

**Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)  
Joint Rhode Island & Massachusetts Task Force Meeting Agenda**

**Holiday Inn  
291 Jones Road, Falmouth, MA 02540  
May 16, 2017**

Intergovernmental session: 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.; 1:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.  
Public input sessions: 11:45 a.m. – 12:05 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	<b>Registration</b>	
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions; Purpose of the meeting</b>	James F. Bennett, Chief, BOEM Office of Renewable Energy Programs (OREP) Grover Fugate, State of Rhode Island Bruce Carlisle, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Patrick Field, Facilitator, Consensus Building Institute (CBI)
9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	<b>Brief overview of the commercial leases offshore Rhode Island and Massachusetts, with Task Force Q&amp;A and discussion</b>	Luke Feinberg, Project Coordinator, BOEM
9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	<b>Presentations by commercial lessees, with Task Force Q&amp;A and discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site characterization surveys</li> <li>• Site assessment activities</li> <li>• Plans for commercial development</li> </ul>	Pernille Hermansen, Bay State Wind Aileen Kenney, Deepwater Wind Richard Andre, Vineyard Wind
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Break</b>	
11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	<b>Next steps for commercial leases offshore Rhode Island and Massachusetts, with Task Force Q&amp;A and discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction and Operations Plan (COP)</li> <li>• Environmental review &amp; consultations</li> </ul>	Will Waskes, Project Coordinator, BOEM  Brian Krevor, Environmental Protection Specialist, BOEM

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11:45 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.	<b>Public input opportunity</b> Interested individuals will be provided an opportunity and are encouraged to provide input on the topics being discussed by the Task Force. Depending on how many individuals would like to participate, time will be limited to 2-3 minutes. A sign-up list and guidelines will be available at the meeting registration table.	
12:05 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	<b>Lunch (on your own)</b>	
1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<b>BOEM’s Path Forward: Planning for Renewable Energy Leasing, with Task Force Q&amp;A and discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning for the Atlantic OCS</li> <li>• Next steps in the competitive leasing process for the Massachusetts WEA</li> </ul>	James F. Bennett, Chief, OREP  Jeff Browning, Project Coordinator, BOEM
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<b>Task Force Initiative: Findings and Next Steps with Task Force Q&amp;A and discussion</b>	Luke Feinberg, Project Coordinator, BOEM Patrick Field, Facilitator, CBI
2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	<b>Task Force member updates, with Task Force Q&amp;A and discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on State initiatives and studies</li> </ul>	Bill White, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Grover Fugate, State of Rhode Island Additional task force members
3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<b>Overview of Action Items and Next Steps</b>	Patrick Field, Facilitator, CBI
3:30 p.m.	<b>Intergovernmental Task Force Meeting Ends</b>	
3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	<b>Informal Stakeholder Roundtable Discussion</b>	