Local Informational Forum on Offshore Wind Planning in California

BOEM and State of California Launch California Offshore Renewable Energy Task Force

BOEM Initiates Planning for California Offshore Renewable Energy Task Force

BOEM Initiates Review of Proposal for Wind Energy Development Project Offshore California

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Oregon Activities

What's New?

The BOEM-Oregon Science Exchange, a series of webinars about BOEM-funded research related to renewable energy off the Oregon coast, concluded in September 2016. The webinar schedule, descriptions, and presentations can be found on the [BOEM-Oregon Science Exchange page](#).

OCS News

PMEC-SETS - Milestone Cleared for First Marine Hydrokinetic Research Lease Offshore the West Coast; Step in effort to explore new frontier of wave energy offshore Oregon (6/19/2014)

WindFloat Pacific - BOEM to Conduct Environmental Review of Renewable Energy Demonstration Project Offshore Oregon (5/28/2014)

PMEC-SETS - BOEM to Assess Competitive Interest in Site of Proposed Wave Energy Test Center Offshore Oregon

WindFloat Pacific - Secretary Jewell Announces Key Step Forward for Offshore Wind Project in Oregon

Projects

WindFloat Pacific - Offshore Wind Pilot Project - BOEM is no longer processing this lease request.

Pacific Marine Energy Center – South Energy Test Site (PMEC-SETS) Research Facility Project

Regional Collaboration: As part of the West Coast Governors Alliance (WCGA) on Ocean Health, a regional ocean partnership, Washington, Oregon and California have agreed to collaborate with BOEM, Department of Energy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and other agencies to evaluate the potential benefits and impacts of renewable ocean energy projects off the West Coast. An additional goal is to develop the planning and regulatory structure for these activities.

Public Engagement

BOEM coordinates Outer Continental Shelf renewable energy activities with its federal, state, local, and tribal government partners through the Oregon Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force. BOEM also coordinates public information meetings to help keep interested stakeholders updated on major renewable energy milestones. To obtain information discussed during these meetings, click on the links below.

- 2011 Task Force Meeting: One
- 2011 Task Force Meeting: Two
- 2012 Task Force Meeting: Three
- 2012 Task Force Meeting: Four
- 2013 Task Force Meeting: Five
- 2014 Task Force Meeting: Six

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Related Press Releases

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