



Offshore Wind Energy on the Oregon Coast



What is federal consistency review?

As part of the state’s federal consistency review authority under the Coastal Zone Management Act, DLCD’s Oregon Coastal Management Program (OCMP) staff will review the proposed Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management (BOEM) actions for consistency with enforceable Oregon coastal zone policies. The result of this review would be either to agree with BOEM’s proposed leasing actions, agree with conditions, or object to BOEM’s proposed actions. Enforceable policies in the coastal zone are existing state and local policies that have been approved by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office for Coastal Management.

During the community meetings, OCMP staff will provide information about the proposed activities that are being reviewed and the applicable state policies and authorities related to a consistency review.

What is being proposed?

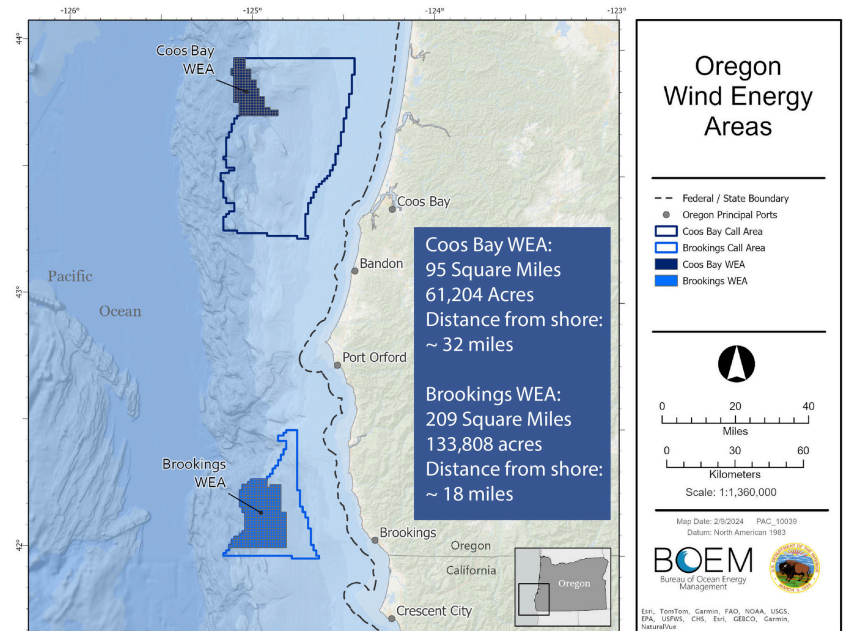
The proposed BOEM leases would authorize companies to study the areas off Oregon’s coast for potential offshore wind energy development projects. After obtaining leases, companies would perform activities in the ocean that may include placement of scientific buoys and collection of data about seafloor conditions, ocean habitats, and wildlife.

Where is this happening?

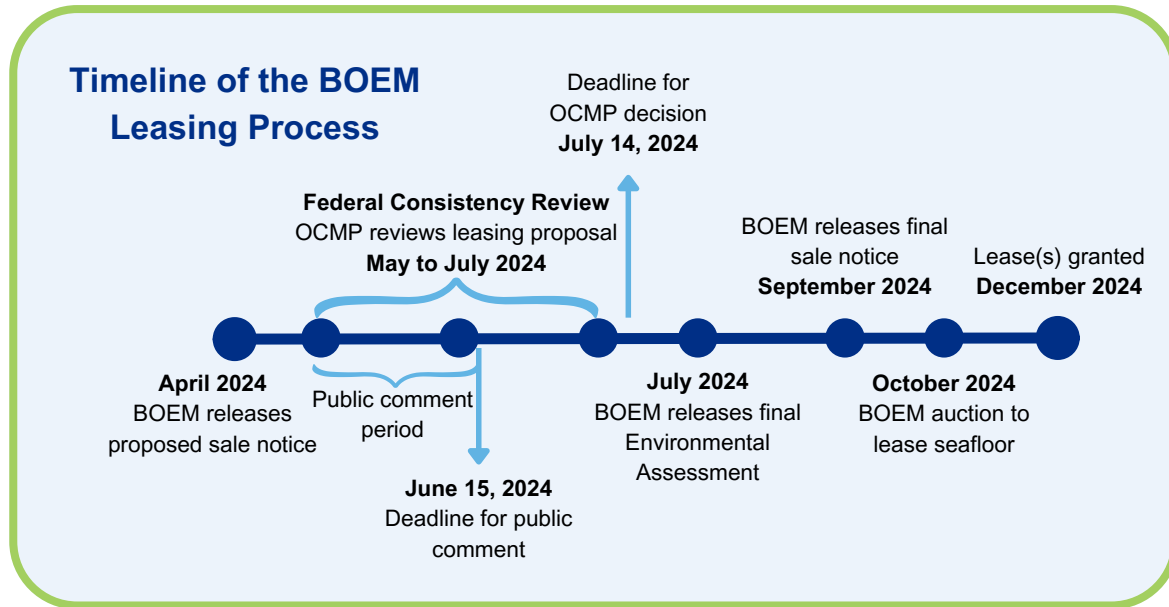
There are two federally designated Wind Energy Areas (WEAs) off the Oregon coast. BOEM is proposing to lease areas within these WEAs. These areas are estimated to produce the highest amounts of energy and have the least amounts of user and environmental impacts compared to other areas off the Oregon coast. These areas could support the electricity needs of 1.1 million homes.

