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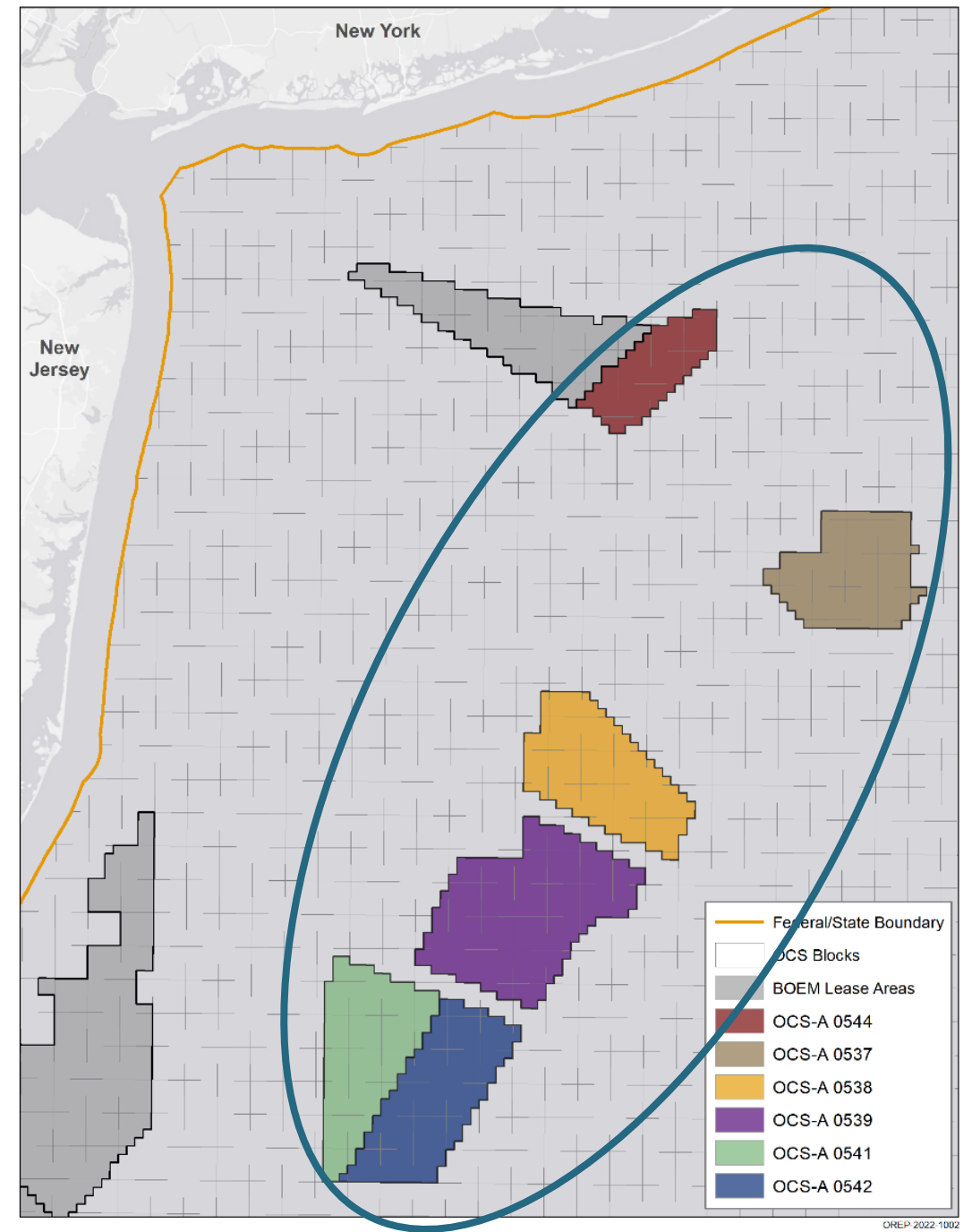
New York Bight Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement and Consultation Overview

