



BOEM Bureau of
Ocean Energy Management

BOEM Central Atlantic Renewable Energy Activities

Tribal Informational Meeting

December 9th, 2021

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Invitation for Tribal Invocation



Welcome

Jim Bennett, *Chief – Office of Renewable Energy Programs*



Introductions and Opening Statements

Tribal Participants	Affiliation
Jessica Phillips	Chickahominy Indian Tribe- Eastern Division
Erin Paden	Delaware Nation
Susan Bachor	Delaware Tribe of Indians
Michael Bolt	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Keith Anderson	Nansemond Indian Tribe
Marion Werkheiser	Nansemond Indian Nation
Shaleigh Howells	Pamunkey Indian Tribe
Warren Taylor	Pamunkey Indian Tribe
Woodie Walker	Rappahannock
Jeremy Dennis	Shinnecock Indian Nation

BOEM and DOI Participants
Jim Bennett, BOEM
Idrissa Boube, BOEM
Bridgette Duplantis, BOEM
Annette Ehrhorn, BOEM
John Filostrat, BOEM
Anna Hazlett, BOEM
Doug Jones, BOEM
David MacDuffee, BOEM
Laura Mansfield, BOEM
Tershara Matthews, BOEM
Hillary Renick, BOEM
Helen Rucker, BOEM
Sarah Stokely, BOEM
Stephen Vorkoper, DOI

Kearns & West (facilitation) team
Eric Poncelet
Samantha Ramsey
Eric Holmes



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Meeting Objectives

- Share Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Central Atlantic Region's upcoming plans, activities, and schedules for offshore renewable energy.
- Discuss Tribal concerns and opportunities related to offshore renewable energy in the Central Atlantic Region to enable information sharing between Central Atlantic Tribal Governments and BOEM.
- Discuss Tribal participation in the Central Atlantic Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force.
- Establish and strengthen relationships between Tribal Governments and BOEM.

Note: This meeting is primarily informational and is not intended to be a formal Government-to-Government Consultation



Proposed Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Statements
- Offshore Wind in the Central Atlantic, Task Force Roles and Responsibilities, and Leasing Process Review – *with questions and discussion*
- Listening Session
- Wrap Up and Next Steps
- Invitation for Closing Benediction

*Take a break where appropriate





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Central Atlantic Renewable Energy Overview

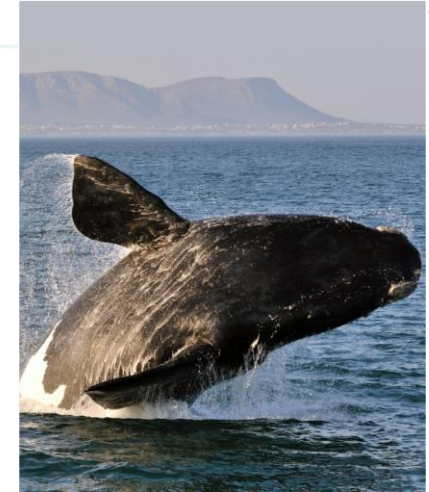
Bridgette Duplantis, Project Coordinator

December 9, 2021



Objectives

- **Central Atlantic Renewable Energy Background**
- **Overview of Central Atlantic Task Force**
- **Review of BOEM leasing process**
- **Recent engagement activities in the Central Atlantic**
- **Planning Area Development**
- **Next Steps**



Central Atlantic Renewable Energy Background

- **April 2020:** The Virginia Clean Economy Act was passed into law creating the Commonwealth's first Clean Energy Standard committing to transitioning the electric grid to 100% clean energy by 2050.
- **November 2020:** Governor Ralph Northam (VA) requested a renewable energy lease sale and formation of a regional task force.
- **January 2021:** BOEM responded to the request by creating the Central Atlantic Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force.
- **November 2021:** The State of Maryland requested BOEM identify additional lease areas.



What is a Renewable Energy Intergovernmental Task Force?

- Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) requires coordination with the Governor of any affected State [30 CFR 585.102(e)]
- Initiated by a state Governor request to BOEM
- Provides forum for coordination and information exchange with governmental partners
- The Task Force is neither a decision-making nor approval body.
- The Secretary of the Interior remains the ultimate decision-maker.



Who is Involved?



- Members include elected officers of state, local, and tribal governments and federal officials
 - Limited to “full-time or permanent part-time officers or employees of the Federal Government and elected officers of State, local and tribal governments (or their designated employees with authority to act on their behalf), acting in their official capacities.”
 - Federal: USACE, NOAA, DOD, USCG, DHS, USFWS, EPA, DOE, FCC, DOT, OMB, CEQ, FAA, DOC, FERC, etc.
 - State: State officials including the State Historic Preservation Officer and the local port authority
 - Local: Elected officials
 - Tribal: Federally recognized tribes who may be affected, including tribes with ancestral, religious, or cultural ties to the area

Central Atlantic Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force Meeting

Virtual Meeting

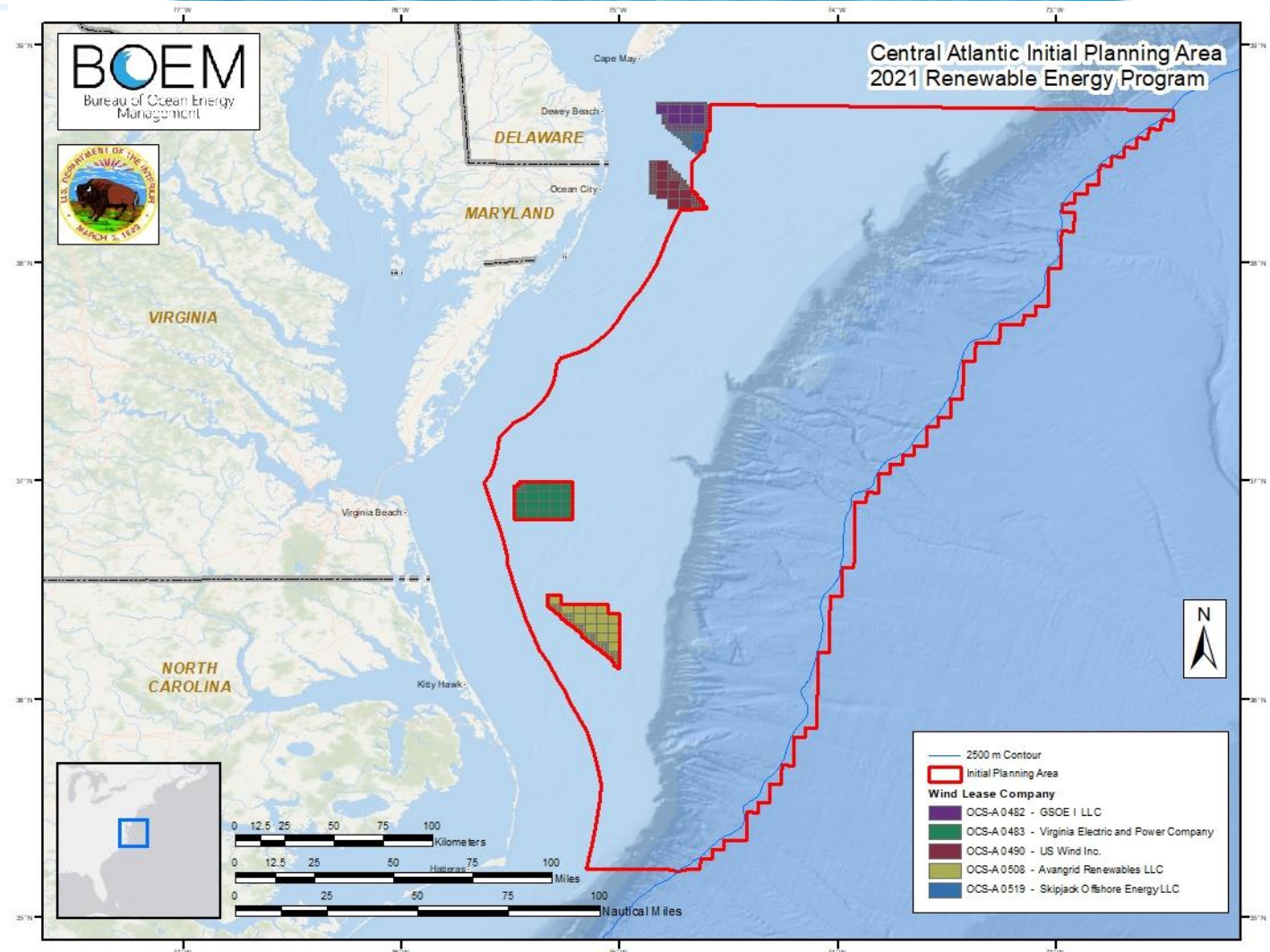
February 16, 2022

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET

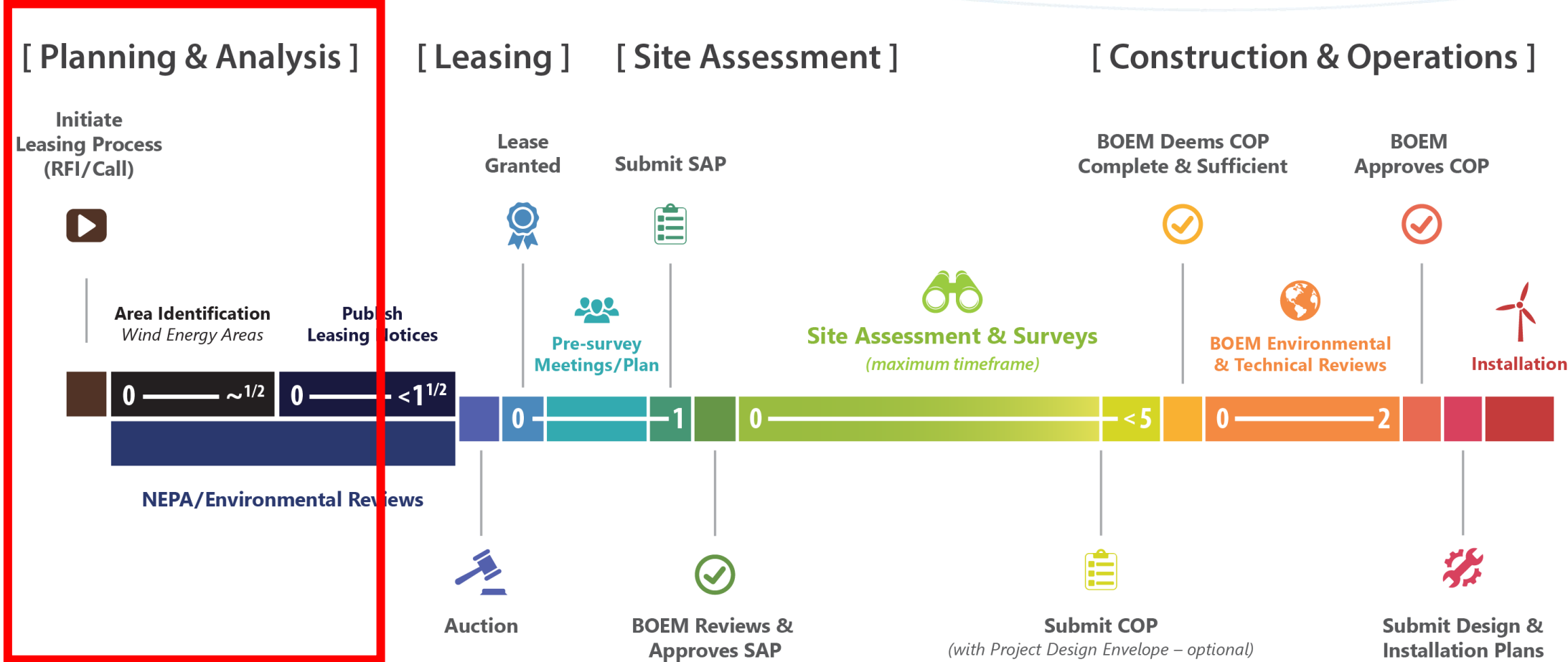
- Prior to meeting, BOEM will be compiling feedback from Federal partners, States, Tribal governments and informational meetings to create a draft Call for Information and Nominations
- Opportunity to discuss draft Call Area before publication in the *Federal Register*

