

Habitat Working Group on Offshore Renewable Energy

Thursday, April 30, 1:30-3:30 pm
USGS @ WHOI Quisset Campus

Agenda

Welcome and introductions

Updates from Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

- Brief overview of Massachusetts Auction and Results - *Jess Stromberg, BOEM*
- Overview of the Commercial Leases including Next Steps - *Jess Stromberg, BOEM*
- Overview of Environmental Stipulations & Next Steps for Environmental Review of Plans - *Brian Krevor, BOEM*
- New environmental study reports - *Brian Hooker, BOEM*
- Update on Atlantic Benthic Habitat Assessment - *Vince Guida, NEFSC*

Q&A / discussion

Updates from Massachusetts

- Transmission Study and Marine Resource Surveys - *Tyler Studds, MassCEC*
- Offshore wind transmission in 2015 Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan - *Bruce Carlisle, Director, Office of Coastal Zone Management, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs*

Q&A / discussion

Next steps and HWG moving forward

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