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Ways to Take Action on Offshore Wind OCEAN INDUSTRIALIZATION: TOO MUCH ~ TOO FAST MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD! TAKE ACTION TODAY!

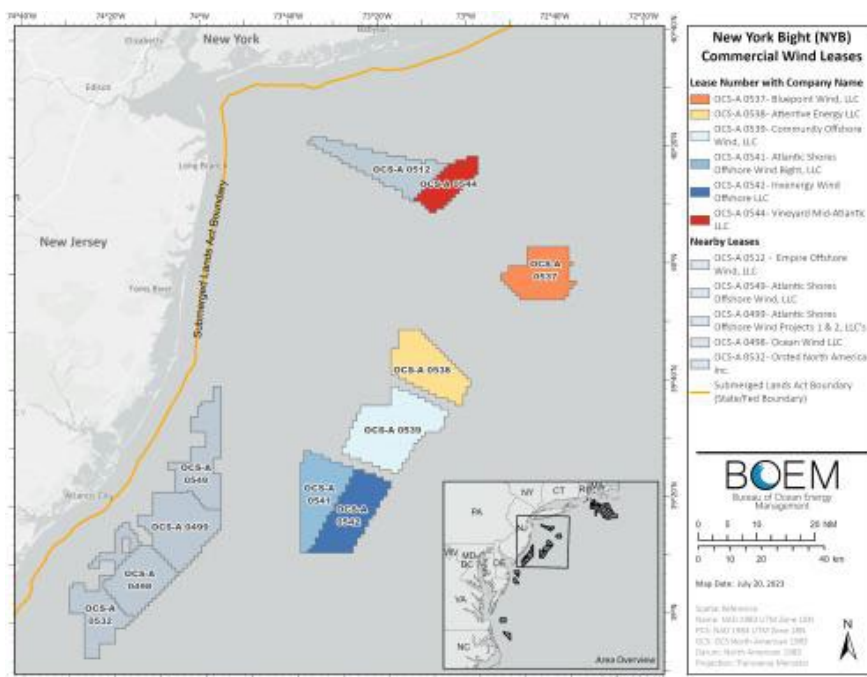
PUBLIC COMMENTS DUE MARCH 13, 2024 ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF OFFSHORE WIND IN SIX LEASE AREAS OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) recently gave the public an extension to review a 1,429-page draft “Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Expected Offshore Wind in the New York Bight,” which reviews ecological impacts of offshore wind turbines planned in six large lease areas off the New York and New Jersey coast. These six lease areas (*see map below*), totaling more than 488,000 acres of the ocean, were bought at auction by private companies for over 4.3 billion dollars in 2022. For additional updates and resources, go to CleanOceanAction.org. Take action today to protect the ocean!

Action #1: WRITE AND SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS BY MARCH 13, 2024, 11:59 PM ET!

Send your comments directly to BOEM. In your comments, ask for an extension to the public comment period as described in Action #1. The two ways to submit comments at this time are:

- **Electronically:**
 1. Go to www.Regulations.gov, type BOEM-2024-0001 in “Search” bar
 2. Click “Search”
 3. Click “Comment” button under title of document “Environmental Impact Statements; Availability, etc: Expected Wind Energy Development in the New York Bight”
 4. Type your comments, or attach a file with your comments following the instructions
 5. Complete the rest of the form
 6. Click the box next to “I’m not a robot”
 7. Click the “Submit Comment” button
- **By mail:** Write or type your comments on paper and enclosed in an envelope labeled “New York Bight Draft PEIS,” address to: Chief, Division of Environmental Assessment, Office of Environmental Programs, BOEM, 45600 Woodland Road, VAM-OEP, Sterling, VA 20166. Postmarked no later than Feb. 26, 2024





Action #2: SHARE THIS ACTION ALERT WITH FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, FAMILIES, AND BUSINESSES WHO CARE ABOUT THE OCEAN.

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.