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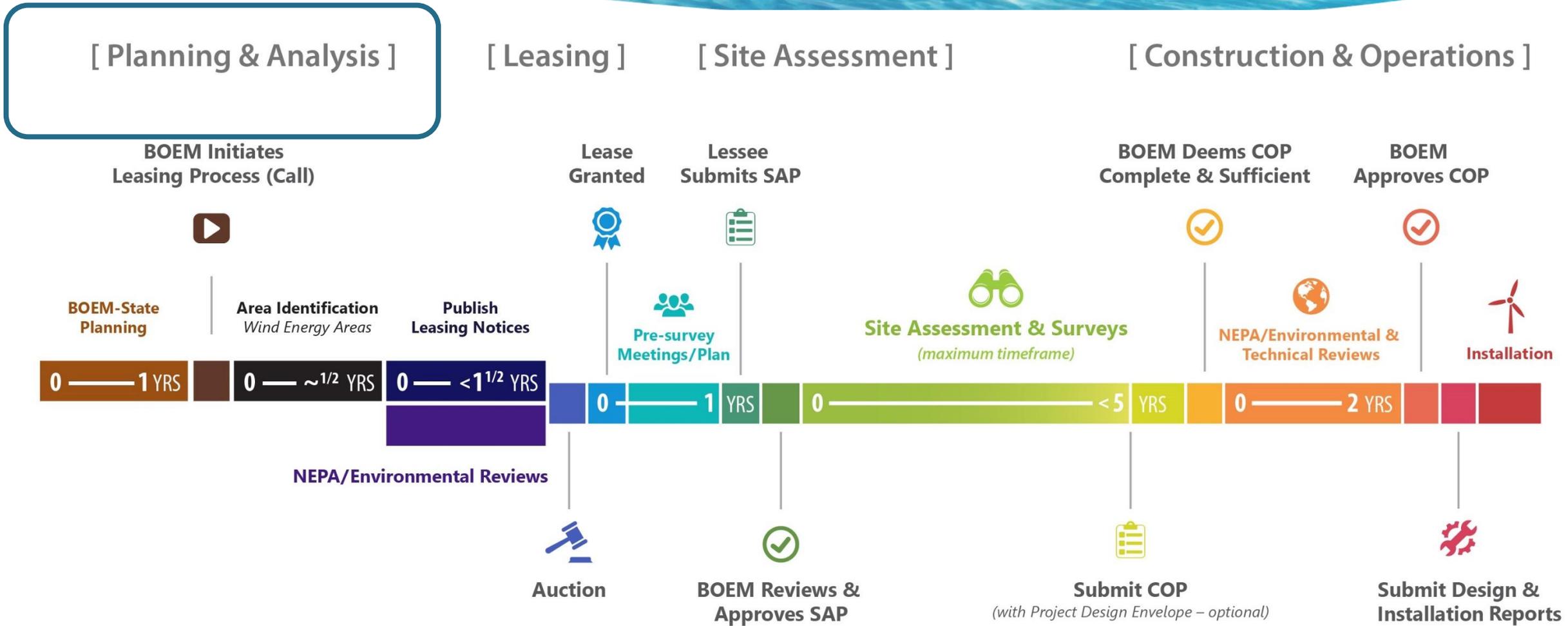
Agenda Item C.2.a
Supplemental BOEM Presentation 1
November 2021

