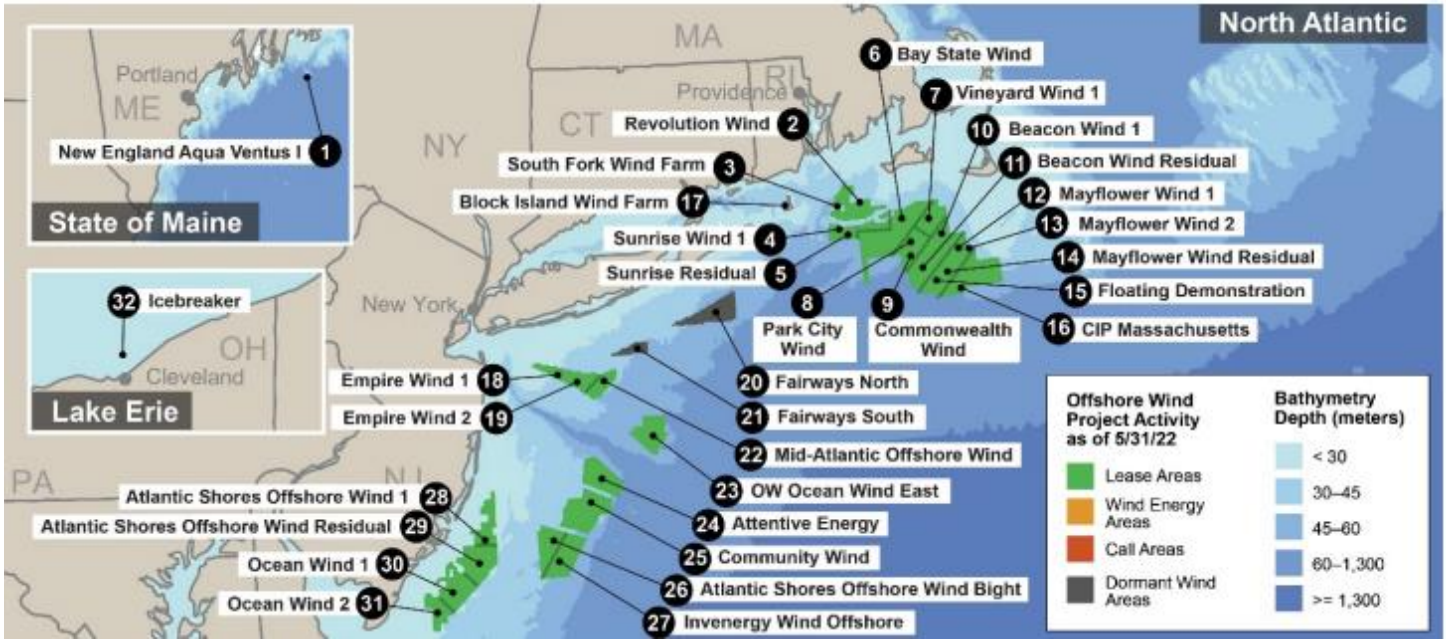


# Ways to Take Action on Offshore Wind

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**OCEAN INDUSTRIALIZATION: TOO MUCH ~ TOO FAST  
MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD!**



US North Atlantic Offshore Wind Projects and Leasing & Planning Areas (Photo Credit: National Renewable Energy Laboratory)

**TAKE ACTION TODAY!** See below for opportunities to support responsible and reasonable offshore wind (OSW) energy development. The current process to fast-track large-scale industrialization without due diligence, transparency, and robust scientific baseline information is not reasonable or responsible. Follow the links for referenced documents within each action. For additional information and resources, go to [CleanOceanAction.org](http://CleanOceanAction.org).

## **Action #1: PUBLIC HEARINGS & COMMENTS IN JUNE on Atlantic Shores South (“2”)**

**Draft Environmental Impact Statement** - The federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) released the 2,000+ page Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for oil giant Shell’s Atlantic Shores South (“2”) Wind. The public only has 45 days to review this monstrous document for offshore & onshore impacts. Demand more time for review! The 110 massive turbine project is being proposed for 10-20 miles from Atlantic City, NJ, and Barnegat Light, NJ. [Click here](#) for the DEIS, June public hearing (in-person & virtual) registration, & how to submit comments by July 3 by 11:59pm.

## **Action #2: Ocean Wind 1 Final Environmental Impact Statement Released- Moderate & major impacts to the ocean and marine life expected!**

The federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) released the Final environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Ocean Wind 1, the first offshore wind project proposed off New Jersey. The project,

which would be located approximately 13 nautical miles off Atlantic City, NJ, will consist of 98 massive wind turbines and two offshore export cables to Upper Township and Lacey Township, NJ. [Read the FEIS here.](#)



**Action #3: STOP THE HARASSMENT OF 5,450 MARINE MAMMALS BY “LEVEL B” FOR MARINE SITE CHARACTERIZATION SURVEYS FOR Invenergy Wind Offshore, LLC's offshore wind project off NY/NJ; Public Comments due June 21, 2023.** Invenergy requested an incidental harassment authorization (“IHA”) to “take” or “harass” 16 different endangered and protected marine mammal species.

- A. [Review the Public Notice](#)
- B. Write comments addressed to Jolie Harrison, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS
- C. Send comments via email to [ITP.clevenstine@noaa.gov](mailto:ITP.clevenstine@noaa.gov) by 11:59pm on June 21, 2023.

**HELPFUL RESOURCES ON MARINE MAMMAL HARASSMENT AUTHORIZATION:**

- ✓ List of all active, pending, and expired incidental harassment authorizations (IHAs) on offshore wind energy projects: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-other-energy-activities-renewable>
- ✓ Details about IHAs: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/incidental-take-authorizations-under-marine-mammal-protection-act>
- ✓ Definitions related to IHAs: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/laws-and-policies/glossary-permits-protected-resources#marine-mammal-protection-act-terms>

**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 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. While reasonable and responsible offshore wind could provide some needed renewable energy, 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 few laws protecting marine life. The risks are high. There are cheaper, faster, and safer energy-wise solutions that can be implemented now on land, such as energy waste and use reduction. A reasonable pilot studies may help determine how to conduct offshore wind in an environmentally responsible manner, but the government has rejected such a responsible approach.

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