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# **BOEM Activity Update to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council**

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# Post-Final Sale Notice Fisheries Meeting

- Held **January 19, 2022**
- BOEM appreciated robust comment on the Proposed Sale Notice, explained how feedback was incorporated into final lease areas.
- Recording/meeting summary now available:



<https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/fishing-industry-communication-and-engagement>

**Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)**  
New York Bight Final Sale Notice  
Fishing Industry Stakeholder Meeting Summary  
Wednesday, January 19, from 10 to 12 PM

This summary seeks to capture key themes and points made during a meeting with fishing industry stakeholders held on January 19, 2022, which was hosted by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), NY Bight Webpage and Final Sale Notice:  
[www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/new-york-bight](http://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/new-york-bight)

**Purpose of Meetings**

- To provide information about the NY Bight Final Lease Areas, share feedback BOEM received during the NY Bight planning process, and explain the rationale for decisions that were made related to the Final Sale Notice (FSN).
- To share new lease stipulations, including ones for seeking to increase engagement with and accountability by lease holders to commercial and recreational fishermen, and to gather input from the fishing community on the implementation of this new required engagement process.

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Patrick Field, a facilitator with the Consensus Building Institute, welcomed participants and provided an overview of the meeting agenda and format.

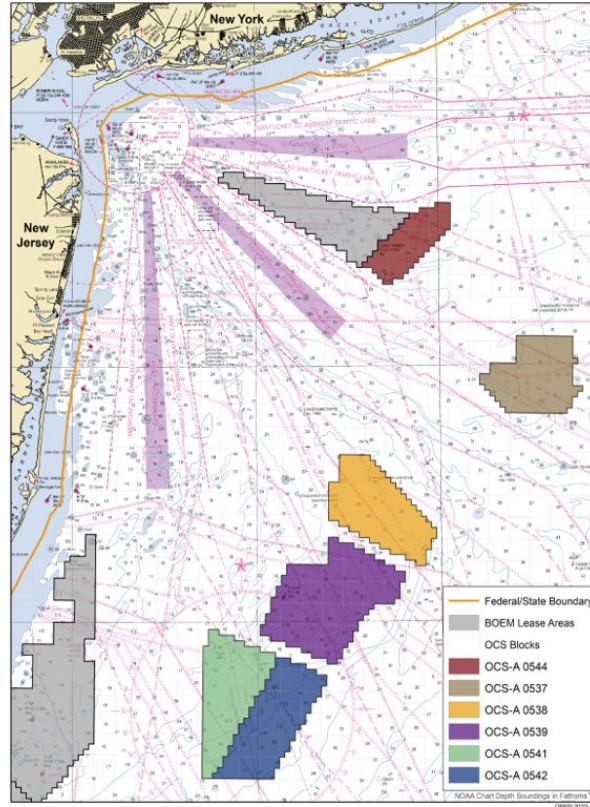
Amanda Lefton, Director of BOEM, welcomed and thanked attendees for participating in the fifth and final fishing community meeting on the NY Bight. She noted that many fishing industry members contributed valuable input during the NY Bight planning process. She emphasized that BOEM appreciates their time and feedback. Ms. Lefton provided an overview of the contents of the NY Bight Final Sale Notice (FSN) announced by the Biden-Harris Administration on January 12, 2022. The FSN for the NY Bight includes 488,201 acres available for lease, a 72% reduction of the area included in the Call and a 22% reduction from the areas included in the Proposed Sale Notice (PSN). Ms. Lefton explained that the reduction in overall acreage and the number of lease areas from 8 to 6 was a result of stakeholder feedback, including fishermen. She also noted the final lease areas are separated by buffer areas as requested by stakeholders and represent a balance in accommodating a diverse range of ocean resources and uses.

Ms. Lefton stated that BOEM's goal for today was to be as transparent and clear about the agency's thinking and what influenced their decisions regarding the NY Bight. She explained how BOEM is working to improve their approach to stakeholder engagement through additional meetings with fishing industry stakeholders earlier in the offshore wind development process. She ended her remarks by emphasizing that BOEM wants fishing resources and industries to thrive and is working to address a diverse range of needs, interests, and stakeholders.