Pacific Offshore Wind Energy Activities

November 17, 2021

Pacific Fishery Management Council

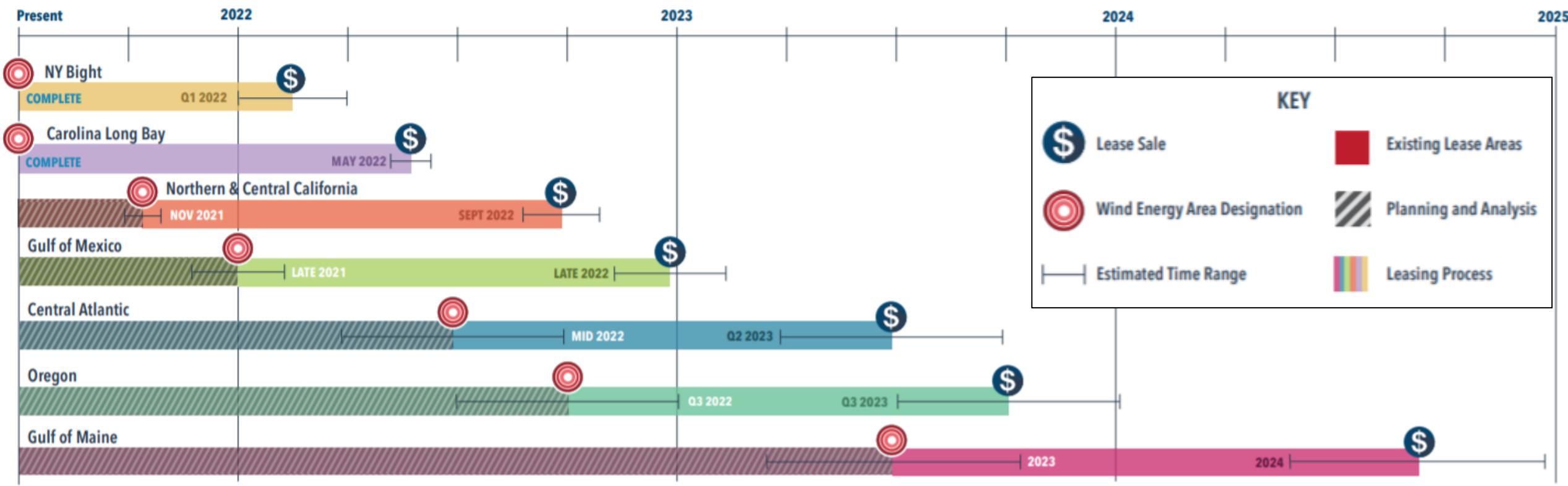
BOEM Offshore Wind Energy Authorization Process



- BOEM coordinates and consults with affected Tribal, State, and local governments and other federal agencies
- Multiple opportunities for public input



BOEM Offshore Wind Leasing Path Forward 2021-2025



Our path forward will help achieve the first-ever national offshore wind goal to deploy 30 gigawatts of offshore wind by 2030, which would create nearly 80,000 jobs



BOEM Oregon Offshore Wind Planning

September 2019 meeting: Planning approach discussed with BOEM Oregon Intergovernmental Task Force (Task Force)

- Result: BOEM and DLCD drafted data gathering and engagement plan

June 2020 Task Force meeting: Draft plan discussed

- Result: BOEM and the State of Oregon committed to offshore wind energy planning; finalized plan

October 2021 Task Force meeting: Discussed data gathering and engagement outcomes and next steps in the leasing process

January 2022: Draft Call Area(s) available for discussion

Q1 2022: Publish Call for Information and Nomination (Call)

- Call seeks formal comments on specific areas and nominations of interest for leasing

Q3 2022: Identify Wind Energy Area(s) (WEA)