June 30, 2022

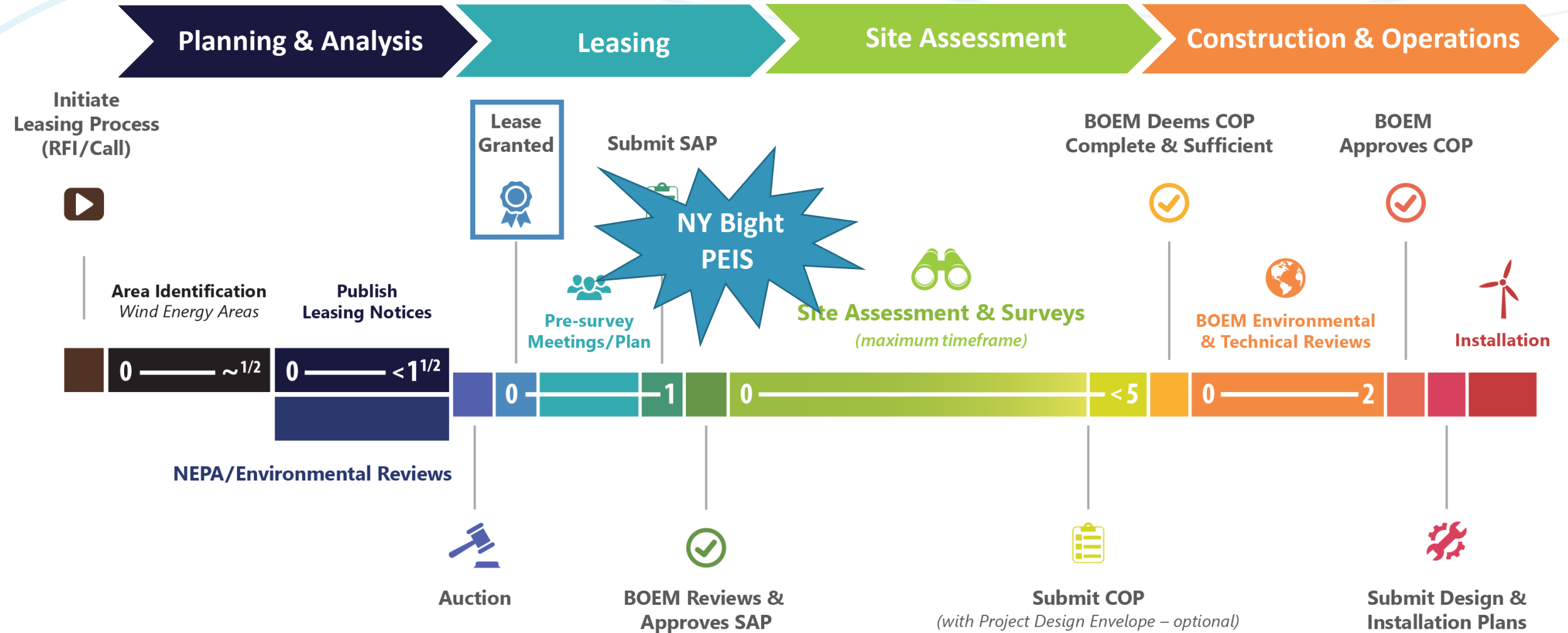
Office of Environmental Programs (OEP) &
Office of Renewable Energy Programs (OREP)

New York Bight Lease Areas

- Lease Sale: February 23, 2022
- Lease Execution: May 1, 2022
- Six lease areas
 - OCS-A-0544
 - OCS-A-0537
 - OCS-A-0538
 - OCS-A-0539
 - OCS-A-0541
 - OCS-A-0542
- New York and New Jersey coast
- Expecting at least 6 Construction and Operations Plans



Stages of Leasing and Development – Environmental Review Points



Objectives of the NY Bight PEIS

Through the development of this Programmatic EIS, BOEM will:

- Analyze regional affected environment and environmental consequences
- Conduct a focused, regional cumulative analysis
- Establish a framework for tiering of project-specific environmental analyses
- Identify, analyze, and adopt (if appropriate) programmatic avoidance, minimization, mitigation, and monitoring measures
- Provide predictability and consistency to cooperating agencies, partners, and developers



Tiering Approach

- **New York Bight Programmatic EIS (Tier 1)**

- Overall regional analysis of potential impacts of a representative project
- Identify, analyze, and adopt, where appropriate, programmatic avoidance, minimization, mitigation, and monitoring measures
- Robust cumulative analysis

- **COP-specific NEPA (Tier 2)**

- Incorporate the analysis done in the Programmatic EIS by reference where applicable
- Focus on site-specific impacts of approving a particular COP
- Additional avoidance, minimization, mitigation, and monitoring measures
- Approve, approve with modifications, or disapprove the COP



NY Bight PEIS Timeline

Milestone	Date
NY Bight Lease Sale	February 23, 2022
NOI Published	July 2022
Public Scoping Meetings	late July- early August 2022
Draft PEIS Published	September 2023
Final PEIS Published	June 2024
NY Bight COP Submissions	April 2024 (earliest)
ROD Published	August 2024



Consultations

- Section 7, Endangered Species Act
 - Programmatic Approach
- Essential Fish Habitat
 - Programmatic Approach
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act
 - Programmatic Agreement
- Government-to-Government
- Coastal Zone Management Act (likely not a consistency determination)



Thank you!