NY Bight Final Sale Notice Meeting 19 January 2022

# New York Bight Auction

- Held **February 23-25, 2022**
- 14 companies participated
- 6 provisional winners (only one lease per "customer")
- Competitive winning bids totaled **\$4.37 billion**, highest-grossing competitive ocean energy lease sale in history.



## Provisional Winners of the New York Bight Lease Areas, \$4.37 Billion in High Bids

<b>OCS-A 0544</b>	Mid-Atlantic Offshore Wind LLC, <b>\$285,000,000</b>
<b>OCS-A 0537</b>	OW Ocean Winds East, LLC, <b>\$765,000,000</b>
<b>OCS-A 0538</b>	Attentive Energy LLC, <b>\$795,000,000</b>
<b>OCS-A 0539</b>	Bight Wind Holdings, LLC, <b>\$1,100,000,000</b>
<b>OCS-A 0541</b>	Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind Bight, LLC, <b>\$780,000,000</b>
<b>OCS-A 0542</b>	Invenergy Wind Offshore LLC, <b>\$645,000,000</b>





# New Lease Stipulations: Overview

- **Enhanced Engagement**

*Progress Report*

- Communication Plans
- Coordinated Engagement
- Transmission Planning

- **Surface Structure Layout and Orientation**

- **Project Labor Agreements**

- **Supply Chain Development**

- **Final Leases are available here:**

 <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/new-york-bight>



# Surface Structure Layout and Orientation

## • Addendum C, 8.1:

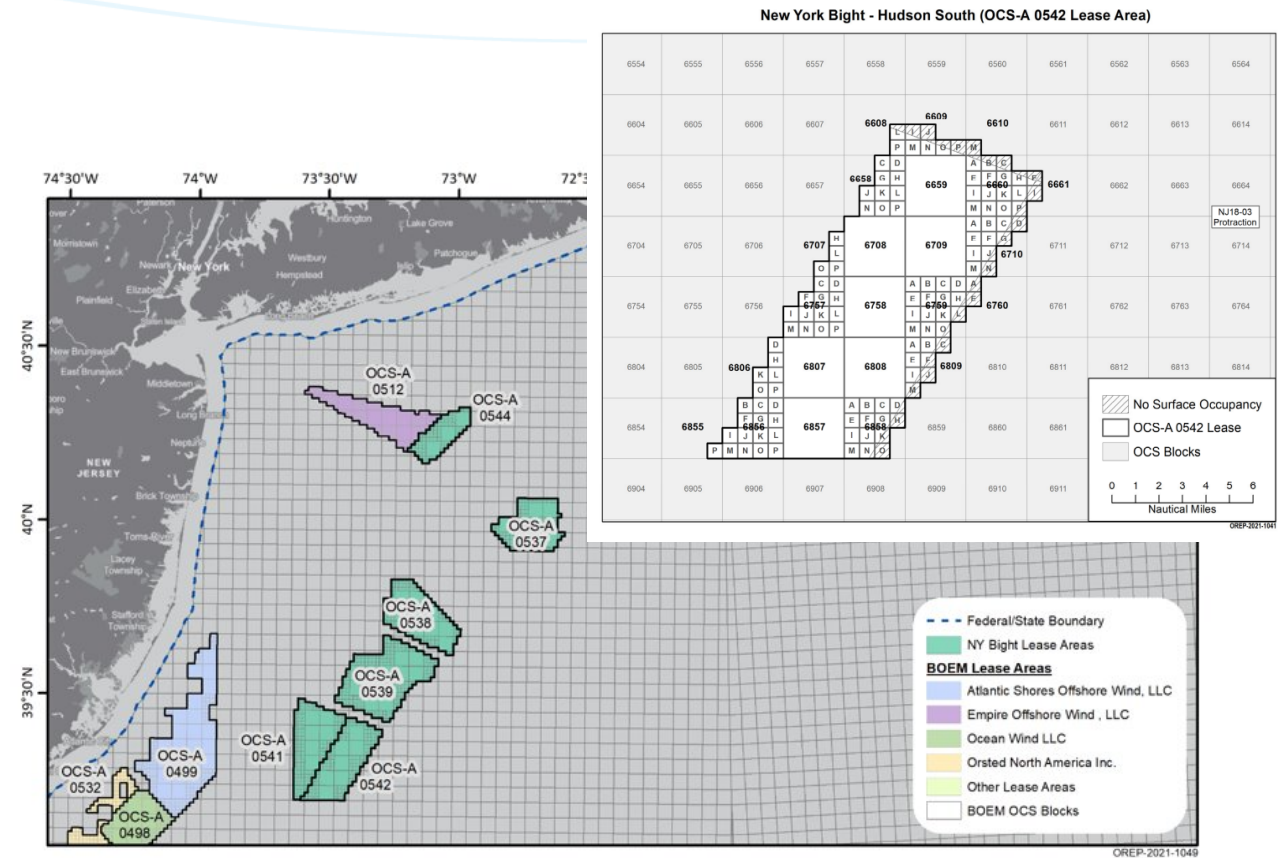
### Surface Structure Layout and Orientation

