



Overarching Objectives

- 1) Familiarize COSA with BOEM's Renewable Energy Program and their priorities and operations.
- 2) Conduct focus groups with the Renewable Energy staff to better understand their perspectives on the development and application of science for those programs.
- 3) **All presentations will be pre-recorded and viewed prior to the meeting, such that the all agenda topics can focus on topical Q&A and discussion.**

December 17, 2020 – Day 1

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting

OPEN SESSION

12:00 PM	Welcome - Welcome and Introductions - Review Meeting Agenda	Michael Orbach, Committee Chair Stacee Karras, National Academies
12:10 PM	Updates from the BOEM Chief Environmental Officer	William Brown, Chief Environment Officer
BOEM RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM		
12:20 PM	Office of Renewable Energy Programs Welcome	James Bennett, Office of Renewable Energy Programs (OREP) Chief
12:35 PM	Renewable Energy Program Regulatory Framework	Mary Borcherding, Policy Analyst
1:00 PM	<i>Break</i>	
1:15 PM	Leasing and Project Development Overview	Dave MacDuffee, OREP Projects and Coordination Branch (PCB) Chief
1:30 PM	Stakeholder and Public Engagement	Michelle Morin, OREP Environment Branch for Renewable Energy (EBRE) Chief
1:45 PM	Technological and Engineering Overview	Darryl Francois, OREP Engineering and Technical Review Branch (ETRB) Chief
2:00 PM	BOEM Scientific Research and Decision-Making	Mary Boatman, Science Coordinator
2:30 PM	<i>Break</i>	
3:00 PM	Discussion of office strategy towards the ESP and decision-making	Mike Orbach, Committee Chair
4:00 PM	Discussion of Tomorrow's Format/Objectives and Brief Closing Remarks for Day 1	Mike Orbach, Committee Chair
4:30 PM	<i>Adjourn Open Session</i>	

CLOSED SESSION (Committee and Staff Only)

December 18, 2020 – Day 2

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting

CLOSED SESSION (Committee and Staff Only)

OPEN SESSION

12:00 PM Welcome and Introductions Mike Orbach, Committee Chair

12:15 PM **Focus Groups on Topics: First Session**

Topics:

I) Discovering and Producing Science:

- A) How are new scientific projects and programs developed and prioritized in your region, and how do you engage with other external (to BOEM) stakeholders in this process?
- B) How do you engage with other BOEM regions and Headquarters in the development, prioritization, and execution of your science?
- C) How is technical, and in particular outside, peer-review used with proposals and products?
- D) How would you improve the scientific discovery and production process?

II) Incorporating Science into Assessment:

- A) How are data and information managed and stored? In particular, how are data and standardization handled nationally and between regions? How is qualitative data managed?
- B) How are ecosystem and socioeconomic effects, including cumulative effects, and risks associated with development evaluated and incorporated into assessments? How are future scenarios developed and analyzed?
- C) Do you make use of specific tools such as meta-analysis in your assessments?
- D) How could the process of incorporating science into assessments be improved?

1:30 PM *Break*

1:45 PM **Focus Groups on Topics: Second Session**

3:00 PM **Summary and Discussion of Breakout Groups**

3:30 PM **Closing remarks**

4:00 PM **Adjourn Open Session**

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