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BOEM Updates to NEFMC

Office of Renewable Energy Programs

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Fisheries Mitigation Guidance

- The Draft Fisheries Mitigation Guidance is being shared with the public for review and input for a 60-day comment period. Guidelines developed through this process may be updated periodically based upon public feedback and evaluation by BOEM staff. Comments on the guidance can be submitted via regulations.gov from June 23 to August 22, 2022 under Docket number BOEM-2022-0033 or by attending one of four upcoming virtual public meetings:
- **July 11 East Coast Meeting (9-11am EDT):** https://kearnswest.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sd-CrrDIoH9Z8_Q6Z2cQ350Rn5b-Bkvh0
- **July 15 West Coast Meeting (11:00am-1:00pm PDT):** <https://kearnswest.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sceurpjsiGdAku-ClrZUQfOjZg4XSvda->
- **July 18 Gulf Coast Meeting (9-11am CDT):** <https://kearnswest.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lc-6spj8oHtB0zxdBFb412tLcYaG8saMC>
- **July 21 Developers Meeting (9-11am EDT):** <https://kearnswest.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrc-6qrD0uHtWr8huZc-iN2dOhb2fFYWV>
- The workshops are intended primarily for commercial and recreational fishermen on the West Coast, the Gulf, and the Atlantic Coast, as well as developers. However, the meetings are open to the public.

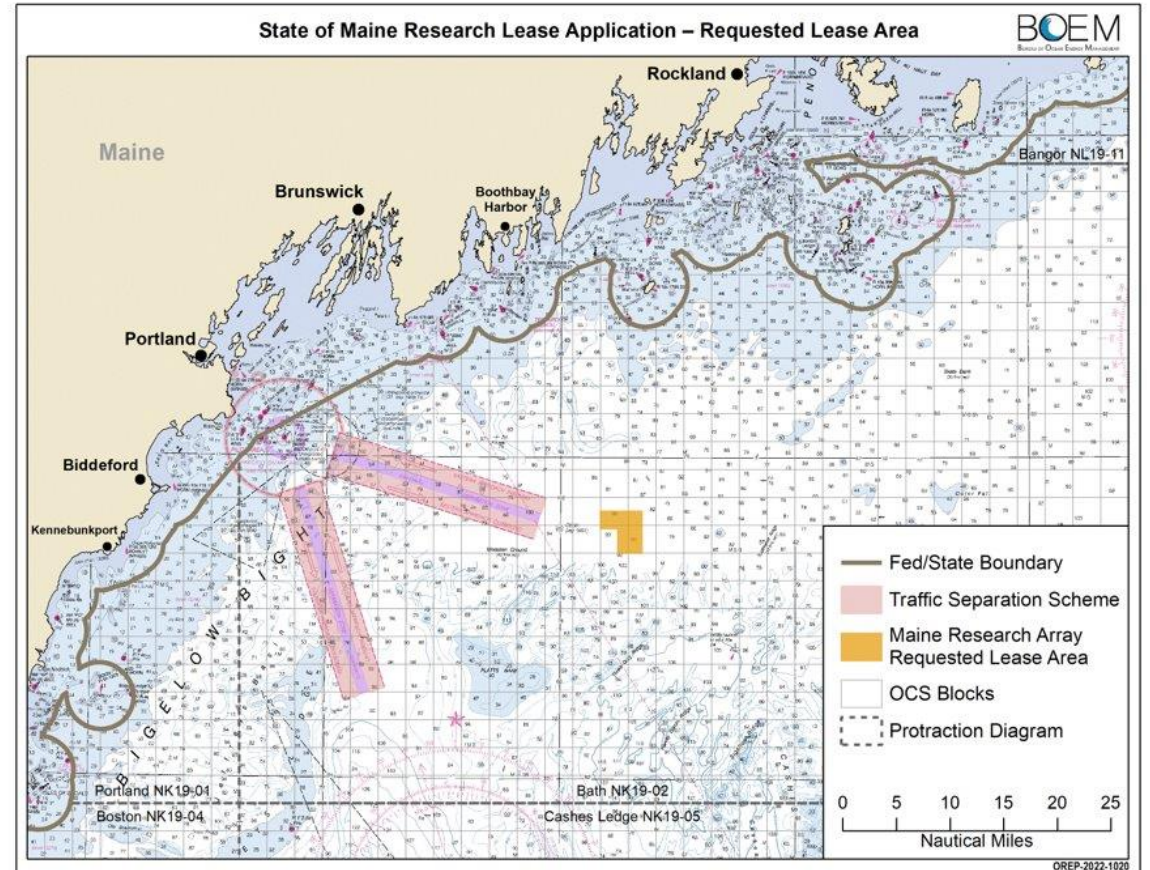
<https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/reducing-or-avoiding-impacts-offshore-wind-energy-fisheries>