*“If the Lessee’s lease area abuts a neighboring BOEM lease area, in its COP project design, the Lessee must endeavor to design a **structure layout that contains two common lines of orientation** across the adjacent leases (as described in Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular 01-19). If the Lessee and the neighboring BOEM lessee cannot agree on such a structure layout, **the Lessee must incorporate a 1 nautical mile setback** from the boundary of the neighboring lease, within which the Lessee must not construct any surface structures.”*

## • Addendum C, 8.2:

### No Surface Occupancy:

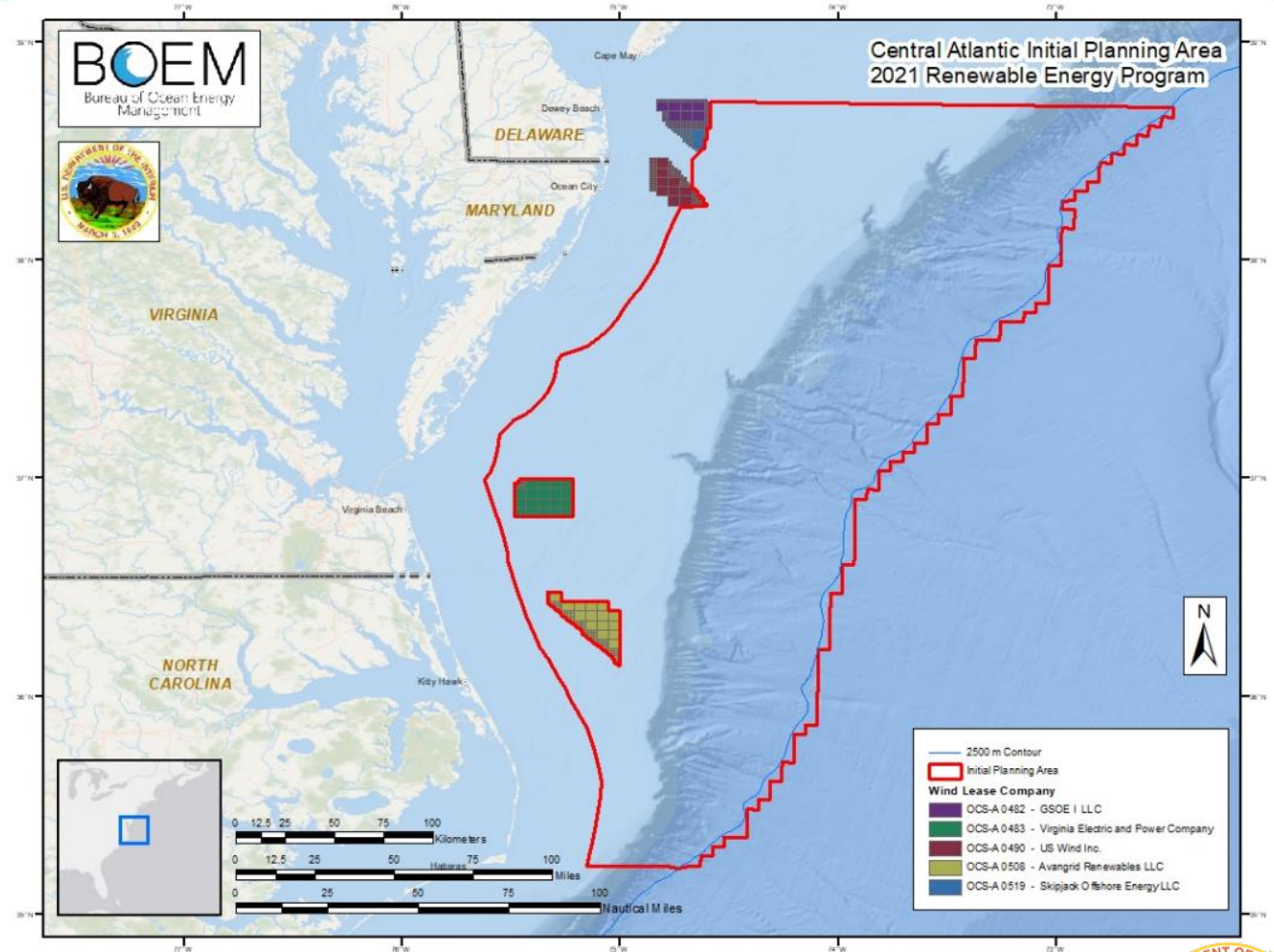
- Resulted from the 2.44 nmi setbacks between areas created from the Hudson South Wind Energy Area, as well as 2.5 nmi setback from Scallop Access Area.
- Specific to Hudson South Leases.





