

**Building Support for Appropriately-Sited
Offshore Wind Development**

Partnering for Progress

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- Protecting wildlife Americans care about since **1936**
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“Jumpstart the offshore wind industry and individual projects in the Atlantic Ocean by: Improving the offshore wind permitting process; Identifying and reviewing high priority zones off the Atlantic Coast with minimal conflict to the environment and to other ocean users that can be prioritized for quicker permitting;

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March 7, 2011 Letter to President Obama on Offshore Wind

“ As environmentalists, conservationists, and clean energy advocates, we urge you to support the swift development of offshore wind along the Atlantic Seaboard while still ensuring strong environmental safeguards. ...”

“...Specifically, we ask that:

- Federal agencies and state officials should coordinate to identify, with public input, high priority areas for offshore wind, and establish a clear and rational process to speed environmentally-responsible development of offshore wind farms off the Atlantic Coast. The “Smart from the Start” initiative by the Department of the Interior is a promising first step in this direction....”



OVER 120 NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND STATE ORGANIZATIONS...

National and Regional

American Lung Association of New England
Chesapeake Climate Action Network
Citizen Partnership for Offshore Wind
Citizens Campaign for the Environment
Clean Power Now
Clean Water Action
Conservation Law Foundation
Conservation Partners
Delaware Riverkeeper Network
Earth Day Network
ENE (Environment Northeast)
Energy Consumer Alliance of New England
Environment America
Environment and Energy Study Institute
Environmental Defense Fund
Global Warming Education Network
GreenFaith
Greentrack Strategies
Interfaith Power and Light
League of Conservation Voters
National Audubon Society
National Wildlife Federation
Natural Resources Defense Council
Ocean Conservancy
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Safe Climate Campaign
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Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
Southern Energy Network
Southern Environmental Law Center
Surfrider Foundation

Terra-Scapes Environmental
Woods Hole Ocean Research Center

Maine

Environment Maine
Maine Interfaith Power and Light
Natural Resources Council of Maine

New Hampshire

Environment New Hampshire

Vermont

Vermont Natural Resources Council

Massachusetts

Boston Climate Action Network
Cape Islands Self-Reliance Corporation
Environment Massachusetts
Environmental League of Massachusetts
International Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers, Local 103
Massachusetts Audubon
Massachusetts Climate Action Network
Massachusetts Council of Churches
Massachusetts League of Environmental
Voters

Rhode Island

Environment Council of Rhode Island

Rhode Island Interfaith Power and Light
Connecticut

Connecticut Fund for the Environment
Environment Connecticut

New York

Alliance for Clean Energy New York
Environment New York
Environmental Advocates of New York
Renewable Energy Long Island

New Jersey

American Jewish Committee of New Jersey
Association of New Jersey Environmental
Commissions (ANJEC)
Atlantic County Utilities Authority
Byram Township Deputy Mayor Scott Olson
Environment New Jersey
Grandmothers Mothers and More for Energy
Safety (GRAMMES)
Musconetcong Mountain Conservancy
New Jersey Audubon Society
New Jersey Environmental Federation
New Jersey Highlands Coalition
New Jersey Work Environment Council
NJ Assemblyman John McKeon
NJ Assemblyman Samuel Thompson
NJ Assemblyman Upendra Chivukula
NJ Assemblywoman Connie Wagner
NJ Assemblywoman Sheila Oliver
NJ State Senator Barbara Buono
NJ State Senator Loretta Weinberg
ResurgInt EcoLogical Sustainability
Consultants
Sierra Club, NJ Chapter



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- South Branch Watershed Association
- Sustainable Highlands New Jersey
- Upper Raritan Watershed Association
- **Pennsylvania**
- Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future (PennFuture)
- Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light
- **Delaware**
- Delaware Nature Society
- Sierra Club Delaware Chapter
- **Maryland**
- Assateague Coastal Trust
- Assateague Coastkeeper
- Blue Water Baltimore
- Environment Maryland
- Maryland League of Conservation Voters
- Maryland PIRG
- Maryland-DC Audubon Society
- Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy
- Patuxent Riverkeeper
- Queen Anne's Conservation Association
- **Washington, DC**
- Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light
- **Virginia**
- Environment Virginia
- Green Jobs Alliance of Hampton Roads
- Public Policy Virginia, Inc.
- Sierra Club Virginia Chapter
- Virginia Conservation Network
- **North Carolina**
- Albemarle Environmental Association
- Cartaret County Cross Roads
- Environment North Carolina
- NC State Representative Pricey Harrison
- NC State Representative Rick Glazier
- NC State Representative Susan Fisher
- North Carolina Conservation Network
- North Carolina Interfaith Power and Light
- North Carolina League of Conservation Voters
- North Carolina Wildlife Federation
- Pamlico-Tar River Foundation
- Surf Rider Outer Banks Chapter
- **South Carolina**
- Audubon South Carolina
- South Carolina Wildlife Federation
- **Tennessee**
- Tennessee Interfaith Power and Light
- **Georgia**
- Center for a Sustainable Coast
- Environment Georgia
- Georgia Interfaith Power and Light
- Georgia Wildlife Federation
- Initiative to Protect Jekyll Island State Park
- Tybee Island City Councilman Paul Wolff
- **Florida**
- Environment Florida
- Florida Conservation Alliance
- Florida Wildlife Federation



Collaborative Principles Transmitted to Interior:

- The lease shall ensure that **no other party will be granted any right or interest that would interfere** with the conduct of reasonable site assessment and characterization activities for the lease site;
- The lease shall provide the lessee with the **exclusive right to apply for the approval of a Construction and Operation Plan (COP) for the site** and with the right to have no COP application from other potential lessees considered unless the lease has been terminated by the Secretary. A basis for termination shall include but is not limited to the lessee's failure to make sufficient progress toward an approvable COP or the lessee's abandonment of the lease;
- The lease **shall confer no right of occupancy on submerged lands of the OCS** other than for routine site characterization and assessment activities;
- The grant of a lease **shall in no way affect or impair the Secretary of the Interior's authority to deny** pursuant to the factors in OCSLA section 8(p), without compensation, development rights to the lessee in connection with its review of the COP.



NEED FOR FUTURE PARTNERSHIPS ON OSW SITING AND PERMITTING ISSUES?



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