NEW YORK BIGHT CASE STUDY:
Planning Offshore Wind Projects with Stakeholder Input

BOEM incorporated stakeholder input and reduced the initial Call Area’s 1.7 million acres by 72 percent to approximately 488,000 acres in the Final Sale Notice.

Call for Information and Nominations Area — April 11, 2018
1,735,154 acres
BOEM creates a Call Area in consultation with the State of New York and receives over 130 comments from commercial fisheries, maritime industries, the general public, Federal agencies, state and local agencies, industry groups, offshore wind developers, non-governmental organizations, universities, and other stakeholders. (83 FR 15602)

Wind Energy Area Identification — March 29, 2021
807,383 acres
BOEM reduces the original areas identified in the Call by 63 percent to create Wind Energy Areas. The reductions were intended to reduce conflicts for uses including commercial and recreational fishing, maritime navigation, DoD activities, visual impacts, marine protected species, avian species, radar, existing infrastructure, and wind resources. (BOEM Memorandum for Area ID)

Proposed Sale Notice (PSN) Leases — June 14, 2021
627,331 acres
BOEM reduces the Wind Energy Area an additional 22 percent in the PSN primarily by eliminating two WEAs “due, in part, to conflicts with the proposed USCG fairway, maritime traffic concerns, commercial fisheries, State preferences, marine protected species, and commercial viability”; and creating transit corridors between the southernmost leases to account for vessel traffic patterns, fisheries, and DoD concerns. (86 FR 31524)

Final Sale Notice (FSN) Leases — January 14, 2022
488,201 acres
BOEM reduces acreage of leases in the FSN by 22 percent from the PSN, and only offers 6 leases instead of 8, to address conflicts raised in comments by the fishing industry, Coast Guard, navigation interests, National Marine Fisheries Service, and the Department of Defense. (87 FR 2446)