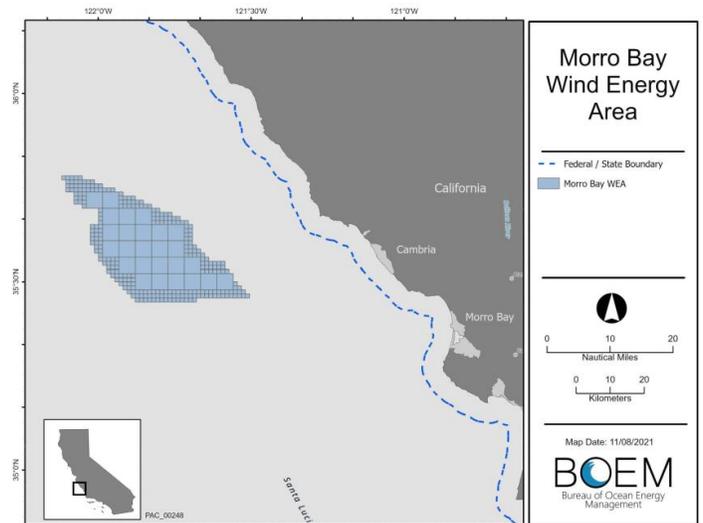
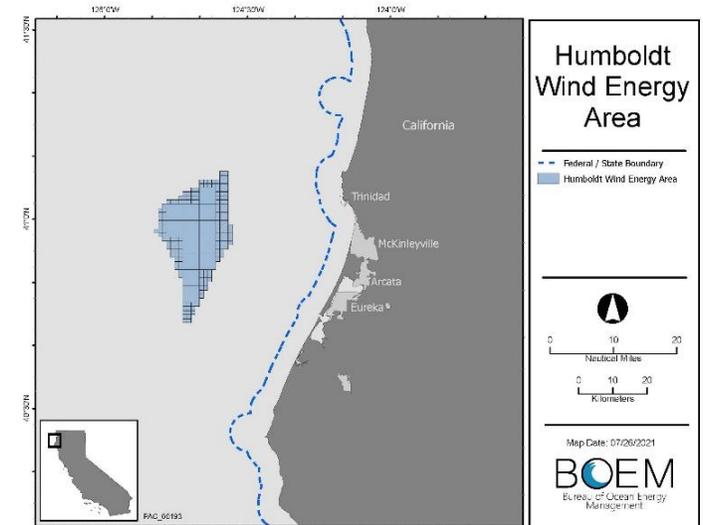
- Area on which BOEM conducts environmental assessments for lease issuance

Q3 2023: Lease Auction Target Date



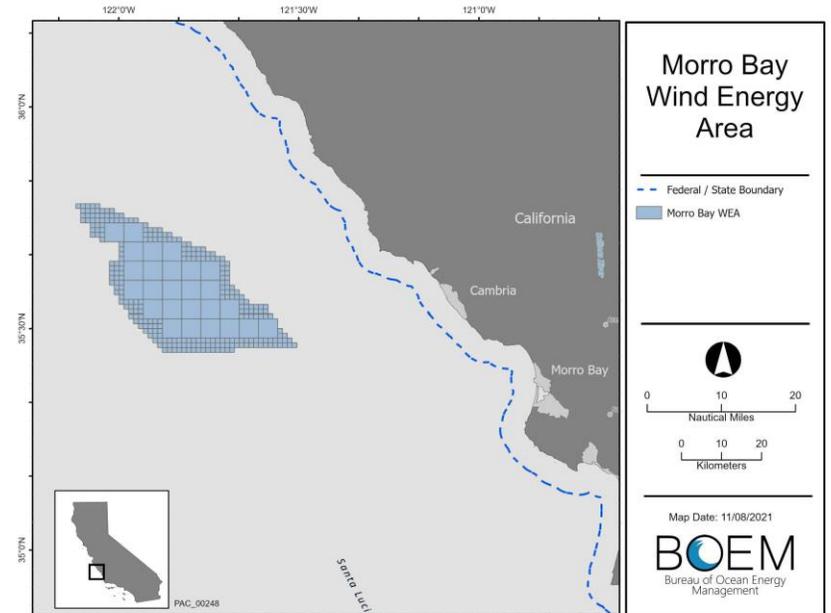
BOEM California Offshore Wind Planning

- Northern California
 - July 28, 2021 – BOEM announced the **Humboldt Wind Energy Area (WEA)** offshore northern California
 - WEA environmental review for potential lease issuance underway
- Central California
 - July 29, 2021 – Call for Information and Nominations published for Morro Bay Call Area East and West Extensions, adjacent to the original 2018 Morro Bay Call Area
 - November 12, 2021 – BOEM announced the **Morro Bay Wind Energy Area (WEA)** offshore central California
- Northern and Central California processes combined into 1 Proposed Sale Notice for 1 lease sale
- Fall 2022 – Lease Auction Target Date