Planning Area Development

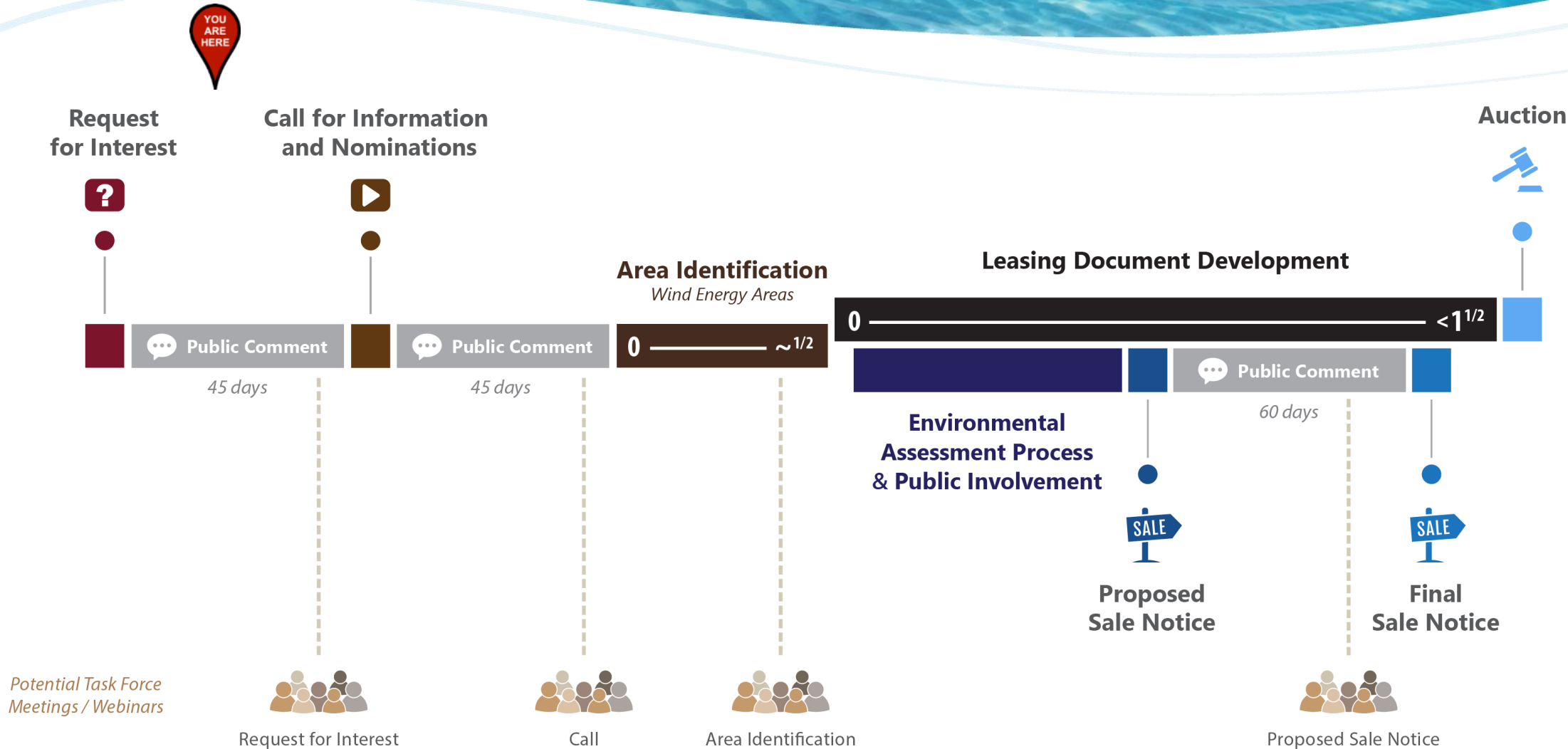
- Central Atlantic
 - Encompasses area offshore Delaware south to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina



Renewable Energy Leasing Process: From RFI/Call to Operation

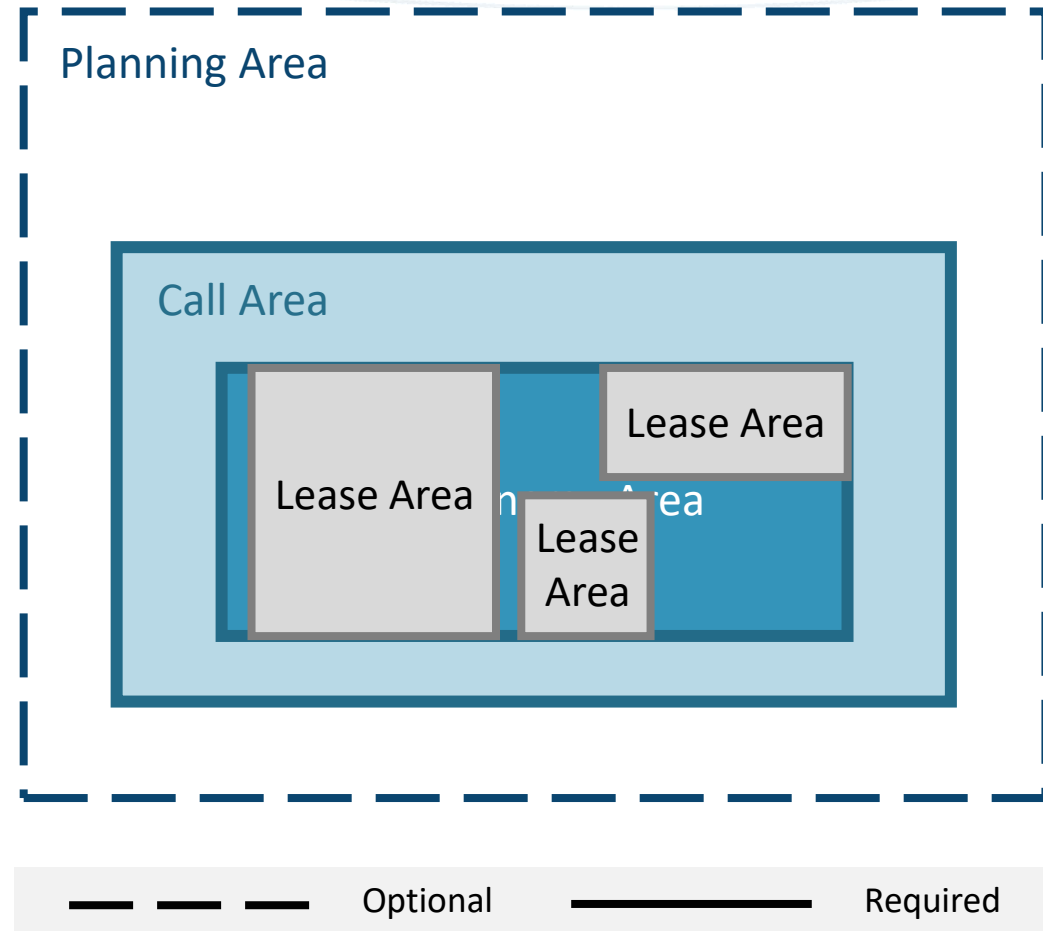


Renewable Energy Leasing Process: From RFI/Call to Lease Sale



Area Identification Process: Winnowing

- Currently developing the Planning Area
- Wind Energy Areas (WEAs) have the potential for further division into Lease Areas
- Multiple sales can come from Wind Energy Areas



Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

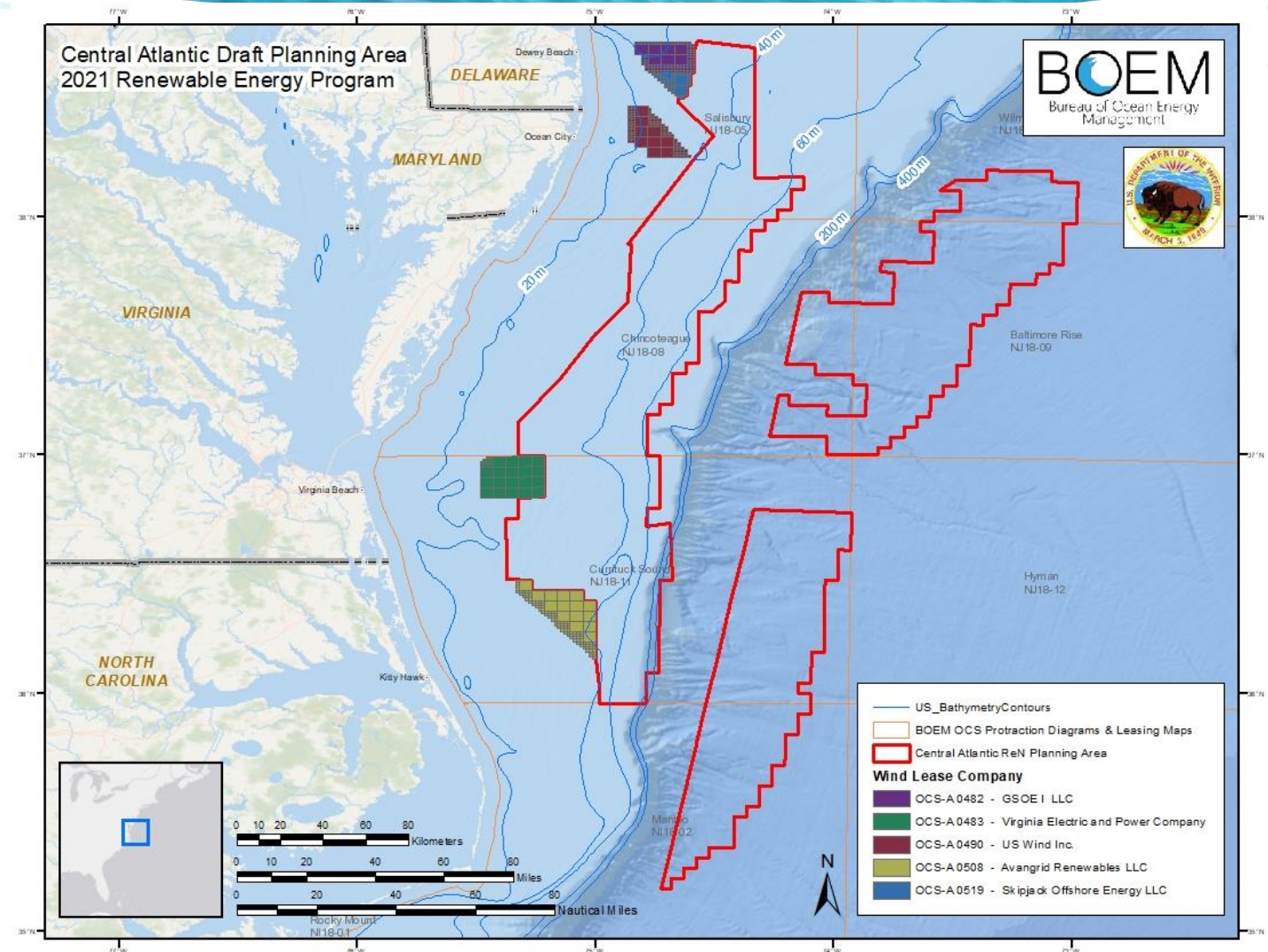
- Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act: Requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their undertakings on historic properties and provide the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation a reasonable opportunity to comment on such undertakings.
- BOEM has determined that these renewable energy activities constitute undertakings subject to the requirements of Section 106. These include:
 - the issuance of leases and grants, and
 - the approval of plans (SAPs, COPs and other plans) submitted under these leases and grants.
- BOEM has executed Programmatic Agreements (Mid Atlantic and South Atlantic PAs) to fulfill its obligations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for renewable energy activities on the OCS offshore Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina.
- These PAs guide how BOEM, federally recognized Tribes, and the consulting parties will consult at the key Section 106 decision points under the agency's regulatory authority.