State of Maine Research Lease Application

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Next Step: Request for Competitive Interest (RFCI)

- Publication expected Q3 2022



Gulf of Maine Commercial Leasing Milestones

Milestone*	Action	Target Date**
Task Force Meeting	Hold virtual meeting	May 19, 2022
Publish Request for Interest	Publish RFI <i>45-Day Comment Period</i>	Q3 2022
Publish Call for Information & Nominations	Publish Call <i>45-Day Comment Period</i>	Q1 2023
Area Identification	Designate Wind Energy Areas (WEAs)	Q3 2023
Lease Sale	Proposed Sale Notice (PSN)	Q4 2023
	Final Sale Notice (FSN)	Q2 2024
	Hold auction	Q3 2024

* Task Forces are incredibly valuable tools in the leasing process and several meetings can be expected, likely to be scheduled around significant process milestones.

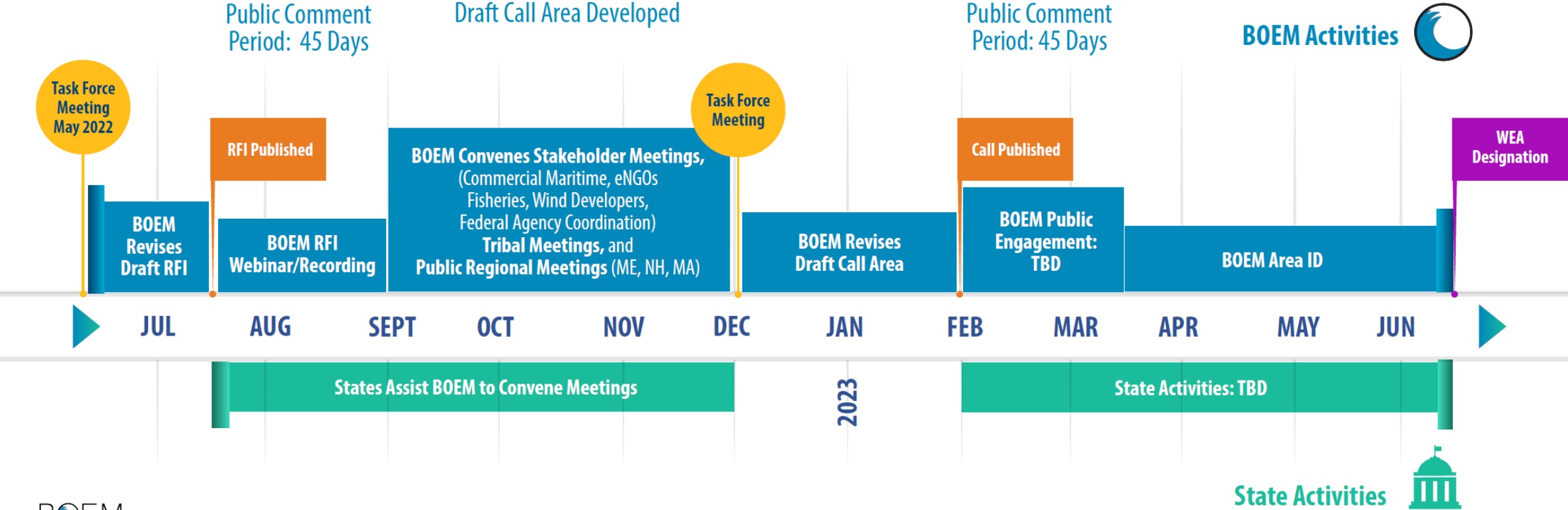
** Dates of planning/leasing milestones are all tentative.

Link: [Tips to Provide Helpful Comments Fact Sheet](#)

Planned Engagement: Commerical Leasing Activities

Gulf of Maine Engagement Approach

Moving from the Request for Interest to Wind Energy Area Designation



NOTE: This is a draft discussion document, and the dates of proposed meetings and planning/leasing milestones are all tentative.





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