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NOAA Fisheries Update on Offshore Wind

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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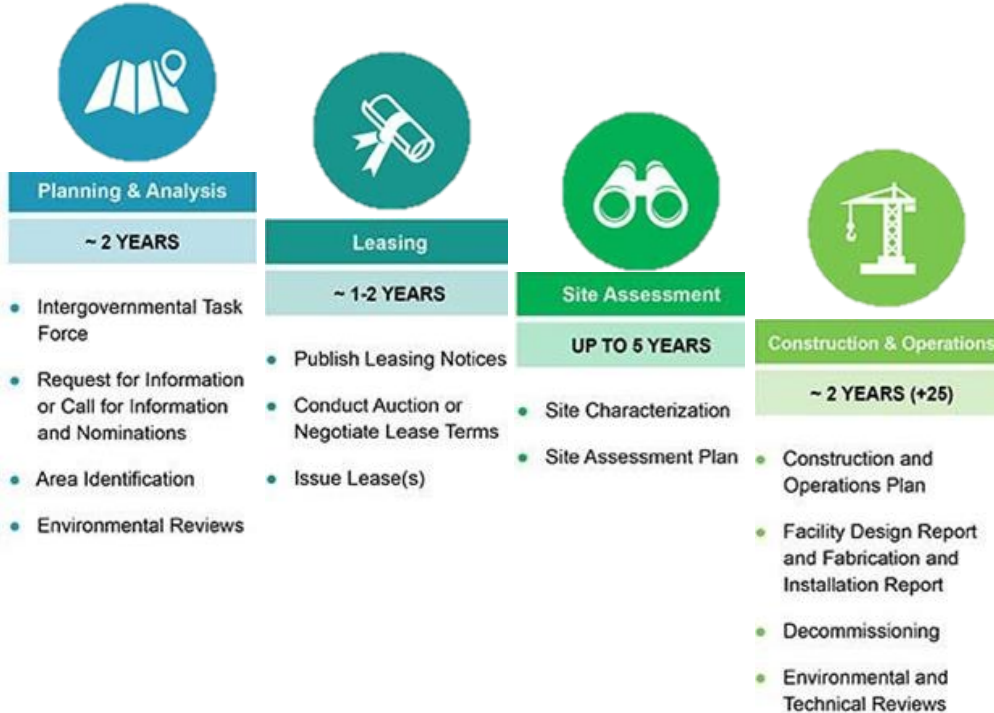
NOAA's Roles in Meeting Offshore Wind Goals

NOAA is committed to facilitating offshore wind development and ensuring that the U.S. meets the President's goal of deploying 30 GW of offshore wind energy by 2030 while protecting biodiversity and promoting ocean co-use. Our roles in this include:

- Regulatory Authorizations and Environmental Review
- Science, Data, and Services to Inform Decision Making
- Engagement with State, Federal, and Tribal Partners and Stakeholders

Offshore Wind Development Process

BOEM Process



NOAA Fisheries

Environmental Review & Regulatory Processes

- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Magnuson-Stevens Act (Essential Fish Habitat)
- Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act
- National Environmental Policy Act
- Interagency coordination and streamlining requirements under Title 41 of Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST-41)

Science support during environmental review

Science to understand impacts

Budget Update

- FY22 and FY23:
 - expanded capacity to respond to demands for our regulatory and science services
 - beginning efforts to address and mitigate the impacts to our scientific surveys
- FY24 President's Budget request includes funding to:
 - fully support Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regulatory and scientific support needs
 - increase resources for other regions
 - continue investing in mitigating impacts to NOAA Fisheries' scientific surveys

BOEM/NOAA Collaborations

- Joint BOEM/NOAA Survey Mitigation Strategy
 - released in December 2022
 - working to draft mitigation plans for each of the 13 surveys impacted by wind development in the Northeast
- Joint BOEM/NOAA North Atlantic Right Whale Strategy
 - draft released in October 2022
 - working with BOEM to review and address comments

Mitigating Impacts to Fishing Communities

- Technical input to BOEM's compensatory mitigation guidance
- Congressional interest
- Appreciate state-led efforts with SIOW