



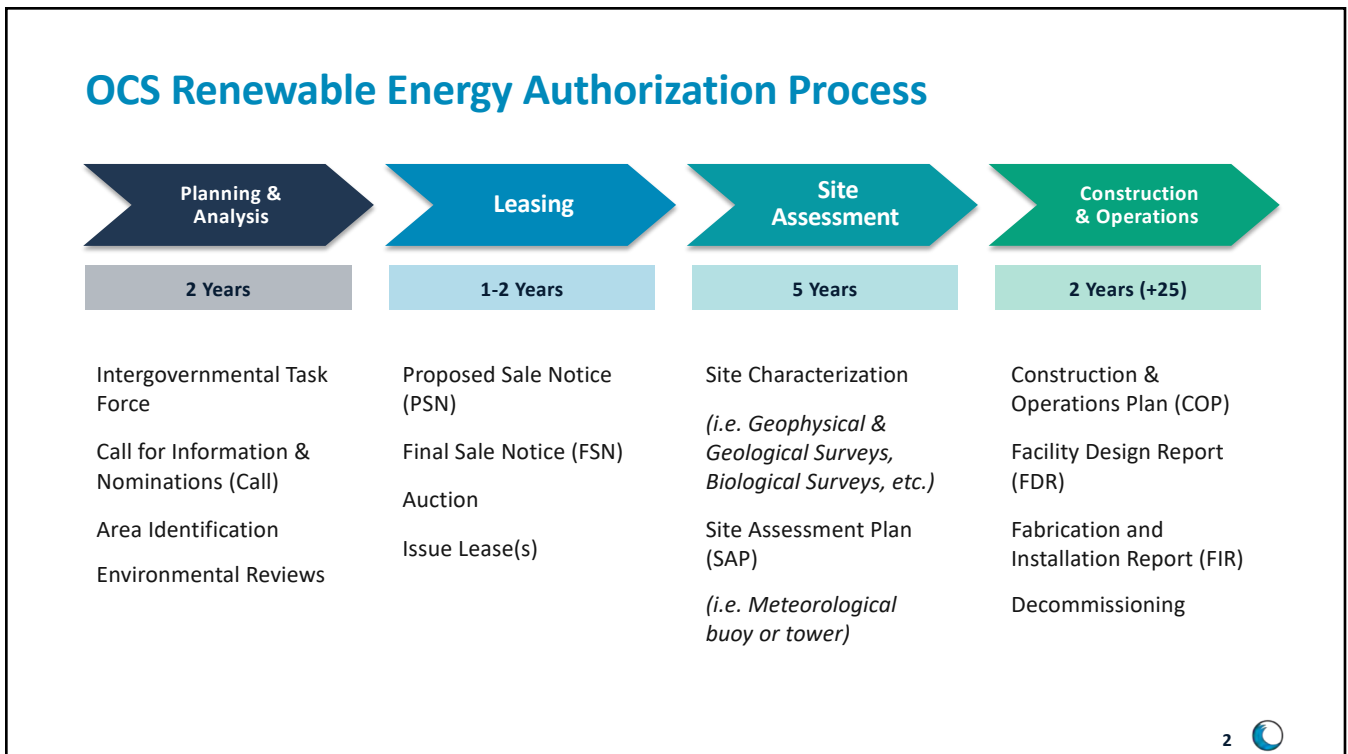
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Status of Offshore Wind Planning and Leasing from New York to Maine

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Offshore Wind Development Status

Planning & Analysis

- ⇒ **New York Bight** – identify wind energy areas; lease sale in NY
- ⇒ **Gulf of Maine** – intergovernmental renewable energy task force

Leasing

- ⇒ **15** commercial wind energy leases in the Atlantic (**8** in the Northeast)

Site Assessment

- ⇒ **7 approved** (MA, RI, VA, MD, MA, NJ, NY)

Construction and Operations Plans (COP)

- ⇒ **4 processing** (**3** in the Northeast)
 - ✓ Vineyard Wind (submitted December 2017)
 - ✓ South Fork (submitted June 2018)
 - ✓ Bay State Wind (submitted March 2019)
 - ✓ Skipjack (submitted April 2019)
- ⇒ Ongoing survey activity
- ⇒ **Up to 7 COPs expected** within next 12 months (**4** in the Northeast??)



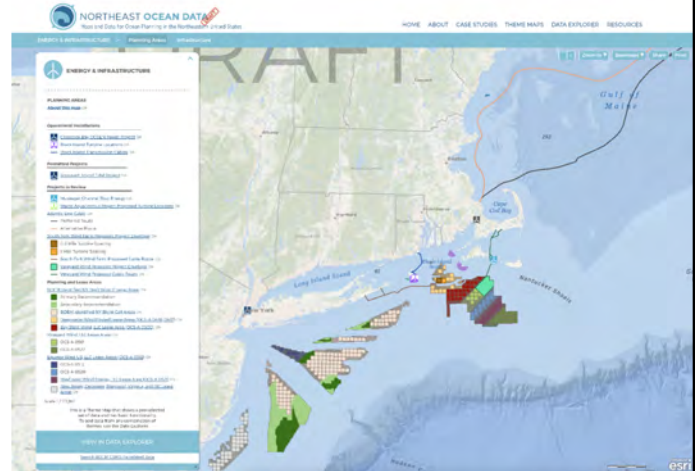
What's in a COP (Construction and Operations Plan)?

- ✓ Project Plan with supporting data and information to support the siting and construction, operation, and conceptual decommissioning of a renewable energy facility
- ✓ Also submitted with the COP
 - Navigation Safety Risk Assessment, Certified Verification Agent nomination, and preliminary Safety Management System and Oil Spill Response Plan
- ✓ BOEM reviews COP to determine if information provided is sufficient to initiate NEPA review, and Section 106 and other consultations
 - Skipjack** currently under review
- ✓ BOEM issues Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
 - Bay State Wind** and **South Fork** Draft EIS tentatively late summer 2019
- ✓ BOEM issues Notice of Availability of Final EIS
 - Vineyard Wind** Final EIS tentatively in July 2019



Northeast Ocean Data Portal as a Resource

- ✓ BOEM shares data with the Portal from its sources such as
 - Marine Cadastre (including the new Ocean Reports Tool);
 - Environmental Studies Program Information System
 - Marine Minerals Information System
- ✓ Portal team added wind energy project-specific data (COPs, Draft EIS information, related links)
- ✓ Stakeholders use the Portal as an information resource
- ✓ BOEM uses the Portal as a tool to inform decisions



For More Information:

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www.boem.gov

Renewable Energy Program

www.boem.gov/Renewable-Energy

Regulatory Information

www.boem.gov/Regulatory-Development-Policy-and-Guidelines

Environmental Studies Public Information System (ESPIS)

<https://marinecadastre.gov/espis/#/>



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