

# BOEMRE Oregon OCS Renewable Energy Task Force Purpose

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## Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement

- Bureau within the U.S. Department of the Interior
- Manage the nation's energy and strategic mineral resources on the OCS

## Energy Policy Act of 2005



Gave the Secretary of the Interior the authority to regulate the production, transportation, and transmission of energy from sources other than oil and gas –

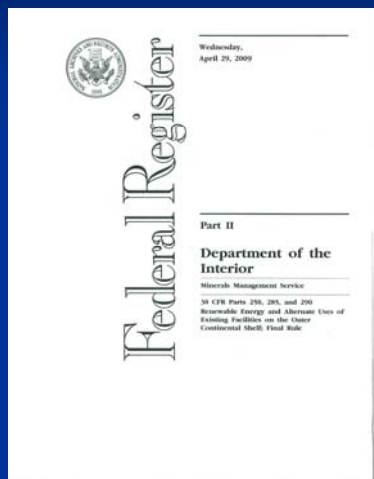
*“Renewable Energy”*

## EPAct 2005 – Key Mandates



- Safety
- Environmental Protection
- *Coordination with affected State, local and tribal governments and relevant Federal agencies*
- Fair return
- Revenue sharing with States

# The Regulatory Framework



- President Obama announced the publication of the final Renewable Energy Framework on Earth Day 2009
- 30 CFR Part 285 (“The Rule”)

## Coordination is Critical

- 30 CFR 285.102 states that BOEMRE will provide for coordination and consultation with the *Governor of any State or the executive of any local government or Indian tribe that may be affected by a lease, easement, or ROW*



## What is a BOEMRE Task Force?

A forum or a mechanism whereby:

- BOEMRE can share with interested and affected government entities information about its renewable energy program offshore a specific State and address potential renewable energy development opportunities on the OCS
- Elected officers of State, local and tribal governments and other Federal officials may provide meaningful and timely input in the implementation of the BOEMRE renewable energy program

## What is a BOEMRE Task Force? Continued...

- The Task Force membership cannot alter the Regulatory Framework or established leasing processes, but can provide input on how the program is implemented
- BOEMRE will consider Task Force membership input in renewable energy program decisions

## Opportunities for Input

- Task Force members will be able to provide input throughout the leasing process. Some examples are:
  - During the preparation of BOEMRE notices and announcements, for example: Request for Interest (RFI) and Call for Information (Call)
  - Identify potential conflict areas such as environmental, fishing, military, navigational, etc.

## Why Establish a Task Force?

- Promotes efficient and effective communication
- A way to disseminate information in a timely and consistent manner
- Having all government parties at the same table facilitates information sharing **as early as possible**

Participation will give task force participants the opportunity to actively provide input into the leasing process rather than simply react to BOEMRE actions

## Who is Part of the Task Force?



- Relevant Federal agencies with explicit or inherent governmental responsibility
- State government officials, designated by the Governor
- Local elected government officials
- Tribal elected government officials

## How does the Task Force Operate?

- Established and coordinated by BOEMRE
- Richard Whitman, Oregon Natural Resources Advisor, leads State participation on behalf of the Governor
- Membership is dynamic
- Task Force is governed by an adopted Charter

Questions?

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<http://www.boemre.gov/offshore/RenewableEnergy/StateActivities.htm>