

# Committee on Offshore Science and Assessment (COSA)

November 16-17, 2023

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023 (ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN)

## OPEN SESSION

Zoom link: <https://nasem.zoom.us/j/97200441164?pwd=QlIGTmdWaDFrSml3aGNRbDNmWFp5UT09>

10:00 AM Introductions

10:15 AM Jurisdictional Expansion of Science in the United States Territories

- BOEM's expanded jurisdiction and current efforts in response to the Inflation Reduction Act  
Arianna Honeycutt, BOEM
- Introduction to the BOEM/NOAA Interagency agreement, and NOAA's current and expanding role in these territories.  
Michael Rasser, BOEM  
John Christensen and Mark Monaco, NOAA

11:15 AM Open Discussion on Expansion of Science in the United States Territories

- Information needs and associated science in the US Territories (e.g. physical, biological and social science needs)

12:00 PM Lunch Break

1:00 PM Planning for Research Coordination in the United States Territories

- Presentations and input from the current liaisons working with NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program (CRCP) in the United States Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.  
Leslie Henderson (Invited), NOAA  
Dinorah Chacin (Invited), NOAA  
Aurora Justiniano-Santos (Invited), NOAA  
Helena Antoun (Invited), NOAA

2:00 PM Updates on Evaluating Connections Study (Feedback Loop)

- Update on the feedback loop between the studies program and the assessments program at BOEM  
Daniel Kaufman and Maura Flight, Industrial Economic, Inc.

3:15 PM Break

3:30 AM Updates on DEI/JEDI Efforts

- Updates on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts at BOEM  
Briana Smith, BOEM

4:00 PM Additional Open Discussion

4:30 PM Open Session Adjourn

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**10:00 AM**      **Introductions**

**10:15 AM**      **Presentations on Work to Assess Multiple Uses or Spatial Conflicts in BOEM's Jurisdictions**

- Presentations on the work being conducted in the Gulf Region on this topic

Jim Kendall, BOEM  
Laura Robbins, BOEM

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch Break**

**1:00 PM**      **Panel on Lessons Learned in Other Contexts**

- Presentations from outside guests that have explored marine space use and energy development in other contexts throughout the world.

Mikaela Freeman (invited), Andrea Copping (invited), Lysel Garavelli (invited), PNNL  
John Underhill, University of Aberdeen

**2:00 PM**      **Presentation on Science Coordination and Funding at BOEM**

- Presentation on how science gets coordinated and funded at BOEM, with particular focus on projects that originate outside of the SDP process

Brad Blythe, BOEM

**2:30 PM**      **Closing remarks**

- concluding thoughts on the open session items
- Upcoming meetings

**3:00 PM**      **Adjourn Open Session**

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