

Empire Wind Project (EW1 and EW2)

Cultural Resources

What is the Status of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 consultation for the Empire Wind Project?

1. BOEM has delineated the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for terrestrial archaeology, marine archaeology and for visual effects to historic properties.
2. BOEM has made a Finding of Adverse Effect that identifies adverse effects to:
 - 16 architectural resources
 - 30 marine archaeological resources
 - 22 ancient, submerged landforms.
3. BOEM distributed cultural resource technical reports to consulting parties and is facilitating consulting party meetings for Section 106 consultation.
4. The Draft EIS includes a draft Finding of Effect, BOEM’s proposed mitigation measures, and a Draft Memorandum of Agreement.

What are the Next Steps for NHPA Section 106 Consultation?

1. Receive input on the draft Finding of Effect and Memorandum of Agreement.
2. Facilitate additional consulting party meetings to resolve adverse effects.
3. BOEM and consulting parties finalize and execute the Memorandum of Agreement.
4. BOEM documents binding mitigation in the Record of Decision for the Empire Wind Environmental Impact Statement.