Recent Planning Activities

- **Held virtual meetings with each affected State (VA, MD, NC and DE)**
 - Discussed state wind energy goals, progress, concerns and data availability
- **Collected data from States, MARCO, Marine Cadastre, MMIS**
- **Created an AGOL interactive map to examine space-use conflicts**
- **Coordinating with Federal Partners (USCG, NOAA, NASA, USFWS and DoD)**
- **Soliciting feedback at informational meetings**
 - Maritime Industry (December 8, 2021)
 - Tribal Governments (December 9, 2021)
 - Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations (December 15, 2021)
 - Fishery Management Councils and Organizations/Recreational Fishing (January 5-6, 2022)

Planning Area Development

- Active wind energy leases
- Bathymetry
 - 60 meters
 - 2500 meters



Next Steps

- Collect and analyze feedback on the draft Planning Areas
- Develop a draft Call Area and distribute to the Task Force Members
- Collect feedback on the draft Call Area at the Central Atlantic Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Meeting (February 16, 2022)
- Publish the Call for Information and Nominations (Call) in the *Federal Register*
 - 45-day comment period
- Begin an Environmental Assessment
- Using comments on the Call, develop Wind Energy Areas

Central Atlantic Milestones

Milestone	Action	Target Date
Draft Call Area to Task Force	Initiate Federal/State Partner Reviews	September 2021
	Distribute to Task Force	January 2022
Tribal Engagement	Informational Meeting	December 9, 2021
Fisheries Engagement	Sector based meetings (4)	January 5-6, 2022
Task Force Meeting	Hold virtual meeting	February 16, 2022
Publish Call for Information and Nominations	Publish Call	Q2 2022
	45-Day Comment Period	Q2 2022
Area Identification	Identify Wind Energy Area(s)	Q3 2022
Lease Sale	Proposed Sale Notice	Q4 2022
	Final Sale Notice	Early/Mid 2023
	Hold auction	Mid-2023



Feedback? Comments?

If you have additional feedback or comments not discussed in today's meeting,
please send them to:

