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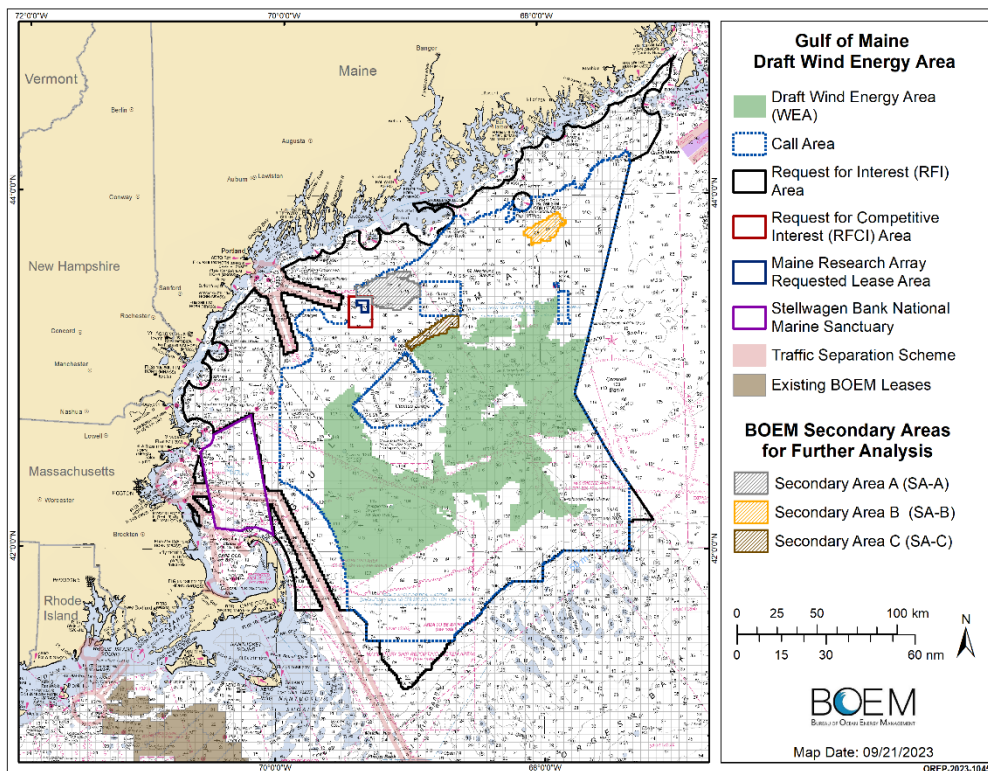
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## Marine Fisheries Advisory

*The following message is being sent on the behalf of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM).*

On October 19, 2023, BOEM announced a Draft Wind Energy Area (Draft WEA) in the Gulf of Maine and an accompanying a 30-day public comment period. The Draft WEA covers around 3.5 million acres and are offshore Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire, ranging from 23-120 miles off the coast. BOEM invites you to attend virtual public meetings where BOEM will outline the data and the information used to inform the Draft Gulf of Maine Wind Energy Areas (WEAs) and provide opportunity for feedback from the fishing community and public-at-large.

The Draft WEA (see Figure to the right) represents a 64% reduction from the Call Area, which BOEM [announced](#) for comment in April 2023. BOEM has also identified three Secondary Areas for Further Analysis (Secondary Areas). These areas are not part of the Draft WEA; however, BOEM seeks additional comment from the public on whether these areas (or a certain portion of them) should receive consideration as Final WEAs, and if so, under what recommended conditions.



**To find out more:** <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/maine/gulf-maine>

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## November Public Meetings

### *Meetings and registration information*

- General Public
  - Date: Wed., Nov. 1, 2023
  - Time: 5-7pm EST
  - [Register](#)
- Fisheries Meetings
  - Recreational and Highly Migratory Species
    - Date: Thur., Nov. 2, 2023
    - Time: 10am-12pm EST
    - [Register](#)
  - Mobile Gear (e.g., Groundfish)
    - Date: Thur., Nov. 2, 2023
    - Time: 5-7pm EST
    - [Register](#)
  - Fixed Gear & Scallop Fishery
    - Date: Fri., Nov. 3, 2023
    - Time: 2-4pm EST
    - [Register](#)
- Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations (eNGOs)
  - Date: Thur., Nov. 2, 2023
  - Time: 2-4pm EST
  - [Register](#)
- Shipping & Commercial Maritime
  - Date: Fri., Nov. 3, 2023
  - Time: 10am-12pm EST
  - [Register](#)

### **How to submit written comments to BOEM:**

To comment on the Draft WEA please go to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and search for docket number BOEM-2023-0054. BOEM will accept comments through 11:59 pm ET on Nov. 20, 2023.