What is NOT being proposed?

BOEM’s proposed leasing action is not a proposal to permit the construction of an offshore wind project. A BOEM decision whether to approve a Construction and Operations Plan for a wind energy facility would be subject to a separate federal consistency review by the state, after some years of additional site assessment and project design.





Happening Now



How can you provide meaningful feedback?

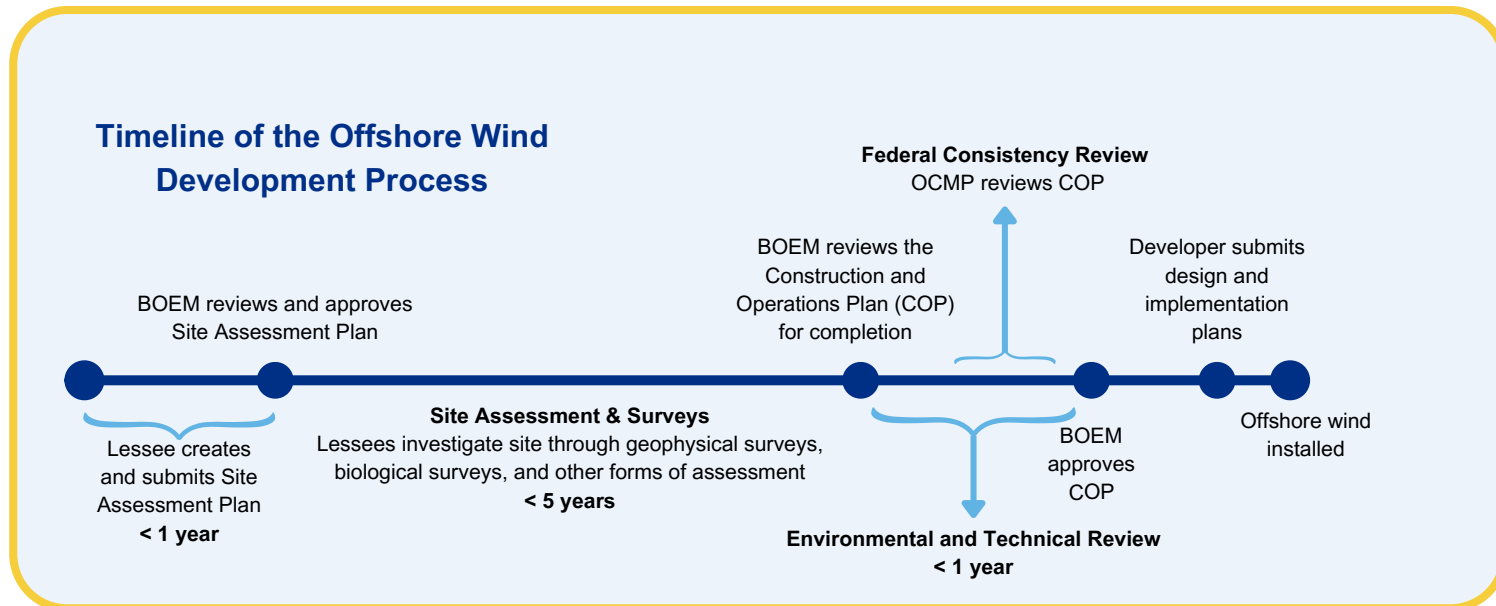
Community members are encouraged to provide comments on the consistency review before June 15, 2024. Please be sure to address the enforceable policies you believe are relevant in your comments.

Access the full list of the Oregon Coastal Management Program's enforceable policies on the Federal Consistency webpage.

Learn more about the federal proposal through our website.

Happening Later




Submit comments online.



What is next?

OCMP's decision will be released by July 14, 2024. Sign up for Offshore Wind Energy emails from DLCD.



*<https://www.oregon.gov/LCD/OCMP/Pages/Federal-Consistency.aspx>