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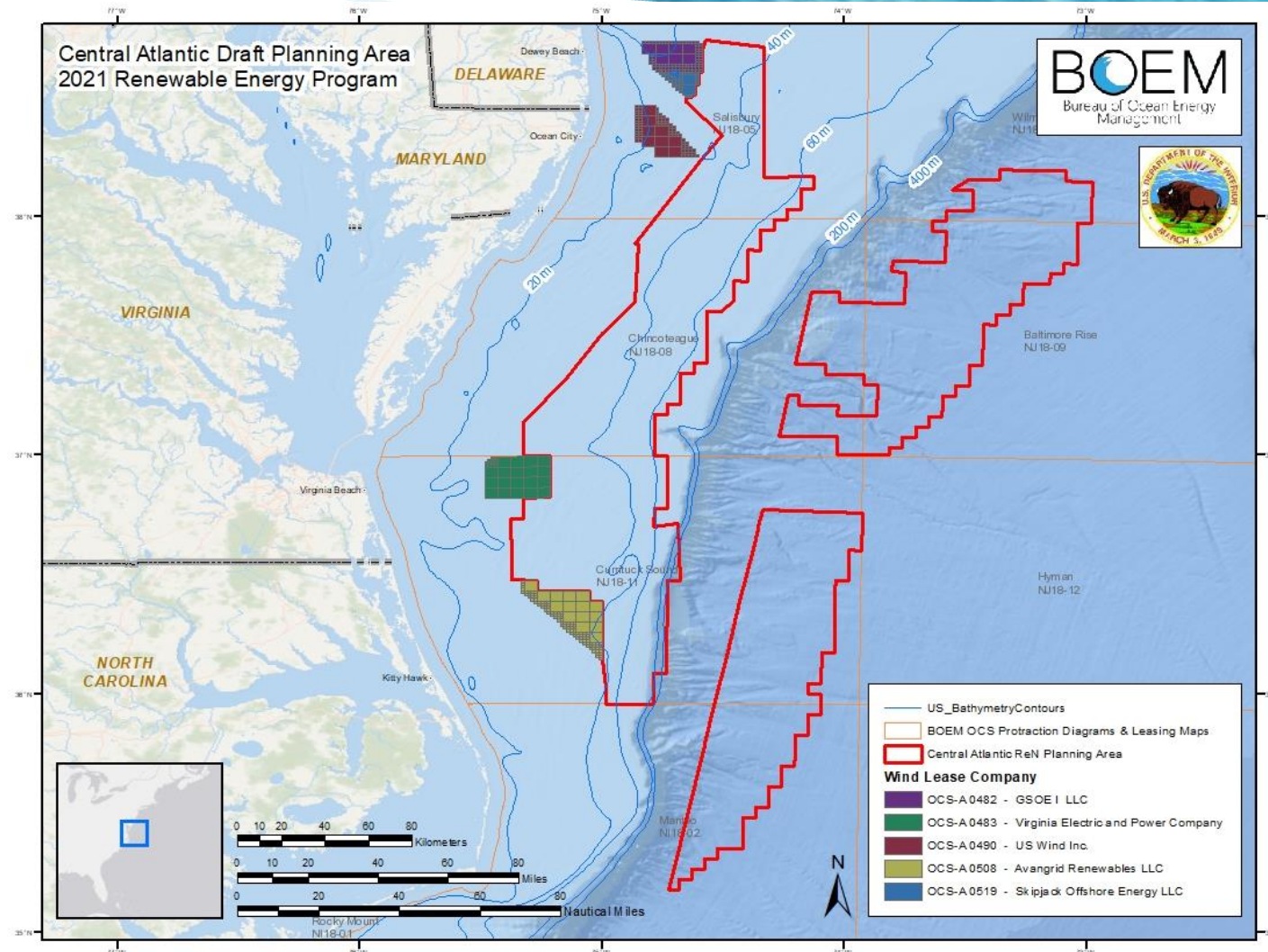
No later than December 31, 2021

Listening Session

An opportunity for Tribal representatives to share concerns, ask questions, and receive additional information



Planning Area Development - Map



Next Steps & Closing Remarks

- **Recap**

- **Next Steps**

- Meeting summary and recording – to be shared with participants after the meeting
- Feedback on draft Planning Areas should be shared with Bridgette Duplantis by December 31, 2021
- Central Atlantic Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force Meeting – February 16, 2022

- **Contact Information**

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For further information on BOEM activities and Tribal engagement please see:

<https://www.boem.gov/about-boem/tribal-engagement>



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