

National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 Consultation

What is the Status of the NHPA Section 106 Consultation for the SouthCoast Wind Project?

1. BOEM has delineated the Area of Potential Effects (APEs) for terrestrial archaeology, marine archaeology and for visual effects to historic properties.
2. BOEM distributed cultural resource technical reports which identify and evaluate historic properties in the APEs to consulting parties and facilitated one consulting party meeting (as of February 2023) for Section 106 consultation.
3. BOEM has made a Finding of Adverse Effects that identifies adverse effects to (this could be subject to change based on future consultation with the consulting parties):
 - 21 marine archaeological resources
 - 7 ancient submerged landform features
 - 2 terrestrial archaeological resources
 - 2 traditional cultural properties
 - 2 historic aboveground resources

What are the Next Steps for NHPA Section 106 Consultation?

1. BOEM will continue to consult with the consulting parties regarding the identification and evaluation of historic properties.
2. BOEM will receive comments on the Finding of Adverse Effect and the Memorandum of Agreement, which outlines proposed measures to resolve adverse effects in Historic Property Treatment Plans.
3. BOEM will facilitate additional consulting party meetings to review the Finding of Adverse Effect and proposed measures to resolve adverse effects.
4. Through consultation with the consulting parties, BOEM will finalize and execute the Memorandum of Agreement.

