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# Atlantic Offshore Wind Program and Project Updates

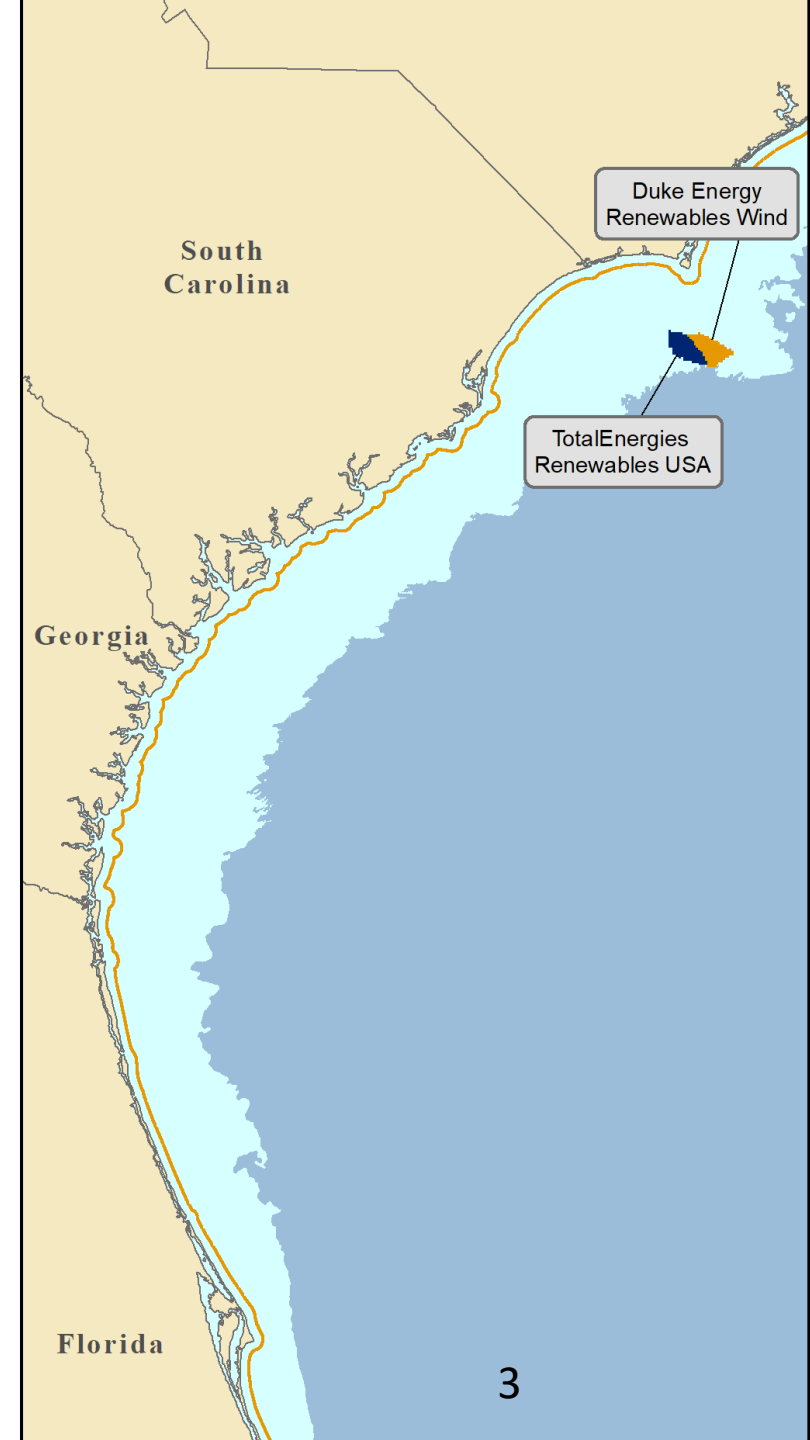
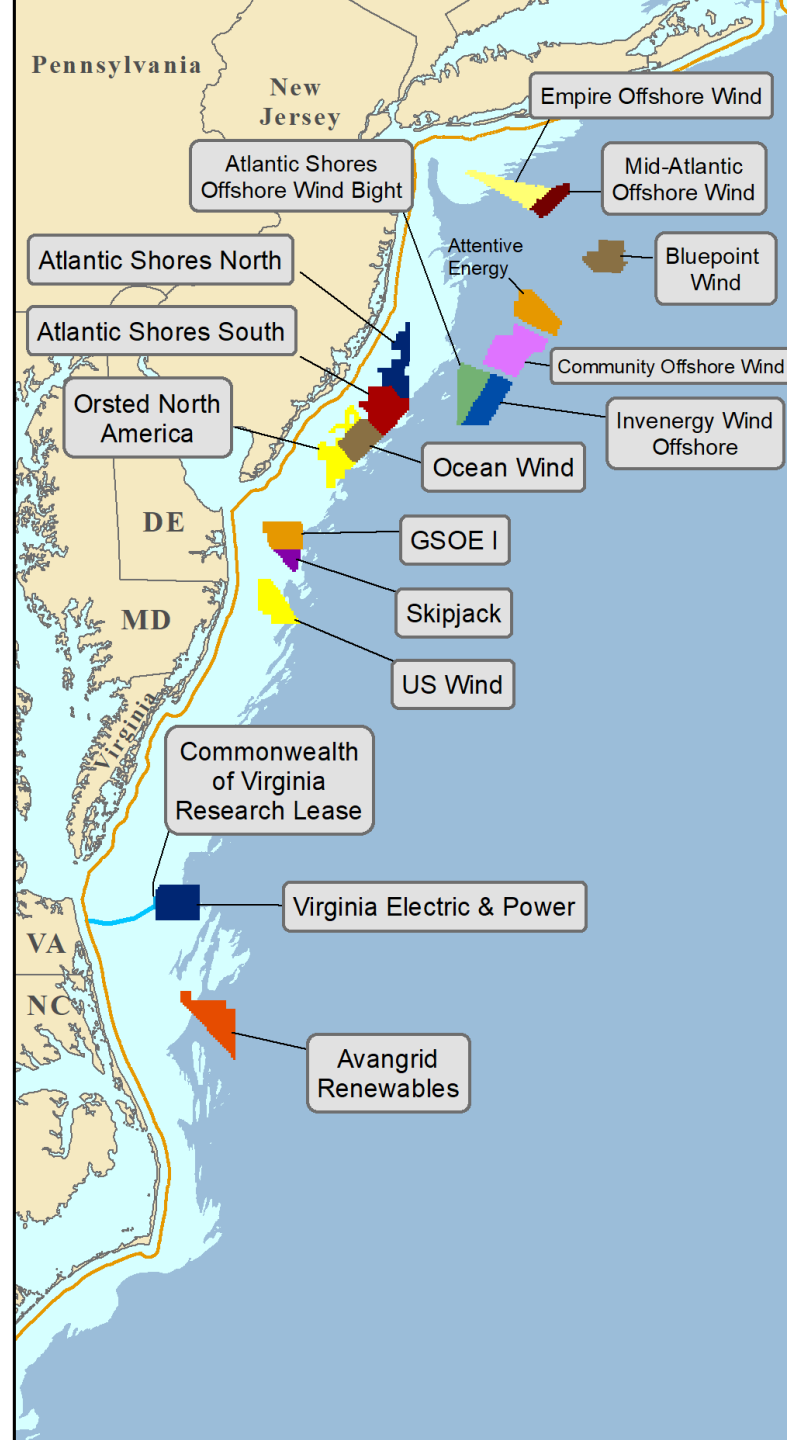
