

**Bureau of Ocean Energy Management  
Massachusetts Renewable Energy  
Task Force Webinar**

**Thursday, January 16, 2014**

Intergovernmental session

10:15 AM – 2:45 PM

Public session

2:55 PM – 3:30 PM

# Webinar Instructions

## Webinar:

- Event address for attendees: <https://oaep.webex.com/oaep/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=662119107>
- Event password: orep

## Teleconference:

- Call-in number: 1-650-479-3208
- Participant passcode: 662 119 107

# Webinar Agenda

- Welcoming Remarks & Introductions
  - *Maureen A. Bornholdt, OREP Program Manager*
  - *Jessica Stromberg, Project Coordinator*
- Final Delineation Report for the Massachusetts Wind Energy Area
  - *Walt Musial, Department of Energy, National Renewable Energy Laboratory*
- Update on the Environmental Review Process & Overview of Addendum C
  - *Brian Krevor, NEPA Coordinator*

# Webinar Agenda

- Break – Lunch (on your own)
- Overview of the draft Proposed Sale Notice
  - *Wright Frank, Energy Program Specialist*
- Overview of the Proposed Auction Format and Fiscal Terms
  - *Radford Schantz, Economist*
- Overview of Action Items and Next Steps
  - *Jessica Stromberg, Project Coordinator*

# Task Force Comments on Draft Delineation Report

- One comment received from the Martha's Vineyard Commission
  - May need to consider one or more wide boating channels through the WEA parallel and perpendicular to the coast, which may also provide a path for migrating birds
  - May be problematic for NREL considering their delineation strategy
  - May want to re-consider boundary of WEA overall to streamline shape

# Break

- BOEM will reconvene the intergovernmental session of the Task Force webinar at 1:00 PM.

# Action Items and Next Steps

- Task Force member comments requested by:  
**COB Friday, January 24, 2014**
- OREP will review all Task Force member comments and make revisions as appropriate.
- **Next steps:**
  - publication of the PSN in the Federal Register for a 60-day public comment period
  - publication of revised EA and FONSI or determination that an EIS is required

# Task Force Feedback Requested on:

- Number and configuration of lease areas for inclusion in the PSN (refer to the NREL Final Report Alternatives 1, 2, or 3)
- Rent (\$3/acre/year)
- Lease Term (6 month preliminary, 5 year site assessment, 25 year operations)
- Operating Fee rate (2%)
- Multiple Factor Auction Format
  - Inclusion of additional non-monetary factor such as a community benefits agreement (CBA) in the multiple factor auction format

# Task Force Feedback Requested on: Community Benefits Agreement

- We will consider specific suggestions from the Task Force on inclusion of a non-monetary factor for CBA such that it meets the following criteria:
- Non-Monetary Factors must be:
  - Objective
  - Represent a real advantage to the recipient

# Task Force Feedback

- Submit Task Force comments via email to: [jessica.stromberg@boem.gov](mailto:jessica.stromberg@boem.gov) or via mail:  
Office of Renewable Energy Programs, HM 1328  
381 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 20170
- Comments requested by **COB Friday, January 24, 2014.**
- Additional information:  
[www.boem.gov/Renewable-Energy-Program/State-Activities/Massachusetts.aspx](http://www.boem.gov/Renewable-Energy-Program/State-Activities/Massachusetts.aspx)

# Public Q&A Session

- BOEM will convene the public question and answer session at 2:45 PM.