

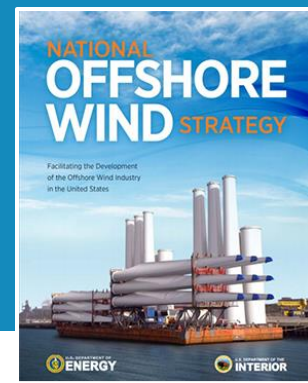
# Task Force Initiative: Findings and Next Steps

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# Initiative Overview

## National Offshore Wind Strategy



BOEM commitment to *enhancing coordination and stakeholder engagement*

Action	Deliverable	Impact
Revisit the Structure of Intergovernmental Task Forces	Document describing Task Force evaluation and path forward for BOEM's Task Force utilization	Efficient intergovernmental coordination that considers input from any and all potentially affected states

- Task Forces have been successful, two major themes to address:
  - Regional issues
  - Task Forces in a post-leasing world
- Engaged CBI to conduct interviews with ~30 Task Force members

# Primary Findings

## Task Force Initiative

### Key Perceived Strengths

Strong BOEM staff

Gets folks (esp. Feds) out of stovepipes; helps streamline reviews

Relationship building

Drives towards decision-making; BOEM role as decision-maker is clear

Great information-sharing, especially for stakeholders with few resources

Surfaces substantive concerns; lays groundwork for off-line dialogues

# Primary Findings

## Task Force Initiative

### Key Perceived Challenges

Unclear if BOEM seeking genuine dialogue

BOEM-centric presentations

Task Forces' limited in addressing regional issues (vessel traffic, fishing)

Limited transparency in decision-making

Issues surfaced but not addressed

Task Forces not proxy for meaningful outreach

# Core Challenges Moving Forward

## Task Force Initiative

- ① Strengthening task force dialogues
- ② Incorporating regional perspectives
- ③ Post-leasing role for task forces
- ④ Meaningful stakeholder engagement
- ⑤ Transparency of decision-making

# Challenge 1

## Strengthening Task Force Dialogues

- Develop internal guidance documents that incorporate recommendations to improve Task Force mechanics

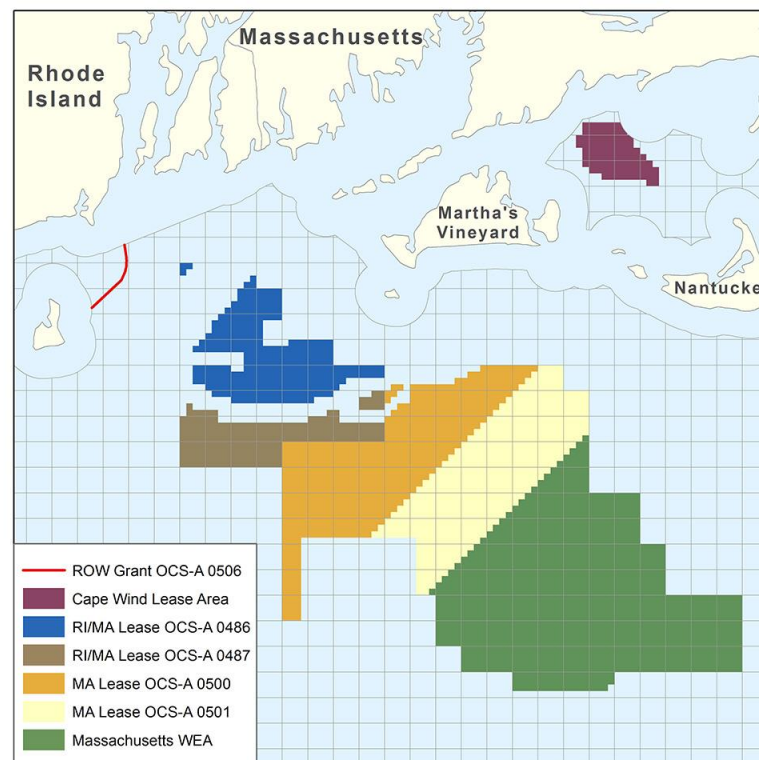
Pre-Meeting	At Meeting	Post-Meeting
<b>1 month:</b> meeting notice	Close the loop on past questions/concerns	Post meeting summary on web
<b>1 week:</b> materials sent	Updates on past issues	Draft and distribute two-page meeting-in-brief summaries
Task Force membership list publicly available	Integrated public input periods	Keep website updated