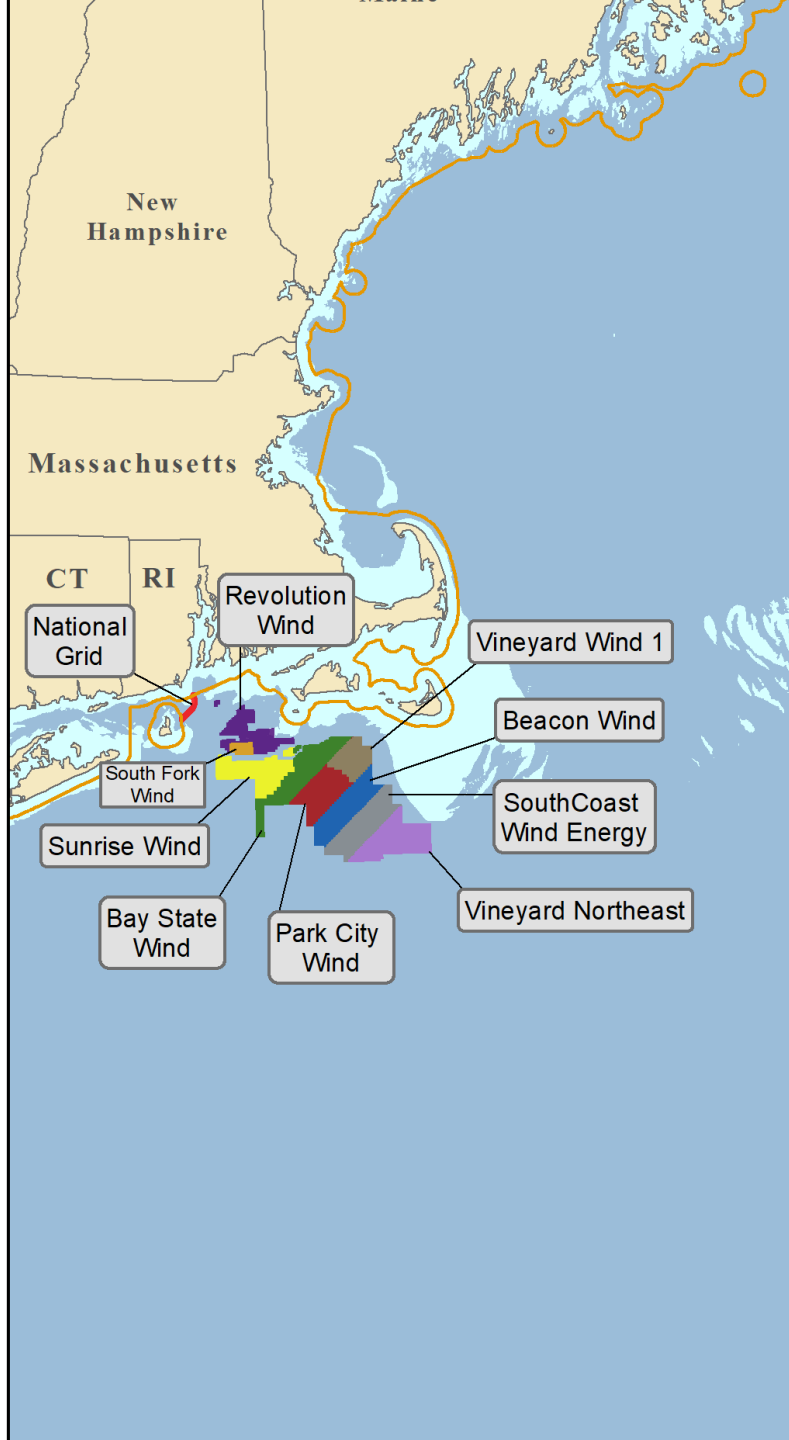
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NASEM Standing Committee for Offshore Wind and Fisheries

