

## Overview

*The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) recognizes that offshore wind development and fishermen will have use conflicts.*

*BOEM is taking a regional look to get a head start on addressing these conflicts.*

*We need your help.*

BOEM is developing best management practices (BMPs) and mitigation measures for analysis and decision making under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) associated with wind energy development and activities on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) as they relate to interaction with commercial and recreational fishing practices.

To address future conflicts between fishing and wind projects within the OCS, BOEM wants input from commercial and recreational fishing industries, as well as fisheries management agencies and scientists, relative to proposed offshore wind energy development.

In order to effectively engage the fishing industry and its many fisheries and technologies, as well as wind energy developers, eight stakeholder workshops will be held from Maine through North Carolina to allow for dialogue among the parties. Meetings will be held in the following locations:

- Virginia Beach, VA
- Kingston, RI
- Osterville, MA
- New Bedford, MA
- Ocean City, MD
- Morehead City, NC
- Atlantic City, NJ
- Portland, ME

Separate invitations will be sent for each meeting. The goal will be to identify the very best, on-the-ground knowledge, information, and data to develop a robust set of BMPs for reducing conflicts. Workshops have been scheduled during the winter to avoid peak fishing season to the extent possible. The workshops will be half-day working sessions.

***Your input is essential.***

After completion of the eight stakeholder workshops, the findings and results of the outreach will be documented in a report and made available to the public. This report will include:

- BMPs and mitigation measures suggested during the outreach meetings;
- Measures identified in studies, currently proposed projects, and European offshore construction practice; and
- Relevance for reducing potential fisheries/wind energy conflicts in Atlantic offshore areas and use for future BOEM NEPA decision-making actions for OCS renewable energy leasing and development.

**Addressing Fishing/Wind Conflict  
Commercial and Recreational Fishermen and  
Offshore Wind Mitigation Measures Development****Date:**

October 12, 2012

**Agenda:**

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| 1:00 pm | Check-In Opens   |
| 1:15 pm | BOEM Welcome and Presentation<br><i>TBD – BOEM Office of Renewable Energy</i>        |
|         | Moderator – Meeting Format and<br>“Rules for the Road”<br><i>Patrick Field - CBI</i> |
| 1:45 pm | Wind Informational Video   |
| 2:05 pm | Breakout Session #1 – What do you think?   |
| 2:45 pm | Session #1 Review of Results<br><i>Patrick Field - CBI</i>                           |
| 3:00 pm | Break – Food and Drinks available<br>for purchase in the Aquarium cafe               |
| 3:15 pm | Breakout Session #2 - What can be done<br>to prevent or minimize conflicts?          |
| 3:55 pm | Session #2 Review of Results<br><i>Patrick Field - CBI</i>                           |
| 4:10 pm | Summarize Collective BMPs and<br>Mitigation Measures<br><i>Patrick Field - CBI</i>   |
| 4:30 pm | Closing Remarks/Feedback Forms<br><i>TBD - BOEM Office of Renewable Energy</i>       |
| 4:45 pm | Meeting ends   |

**RSVP by October 1, 2012:**

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**Location:**

**Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center**  
717 General Booth Blvd.  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

**Directions:**

- From Interstate 64, take I-264 East towards the Virginia Beach Oceanfront
- Exit on the Birdneck Road exit (Exit Number 22)
- Bear right off the exit ramp, merging with Birdneck Rd.
- Continue South until you reach General Booth Blvd, turn left onto General Booth Blvd.
- The Marsh Pavilion is approximately 1/2 mile on your left and the Bay & Ocean Pavilion is 1/2 mile farther north. The meeting will take place in the Bay & Ocean Pavilion.

**Parking:**

Free parking is available in the parking lot directly next to the Bay & Ocean Pavilion on General Booth Blvd, and across General Booth Blvd. in the East lot.

**Meeting Room:**

The meeting will take place in the Promenade Room. Upon arrival, please identify yourself as a meeting participant to the attendant at the front door. Somebody will escort you through the aquarium and to the meeting room.

**Food and Drinks:**

There is a small café located on the other side of the aquarium that opens at 9:00 am so that participants may purchase snacks and beverages before the meeting and during the break. Food items cannot be brought back into the meeting room; however, coffee and water may be brought back to the room. Admission is not included at this venue; if you would like to walk through the aquarium after the meeting you may purchase a ticket at the front desk.