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Ways to Take Action on Offshore Wind

OCEAN INDUSTRIALIZATION: TOO MUCH ~ TOO FAST MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD! TAKE ACTION TODAY!

Current offshore wind (OSW) energy development off the New York and New Jersey coasts is being recklessly proposed without recent and peer-reviewed science, good governance, due diligence based on a pilot-scale project, and without ecosystem monitoring and assessments developed, implemented, and evaluated by independent scientists. See below for opportunities to support responsible and reasonable (OSW) energy development. For additional updates and resources, go to CleanOceanAction.org.



Action #1: DEMAND A 90-DAY EXTENSION to the public comment period on BOEM'S Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for six offshore wind lease areas off NY/NJ. The federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) released a 1,429-page Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) that presents impacts of offshore wind turbines in six large leases in the New York / New Jersey Bight. The public only has 45 days— from 1/12/24 to 2/26/24—to review this monstrous document for offshore & onshore impacts. These lease areas, totaling over 488,000 acres of the ocean, were purchased at auction by private companies for over 4.3 billion dollars in 2022. Demand more time for review!



Action #2: REGISTER TO ATTEND IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS ON BOEM'S PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. Take action to defend the ocean by attending upcoming meetings open to the public! During the 45-day comment period, BOEM will hold three in-person and two virtual public meetings. Attend the meetings, sign up to speak during the meeting and make your voice heard by sharing your concerns for this PEIS!

**Registration is required for the virtual meetings and encouraged for the in-person meetings.*

- ✓ [Click here to review the documents about the Draft PEIS.](#)
- ✓ **Write and submit comments by February 26, 2024:**
 - Share this action opportunity with friends, neighbors, families, and businesses.
- ✓ **SAVE THE DATES and MAKE PLANS to attend in-person and virtual public meetings.** Attend the meetings, sign up to speak and make your voice heard by sharing your concerns for this PEIS!
 - *Virtual public meetings. Registration is required:*
 - Jan. 31, 2024, 5:00 p.m. ET - [Registration](#)
 - Feb. 13, 2024, 1:00 p.m. ET - [Registration](#)

- *In-person public meetings. [Registration is encouraged.](#)*
 - Feb. 5, 2024, 4:00 p.m. ET, Univ. of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, The Marketplace, MacLean Campus Center, 285 Old Westport Rd, North Dartmouth, MA 02747
 - Feb. 7, 2024, 4:00 p.m. ET, Stony Brook University, Bauman Center for Leadership and Service, Benedict D013, Room C029, 200 Circle Rd, Stony Brook, NY 11790
 - Feb. 8, 2024, 4:00 p.m. ET, Clarion Hotel, 815 Route 37 West, Toms River, NJ 08755

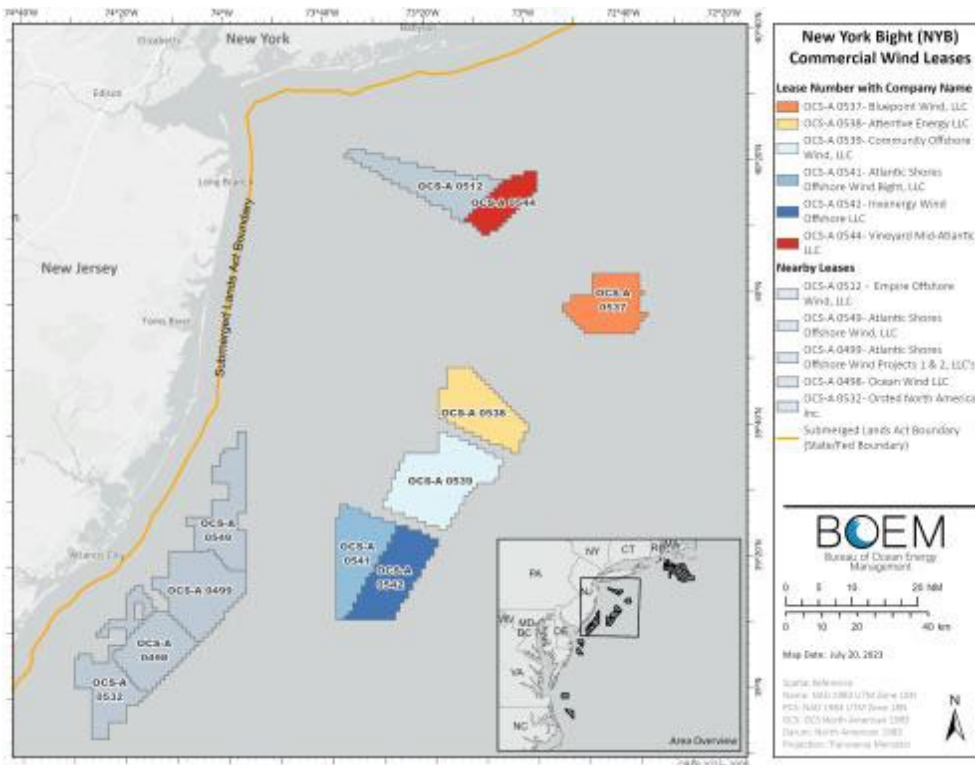
CURRENT GOVERNMENT PLANS FOR OFFSHORE WIND ARE RECKLESS

According to the NMFS, by 2030 the Northeast marine ecosystem will be occupied by:

- ✓ **Over 2.4 million acres** of offshore wind (OSW) leases (twice the size of Grand Canyon National Park)
 - ✓ **3,400 turbines** (as tall as the Chrysler Building)
 - ✓ **10,000 miles of** submarine cables (3 ½ times the distance from LA to NYC)
- PLUS, **an additional 5.7 million acres** is under review for development.

Offshore wind energy is renewable but will impact the ocean and marine life. The current scope, magnitude, and speed of the industrialization for wind energy are unprecedented and will result in vast marine ecosystem destruction. Studies to determine impacts are underway, but are too little too late, and cumulative impacts are largely ignored. There are cheaper, faster, and safer energy-wise solutions that can be implemented now on land, such as energy waste and use reduction.

Clean Ocean Action (COA) is not opposed to responsible and reasonable offshore wind (OSW) development that supports and sustains a healthy ocean, as proven through recent and peer-reviewed science, good governance, and due diligence based on a pilot-scale project, with ecosystem monitoring and assessments developed, implemented, and evaluated by independent scientists.



Credit: BOEM