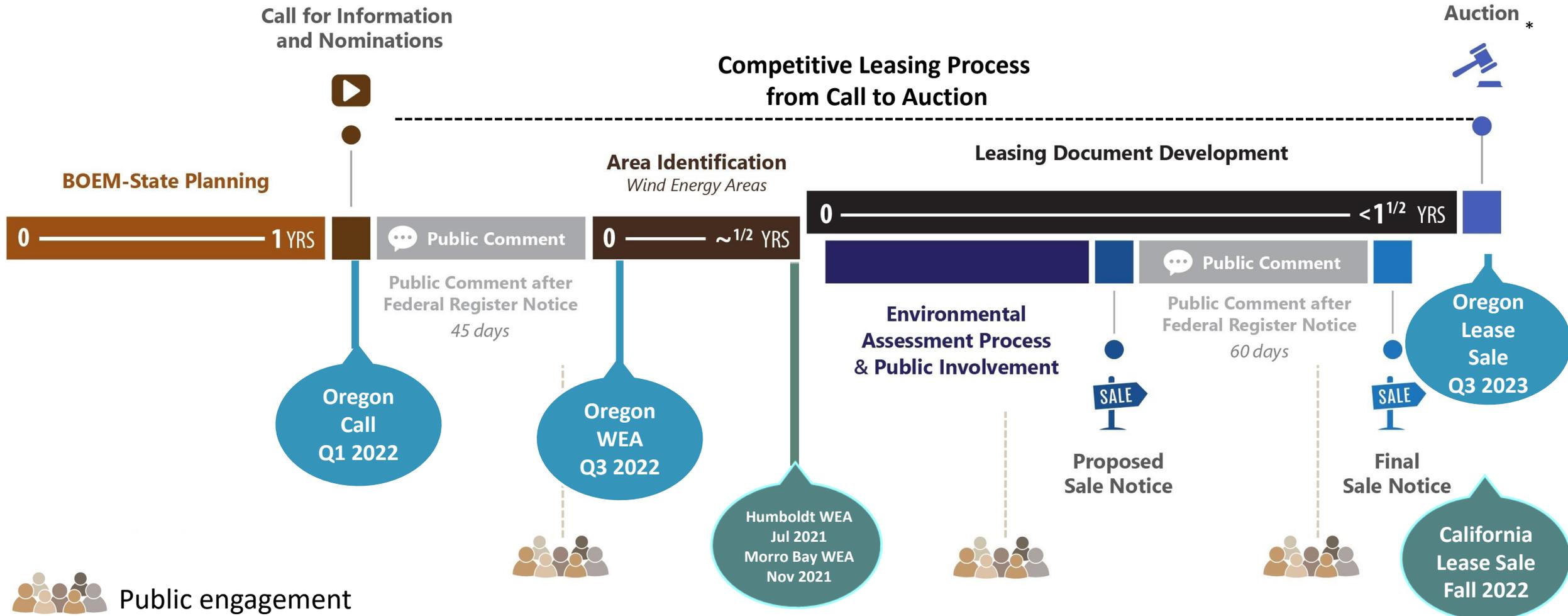


Morro Bay Wind Energy Area

- Includes portions of 2018 Morro Bay Call Area and 2021 West Extension Call Area
- Excludes East Extension Call Area
- 240,898 total acres (376 square miles)
- Located approximately 20 miles from shore
- Public scoping meetings (December 1 and January 5) to share information about BOEM's environmental review process and to solicit public input on what should be considered in the Morro Bay WEA
- Public comment period for EA scoping ends January 11, 2022



Oregon and California Planning and Public Input Opportunities Prior to a Lease Auction



*A lease provides the lessee the right to submit a Site Assessment Plan (SAP) and a Construction and Operations Plan (COP) for technical and environmental review and approval. A lease does not, by itself, authorize any activity within the leased area.