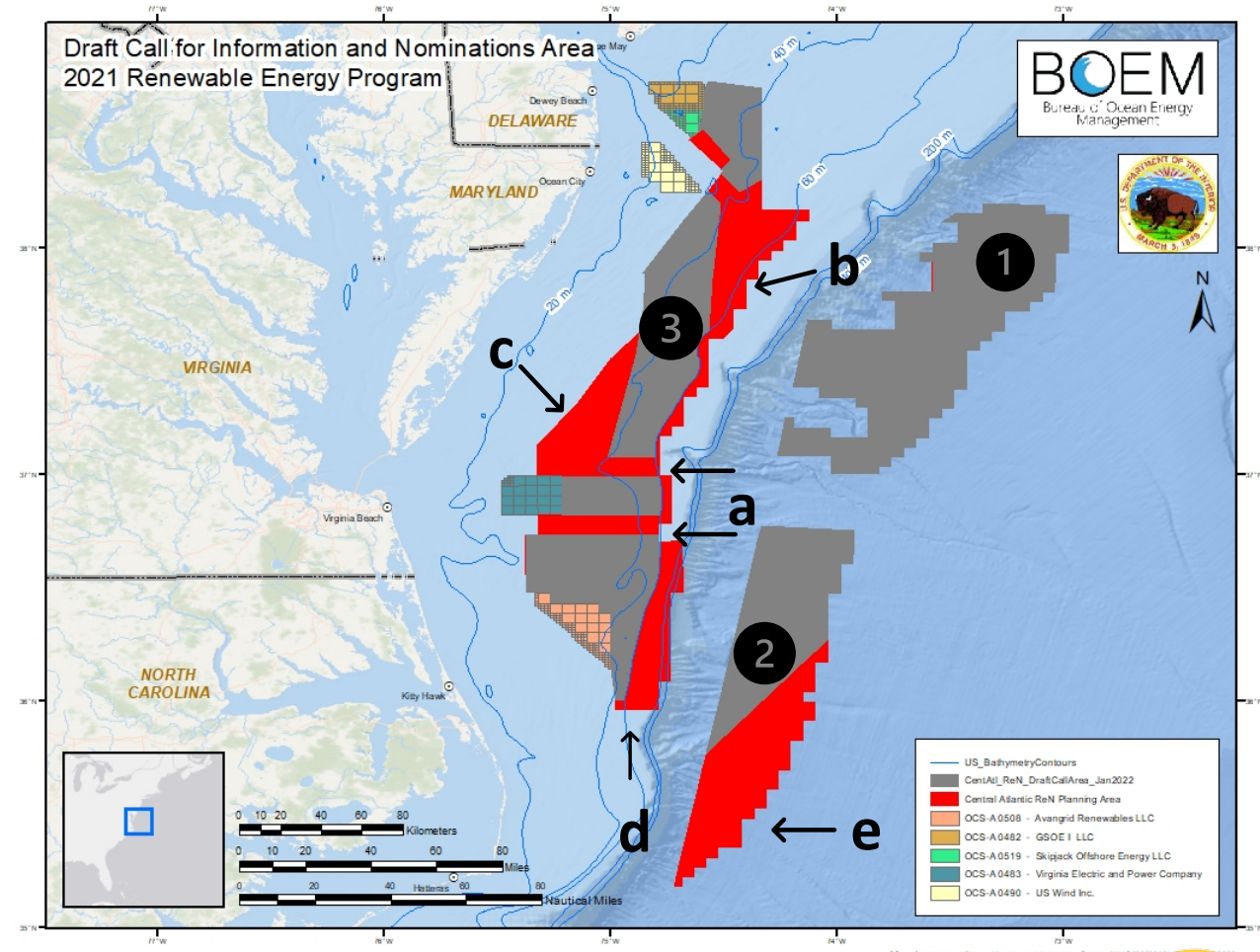
# Central Atlantic Call for Information Area Development

