

A Giant, Reckless Step to Selling the Open, Public Ocean!

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Get Informed & Involved: Sign-up to Learn How to Support Reasonable and Responsible Offshore Wind Energy Development off the NY/NJ Coast

On December 16, 2021, the Biden-Harris Administration took a giant, reckless step toward selling the Atlantic Ocean to private offshore wind developers – including giant polluting fossil fuel companies like **BP**, **Shell**, and **Statoil**, which is like letting the fox in the hen house. They are paving the way for **800,000 more acres** of beautiful, diverse, public ocean to be industrialized off the coast of New Jersey and New York.

Clean Ocean Action (COA) had called for a “pause” on the leasing **800,000 acres** (which is **30 times** the size of Disney World) for offshore wind. Over 423,000 acres with nearly **600 turbines** are currently proposed off New Jersey. *It's too much, too fast!!*

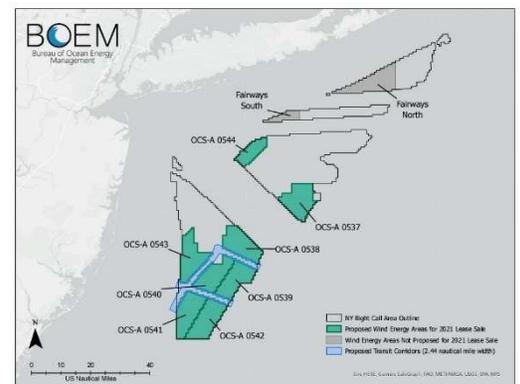
Scientists are clear: very little is known about the impacts to marine life from this massive industrialization. *COA is not opposed to offshore wind energy but supports reasonably and responsibly sized pilot projects.*

Even with this lack of science, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announced a “Finding of No Significant Impact” (FONSI) for offshore wind energy leasing activities in over 800,000 acres off the NY/NJ Coast after completing and announcing their final Environmental Assessment, which green lights the sale of these vast, beautiful ocean waters.

This latest action declares “open season” on these ecologically rich waters, which have borne the brunt of harmful industrial pollution for generations while naturally mitigating the impacts of climate change on the planet.

And...please don't be fooled by the term “NY Bight” used by BOEM! The 800,000 acres in this recent announcement are located off the NJ Shore (*see map to the right*), making this region the environmental sacrifice zone.

Altogether, the proposed lease sale area *plus* the existing areas already set aside for offshore wind off the NY/NJ coast total **1.28 million acres** – that's larger than Grand Canyon National Park!



Credit: BOEM

This is not an ocean sacrifice zone!

Safer, faster, cleaner, easier alternatives exist onshore & can be implemented NOW.



SIGN-UP* at CleanOceanAction.org to find out how to support reasonable and responsible offshore wind development off the NY/NJ coast and to receive pertinent information from Clean Ocean Action about public comment opportunities, proposals, and other offshore wind related updates.

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