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Next Steps for Considering Offshore Wind Energy off the California Coast
June 21, 2021
Public Comment Instructions

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Workshop Schedule

• Administrative matters
• Opening remarks by Commissioner Karen Douglas and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)
• Presentation by BOEM about planning process and next steps with Q&A
• State Agency remarks with Q&A
• Public comment
BOEM’s Responsibility

- “The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) is a vital national resource reserve held by the Federal Government for the public, which should be made available for expeditious and orderly development, subject to environmental safeguards, in a manner which is consistent with the maintenance of competition and other national needs.”
  
  Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA)  |  Sec 3(3)

- “... may grant a lease [for] energy from sources other than oil and gas ... in a manner that provides for safety and protection of the environment.”

  Energy Policy Act of 2005  |  Sec. 388
Approach for Offshore Wind Energy Planning in California

- Established the BOEM California Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force
- Created an Offshore Wind Energy Gateway for data collection in a publicly accessible website
- Conducted extensive outreach and engagement with ocean users
- Published Call for Information and Nominations in the Federal Register in October 2018 – 118 comments, 14 nominations
- Coordination with Tribal Governments, State of California, Federal agencies, State agencies
- Employing scientific studies and analyses to support informed decision-making
Approach for Offshore Wind Energy Planning in California

- Started with technology and resource
  - Where is the wind resource?
  - In what water depths can the turbines be installed with current technology?
  - Does BOEM have authority?

- Approximately 6 percent of federal waters offshore California is feasible for floating wind energy development
Central Coast Call Areas in 2018:
  • Morro Bay
  • Diablo Canyon

Additional Areas for Consideration
  • Morro Bay only

White House Announcement
  • May 24, 2021
  • Includes 399 square mile area

Morro Bay Call Area Extensions
  • East Extension
  • West Extension
BOEM’s Offshore Wind Energy Authorization Process

[ Planning & Analysis ]  [ Leasing ]  [ Site Assessment ]  [ Construction & Operations ]

Initiate Leasing Process (RFI/Call)

Area Identification
Wind Energy Areas

Publish Leasing Notices

NEPA/Environmental Reviews

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Lease Granted
Pre-survey Meetings/Plan

Submit SAP
Site Assessment & Surveys
(maximum timeframe)

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BOEM Deems COP
Complete & Sufficient
BOEM Approves COP

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Installation

BOEM Environmental & Technical Reviews
Submit COP
(with Project Design Envelope – optional)

Submit Design & Installation Plans

Auction
BOEM Reviews & Approves SAP
Northern California and Central California Areas

Northern California Call Area

Map Date: 11/6/2018

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Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Morro Bay Call Area Extensions

Map Date: 09/20/2021

BOEM
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
Current California Status in BOEM’s Authorization Process

- **Call for Information and Nominations**: Summer 2021
  - Humboldt
  - Morro Bay

- **Area Identification**:
  - Wind Energy Areas
  - 45 days

- **Leasing Document Development**:
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  - Environmental Assessment Process & Public Involvement: Early Spring 2022
    - Proposed Sale Notice
    - CZMA Consultation: Spring 2022

- **Potential Task Force Meetings/Webinars**

- **Auction**:
  - Final Sale Notice: Summer 2022
The Road Ahead – Next Steps

- **July 13, 2021** – BOEM California Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force Meeting (online webinar)

- Publish a new Call for Information & Nominations on the Morro Bay Extensions, Announcement of Humboldt Wind Energy Area (WEA) and conduct Environmental Review

- Identify WEA for Morro Bay and conduct Environmental Review

- Merge Humboldt and Morro Bay into one Proposed Sale Notice

- **Summer 2022** – Lease Sale
State Agency Remarks

- Kate Huckelbridge, California Coastal Commission
- Chris Potter, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Justine Kimball, Ocean Protection Council
- Jennifer Mattox, State Lands Commission
- Karen Douglas, CEC Commissioner
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