- **Central Atlantic**
  - Encompasses area offshore Delaware south to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.



# Draft Call for Information and Nominations Area

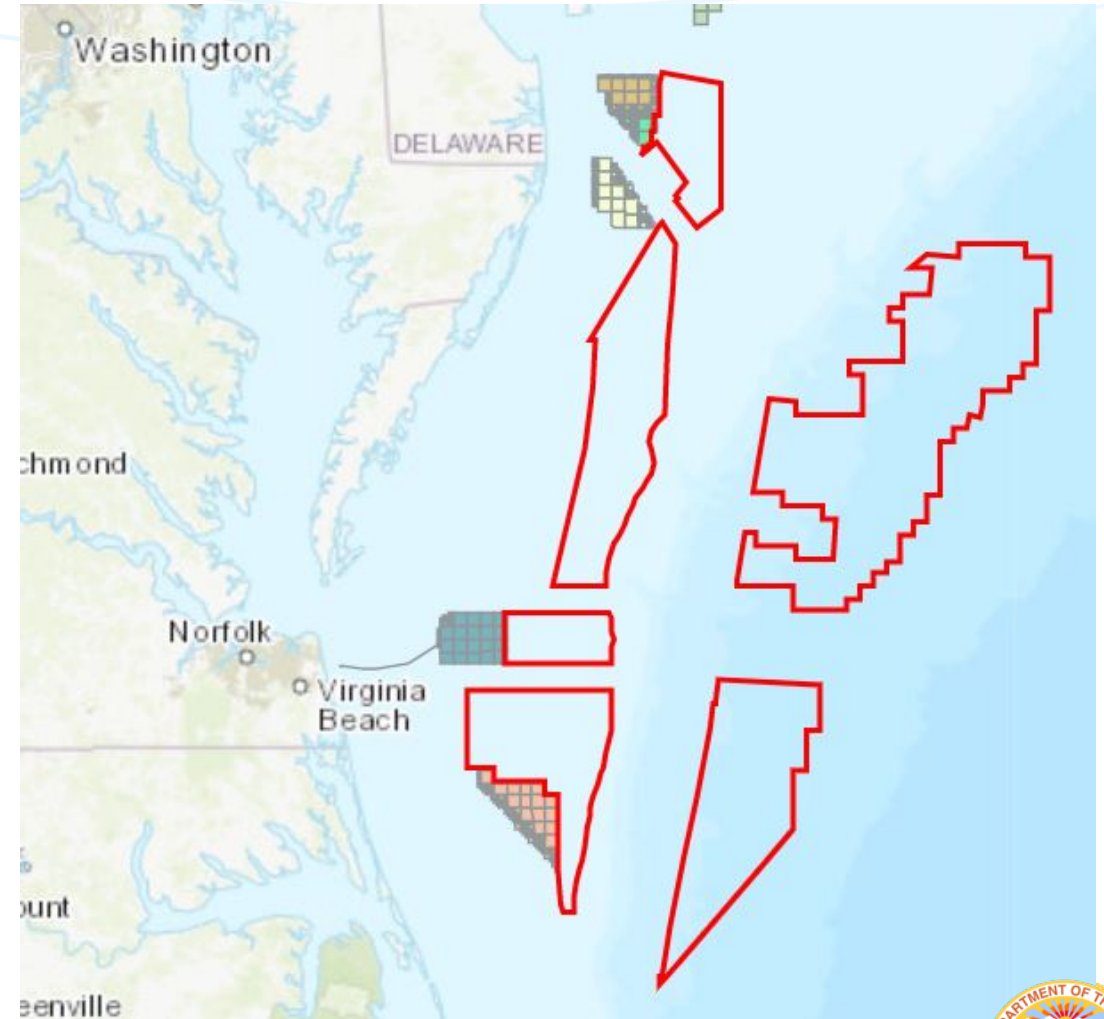
- A Draft Call Area was developed based on feedback received.
- Further discussion and feedback on Draft Call Area at Feb Task Force meeting.
- Additional winnowing based on:
  - a. Navigation lanes
  - b. Multiple fisheries and navigation
  - c. NASA Exclusion Zone, navigation
  - d. Multiple fisheries and loggerhead sea turtle
  - e. Gulf Stream, Black capped petrel, loggerhead turtle, *Sargassum*