# Project Updates - Highlights

- **Two projects constructed**
  - Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind – Research
  - Block Island Wind Farm (non-OCS)
- **Two projects under construction**
  - Vineyard Wind 1
  - South Fork Wind Farm
- **Seven Projects Under COP Assessment**
  - Southern New England
    - Revolution Wind, Sunrise, New England Wind, South Coast
  - Mid-Atlantic
    - Ocean Wind 1, CVOW – C, Empire Wind





# Atlantic Planning and Leasing Efforts

- **East Coast**

- **Central Atlantic**

- The Draft WEAs were published on November 16th with a 30-day comment period. Utilizing the NOAA NCCOS ocean planning tool, BOEM identified 8 Draft WEAs encompassing 1.7 million acres. BOEM received 67 comments and is now reviewing and making edits to the spatial modeling tool to develop Final WEAs. For more information, please see <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/central-atlantic>

- **Carolina Long Bay**

- Sale held May 11
    - <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/carolina-long-bay>

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# Atlantic Planning and Leasing Efforts (continued)

- **East Coast (continued)**

- **New York Bight Leases**

- Working on guidance for progress reports and fisheries, agency, and Tribal communication plans
    - <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/new-york-bight>
    - Point of Contact: Luke Feinberg, Renewable Energy Program Specialist | [Lucas.Feinberg@boem.gov](mailto:Lucas.Feinberg@boem.gov)

- **New York Bight Programmatic EIS (PEIS)**

- Cooperating Tribal Government & Cooperating/Participating Agency Draft PEIS Review – June/July
    - Continued coordination on Programmatic ESA, EFH and Section 106 consultations
      - Draft Programmatic ESA & EFH Document Review – July/August
    - NY Bight PEIS materials: <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/new-york-bight>.
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# Atlantic Planning and Leasing Efforts (continued)

## ○ East Coast (continued)

### ○ Gulf of Maine Planning – Research Lease

- Request for Competitive Interest – Gulf of Maine Research Lease (Aug. 19 – Oct. 8, 2022)
- Determination of No Competitive Interest published on March 20, 2023
- <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/maine/state-activities/gulf-maine/state-maine-research-lease-application>
- Environmental Assessment and Consultations in preparation
- Point of Contact: Luke Feinberg, Renewable Energy Program Specialist | [Lucas.Feinberg@boem.gov](mailto:Lucas.Feinberg@boem.gov)

### ○ Gulf of Maine Planning – Commercial Lease

- Request for Interest – Gulf of Maine Research Lease (Aug. 19 – Oct. 8, 2022)
- In person public meetings held Jan. 17-19, 2023. Six additional industry focused virtual meetings.
- Call Area published on April 26<sup>th</sup> with 45-day comment period (June 12).
- <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/maine/gulf-maine>
- Environmental Assessment and Consultations in preparation
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# Environmental Studies and White Papers

**Final Reports and Ongoing Studies that support Renewable Energy can be found here:**

<https://www.boem.gov/environment/environmental-studies/renewable-energy-research>

**White Papers to support NEPA can be found at:**

<https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/national-environmental-policy-act-and-offshore-renewable-energy>

[Supporting National Environmental Policy Act Documentation for Offshore Wind Energy Development Related to Electromagnetic Frequencies from Buried Transmission Cables](#)





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