Task Forces and the Gulf of Maine Task Force Charter

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What is a Renewable Energy Intergovernmental Task Force?

- **OCSLA** requires *coordination* with the Governor of any *affected State*
- Initiated by a state Governor request to BOEM
- Mechanism for coordination and *information exchange* with governmental partners
- Members include elected officers of state, local, and tribal governments and federal officials
OCS Renewable Energy Intergovernmental State Task Forces

- 15 state Task Forces established
- Facilitates local and regional stakeholder input and transparency
- Active through all phases of program
- Regional Approach
  - NY Bight
  - Carolinas
  - Gulf of Maine
Why a Charter?

- Establishes the Task Force

Clarifies the:

- Purpose
- Authority
- Membership
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Communication
Charter: Purpose

- An information exchange to facilitate coordination and consultation related to renewable energy planning activities on the OCS in the Gulf of Maine
- Task Force is neither a decision-making nor approval body
- Secretary of Interior remains the ultimate decision-maker
• Task Force is charted under an exception to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) 41 CFR § 102-3.40(g)

• Members limited to “full-time or permanent part-time officers or employees of the Federal Government and elected officers of State, local and tribal governments (or their designated employees with authority to act on their behalf), acting in their official capacities.”

• If you do not meet this definition, you can still attend and observe the meeting

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<th>Do I Meet the Task Force Definition?</th>
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<td>Participate in the meetings?</td>
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• BOEM will hold Task Force meetings or webinars in coordination with the state points of contact.

• Public information or materials generated from Gulf of Maine Task Force meetings will be made available on the BOEM website.
Comments on the Charter?

• If you have further comments on the Charter, please email meredith.lilley@boem.gov by Friday, January 3, 2020

• Charter will be finalized and posted on the BOEM Gulf of Maine website