# Draft Call for Information and Nominations Area

- **4.0 million acres**
  - 68.5% reduction from Region
  - 31.0% reduction from Planning Area
- **Next steps:**
  - Further refine and finalize Call Area.
  - Publish Call Area for additional input.



# Central Atlantic Milestones

MILESTONE	ACTION	TARGET DATE
Task Force Meeting	Hold Virtual Meeting	February 16, 2022
Publish Call for Information and Nominations	Publish Call	May 2022
	45-Day Comment Period	June 2022
Area Identification	Identify Wind Energy Area(s)	Q3 2022
Lease Sale	Proposed Sale Notice	Q1 2023
	Final Sale Notice	Q3 2023
	Hold Auction	Q3 2023





**On November 23, 2021**, BOEM published a “Request for Information” to request information and perspective to BOEM to inform BOEM’s development of draft guidance on avoiding minimizing and, if needed, compensating for impacts from offshore wind energy projects to commercial and recreational fisheries.

- BOEM received approximately 100 comments on the following topic areas:
  - General approach
  - Project siting, design, navigation, and access
  - Safety measures
  - Environmental monitoring plan
  - Financial compensation

# Timeline for Developing Guidance

- **Fall/Winter 2021: COMPLETE**
  - Identify ideas and considerations from the fishing community, offshore wind energy developers, and others to inform the draft guidance.
- **Early Winter 2022:**
  - Develop draft guidance considering comments received. - ONGOING
  - Work in consultation with NOAA/NMFS, state fishery and coastal management agencies, and technical experts to develop the draft guidance.
- **Early Spring 2022: ONGOING**
  - Publish draft guidance and discuss with constituents.
- **Summer 2022:** Issue final guidance.





<https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/request-information-reducing-or-avoiding-impacts-offshore-wind-energy-fisheries>





# Federal Survey Mitigation Implementation Strategy

- **March 22, 2022**, BOEM and NOAA Fisheries released a draft Implementation Strategy.
- The Implementation Strategy describes NOAA Fisheries' and BOEM's cooperative approach to mitigate impacts of OSW energy on NOAA Fisheries surveys.
- This Implementation Strategy is specific to the Northeast U.S. region and can serve as a model for other NOAA Fisheries regions.
- Two informational webinars will be held on March 29 and 30, 2022.
  -  [See the NOAA Fisheries Events page for webinar details and registration](#)
- BOEM and NOAA Fisheries seek public comment on this Strategy by **May 6, 2022**.
  -  Visit [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and [Docket BOEM-2022-0012](#)



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**Thank you!**

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