**General:** Contact TF 2-4 times yearly (in-person meeting, topic-specific webinar, email updates, etc.)

# Challenge 2

## Incorporating Regional Perspectives

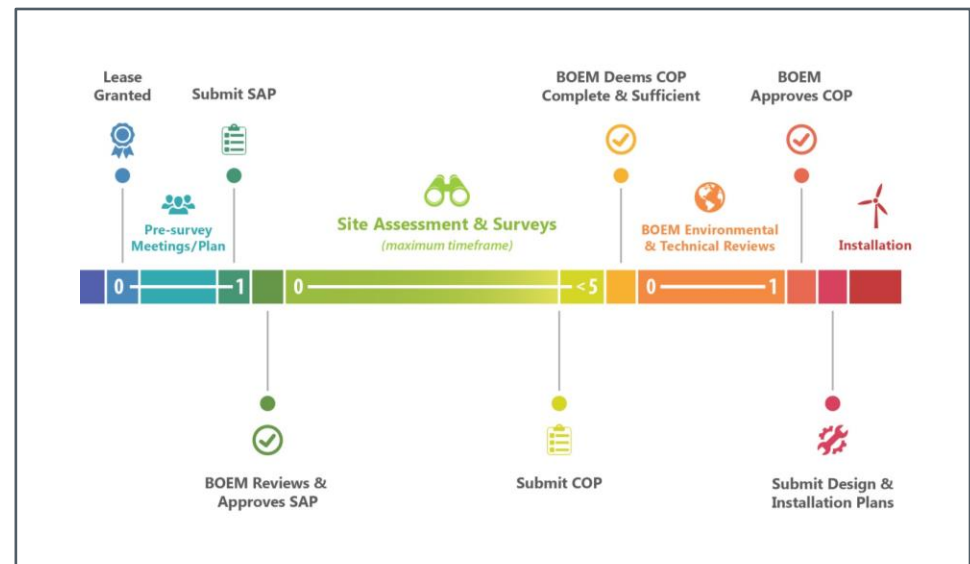
- Retain current State Task Force structure
- Allow for flexibility to include regional perspectives on a case-by-case basis
  - Joint Task Forces
  - Regional Meetings
  - Guest Speakers, etc.



# Challenge 3

## Post-Leasing Role for Task Forces

- Work with state to customize post-leasing approach
- Identify key discussion points and process/structure
  - SAP
  - COP
  - FDR/FIR



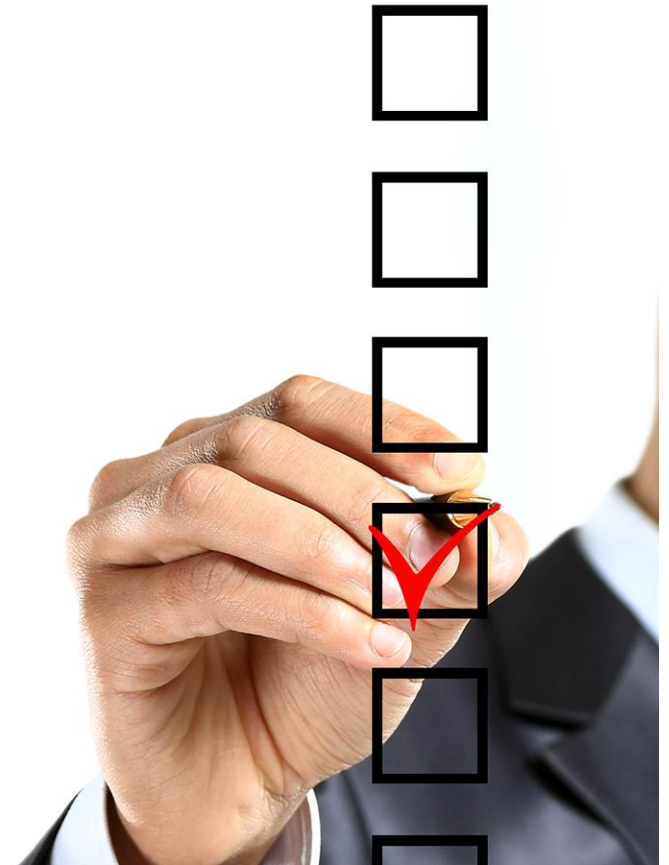




# Challenge 5

## Transparency of Decision-Making

- OREP will take explicit steps to increase the transparency of decision-making processes, including:
  - Documenting action items and next steps
  - Closing loop at subsequent Task Force meetings
  - Recommend publication of decision documents



# Future Task Force Implementation

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## Questions? / Discussion