*** ACTION ALERT ***

LAST CHANCE TO SAVE FISH, MARINE MAMMALS, & MORE!

STOP THE SALE OF NEARLY 500,000 MORE ACRES FOR OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY OFF THE NY/NJ COAST

YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED on January 19, 2022!

Fishing interests especially encouraged to attend & speak-up!

ATTEND THE FINAL PUBLIC MEETING via Zoom

- ***What*:** Public meeting; During public comment portion, urge the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to: A) ***PAUSE THE SALE*** of nearly 500,000 MORE acres of the ocean until more is known about the impacts of and issues from the existing nearly 423,000 acres already privatized off the NY/NJ coast, and B) work to eliminate harm to marine life.
- ***When:*** Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 10am-12pm
- ***Where:*** Zoom; You MUST register in advance here: **https://cbuilding.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEkce2pqj0qE9SVem4vxYuoCMWbI8JpIcZw**
- ***Why:*** On January 12, 2022, the US Department of Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the Governors of New York and New Jersey announced the leasing of nearly ***half a million acres*** of open public ocean off the coast for offshore wind energy development. The "Final Sale Notice" selectively makes commitments to "ocean users" and tribal interests, and wholly ignores the most at-risk populations: ***marine life.*** This is your last opportunity to comment on the lease sale.

Background:

BOEM published a "Finding of No Significant Impact" in December 2021 for areas off the NY/NJ coast, but Clean Ocean Action maintains that the decision was too premature given the current gaps in scientific literature concerning the impacts of offshore wind turbines and related infrastructure on marine species and their habitats. This industrialization and privatization of public waters is too much, too fast, and puts the ocean at risk.

While BOEM will still need to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) after the leases have been awarded to analyze the specific environmental consequences of any proposed project, we should learn from the existing leases – over 423,000 acres – that are already in the works before selling-off another nearly 500,000 ***MORE*** acres of public ocean lands and waters for industrial development. Further, all of the *onshore* impacts of offshore wind energy development must be fully disclosed. Rather than focusing on faster, cheaper, safer, better green energy solutions, the region is racing to sell-off large scale areas of the ocean to private developers, including "Big Oil" companies.



Leasing 500,000 more acres of ocean to private developers for offshore energy development wholly ignores the most at-risk populations: *marine life*.
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TELL BOEM TO PAUSE THE LEASE SALE OF 500,000 MORE ACRES FOR OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY!
THE OCEAN IS AT RISK!