Action Items & Next Steps

Office of Renewable Energy Programs

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State of Maine Research Lease Application

Next Step: Request for Competitive Interest (RFCl)
- Publication expected early summer (2022)
- 30-day comment period
## Gulf of Maine Commercial Leasing Milestones

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* Task Forces are incredibly valuable tools in the leasing process and several meetings can be expected, likely to be scheduled around significant process milestones.

** Dates of planning/leasing milestones are all tentative.

Link: Tips to Provide Helpful Comments Fact Sheet
Planned Engagement

Gulf of Maine Engagement Approach
Moving from the Request for Interest to Wind Energy Area Designation

- **Task Force Meeting May 2022**
- **BOEM Revises Draft RFI**
- **BoEM RFI Webinar/Recording**
- **Public Comment Period: 45 Days**
- **Draft Call Area Developed**
- **BOEM Convenes Stakeholder Meetings; (Commercial Maritime, eNGOs, Fisheries, Wind Developers, Federal Agency Coordination) Tribal Meetings, and Public Regional Meetings (ME, NH, MA)**
- **Task Force Meeting**
- **Call Published**
- **Public Comment Period: 45 Days**
- **BOEM Public Engagement: TBD**
- **BOEM Area ID**
- **WEA Designation**
- **JUL**
- **AUG**
- **SEPT**
- **OCT**
- **NOV**
- **DEC**
- **JAN**
- **FEB**
- **MAR**
- **APR**
- **MAY**
- **JUN**

**States Assist BOEM to Convene Meetings**

**2023**

**State Activities: TBD**

**State Activities**

**NOTE:** This is a draft discussion document, and the dates of proposed meetings and planning/leasing milestones are all tentative.