Your Feedback Makes A Difference

Providing New Jersey state agencies with meaningful feedback helps promote the responsible development of offshore wind in New Jersey. As evidenced in New Jersey’s timeline to date, public feedback can help shape the development of offshore wind in New Jersey while promoting the protection of the state’s unique coastal resources and reducing multiple-use conflicts on the ocean.

As New Jersey continues to pursue its offshore wind procurement goals, public feedback plays a crucial part in promoting a responsible transition to offshore wind energy with the environmental and economic benefits it promises. New Jersey state policies provide many offshore wind planning and project level and participation opportunities to incorporate feedback to protect New Jersey’s unique coastal resources and minimize conflicts with existing ocean uses.

Purpose of This Guide

State policies support robust public participation opportunities for comments and questions relevant to offshore wind development. Each state handles offshore wind regulations differently and the complex, interwoven nature of these policies can make them confusing to members of the public. This guide aims to present a clear picture of how the public has shaped the siting of offshore wind in New Jersey and how they can participate in offshore wind permitting processes in the future.

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About the Special Initiative on Offshore Wind

The Special Initiative on Offshore Wind (SIOW) is a leader in advancing offshore wind in the US. As an independent organization, we rely on fact-based research and multi-sector collaboration to provide expertise, analysis, information sharing, and strategic partnerships with industry, advocacy, and government stakeholders to build understanding and drive the deployment of offshore wind. We are guided by a Steering Committee of diverse stakeholders, including representatives from offshore wind developers, NGOs, and federal and state policymakers. We are funded by private foundations, do not offer memberships, and have no contractual obligations to any members in the OSW sector, all of which support our objective and unique approach to our work.

Nu Offshore Wind Siting Public Participation Timeline

As New Jersey continues to pursue its offshore wind goals, public participation is a key part of the responsible development of offshore wind.

January 2009
First NJ Offshore Renewable Energy Task Force Meeting

2009
Governor Murphy signed Executive Order #8 directing the NJBPU to implement the OWSP

2010
OSW Renewable Energy Certificate (RECs) created

2018
New Jersey Environmental Resource Certificates issued

2019
Offshore Wind Siting Public Participation timeline

2021
Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind (1,050 MW) and Ørsted’s Ocean Wind (1,140 MW) jointly won the state’s second solicitation. As New Jersey continues to pursue its offshore wind goals, public participation is a key part of the responsible development of offshore wind.

For more information about New Jersey’s offshore wind siting process visit:
www.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=958095ed50354f81b65b3b50d467b3f9

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Federal Consistency Review

Under the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has review authority for proposed federal actions or federal license/approval applications, including those for offshore wind projects that have reasonably foreseeable effects on New Jersey's coastal uses or resources. For this review authority, the NJDEP reviews such proposed federal activities for consistency with the state's enforceable coastal management policies.

Currently, all planned offshore wind projects are located within federal waters on the Outer Continental Shelf. The NJDEP's review authority applies to federal activities within the state's coastal zone or in federal waters beyond the state's jurisdiction if such activities may have reasonably foreseeable effects on New Jersey's coastal uses and resources. The NJDEP provides public participation opportunities through its federal consistency review process pursuant to the CZMA.

State Permits and Approvals

The following permits or approvals only apply if a portion of an offshore wind project, such as an export cable, falls within state lands or jurisdictional waters.

Consistency Review:
- DEP’s Federal Consistency Review Process
- NJDEP reviews consistency certification and necessary data and information
- NJDEP issues a federal consistency concurrence or objection within 6 months*

More information about the federal consistency process can be found at the following resources:

- New Jersey Federal Consistency Review Process
- More information about the federal consistency process can be found at the following resources:
- New Jersey Coastal Management Rules see N.J.A.C. 7:7
- New Jersey's enforceable policies visit https://www.state.nj.us/dep/cmp/czmc過程中es/policies.html
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Federal Consistency website visit https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/consistency/

More information about other offshore wind in New Jersey and other public participation opportunities can be found at the following resources:

New Jersey BPU Offshore Wind Website: The site includes information on the offshore wind solicitation schedule, current solicitations, the Offshore Wind Strategic Plan (OWSP), the Ocean and Coastal Protection Act, and stakeholder involvement. Visit the website here: https://www.nj.gov/po/eio/ofsw/hm/new.html

New Jersey DEP Websites: The DEP's Offshore Wind Webpage provides the status of projects and state permitting, stakeholder outreach, opportunities for public comment, and scientific resources relevant to offshore wind. Visit the website here: https://www.nj.gov/dep/oce/ow/webpage.html

New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) Website: The site includes information on NJEDA’s programs and resources to develop New Jersey as a hub for the offshore wind industry including the New Jersey Wind Port, a supply chain registry, tax credits, business assistance programs, and workforce training grants. Visit the website here: https://www.njeda.com/offshorewind/