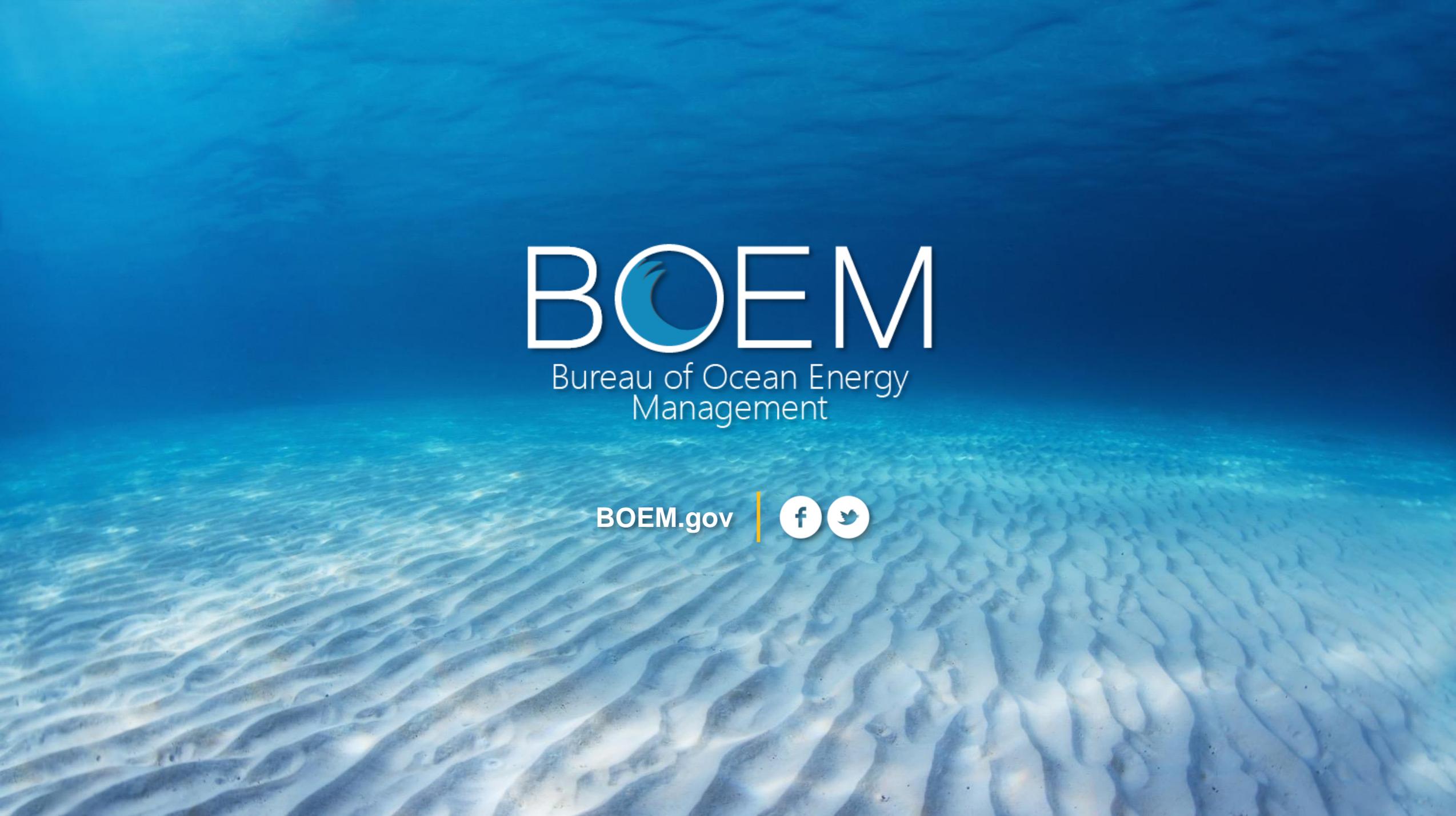
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