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INFORMATION SESSION FOR GULF OF MAINE PROPOSED SALE NOTICE SCHEDULED FOR JULY 17 IN EASTHAM

Earlier this year, the Bureau of Offshore Energy Management (BOEM) released its final Wind Energy Area for the Gulf of Maine and announced its Proposed Sale Notice for eight potential lease areas therein. Following this, BOEM hosted several open house meetings throughout northern New England and conducted a 60-day comment period, which closed on July 1, 2024. Now, Massachusetts' Division of Marine Fisheries and Office of Coastal Zone Management are hosting an information session for BOEM to hear from the Outer Cape communities on the proposed offshore wind leasing activities in the Gulf of Maine, including the recently published Proposed Sale Notice and Draft Environmental Assessment. This meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2024 from 6-8PM at the Four Points Sheraton in Eastham (3800 State Highway, Eastham, MA 02642).

For more information on BOEM's wind energy process in the Gulf of Maine, please visit their <u>webpage</u>, their Proposed Sale Notice meetings <u>webpage</u>, and their Draft Environmental Assessment <u>virtual meeting</u> room. More generally, for information regarding offshore wind energy development throughout New England, please see DMF's Offshore <u>Wind Energy Update</u> in its recent <u>newsletter</u>.

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