Commercial Wind Lease Issuance on the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf, Offshore Oregon Final Environmental Assessment

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The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announces the availability of its final Environmental Assessment (EA) of the possible impacts from issuing leases for potential offshore wind energy development off the Oregon coast, including site assessment and site characterization activities such as geophysical, geological, and archaeological surveys.

BOEM prepared this EA to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with commercial wind lease issuance on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) offshore Oregon. The EA aided BOEM in determining that commercial leasing activities in that region of the U.S. OCS (the Proposed Action) would not result in significant impacts to the environment; therefore, a more detailed analysis in an environmental impact statement is not required (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] § 1501.3(a)). BOEM prepared the EA in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§ 4261 et seq.; the Council on Environmental Quality regulations at 40 CFR § 1501 et seq.; Department of the Interior regulations implementing NEPA at 43 CFR Part 46; and BOEM policy.

This pdf includes the following documents which can be found as individual files at https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/commercial-wind-lease-issuance-pacific-outer-continental-shelf-0

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- Appendix A: Additional Survey Technical Specifications and Examples
- Appendix B: Responses to Public Comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment
- Appendix C: Resources Eliminated from Detailed Consideration and Assessment of Resources with Negligible Impacts
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- Appendix F: Supplemental Information for Ports, Fisheries, and Military Activities

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

Avian Affected Environment

Marine Mammal Affected Environment

Biological Assessment and Essential Fish Habitat Assessment for Offshore Wind Leasing Activities for Oregon, May 2024

Endangered Species Act Concurrence Letter and Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Essential Fish Habitat Response for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's Offshore Wind Leasing Activities for Oregon: Site Characterization and Assessment for the Coos Bay and Brookings Wind Energy Areas