Northwest Offshore Wind Conference

An Overview of Key State of California Decisions and Actions Leading to First Round of OSW Leasing

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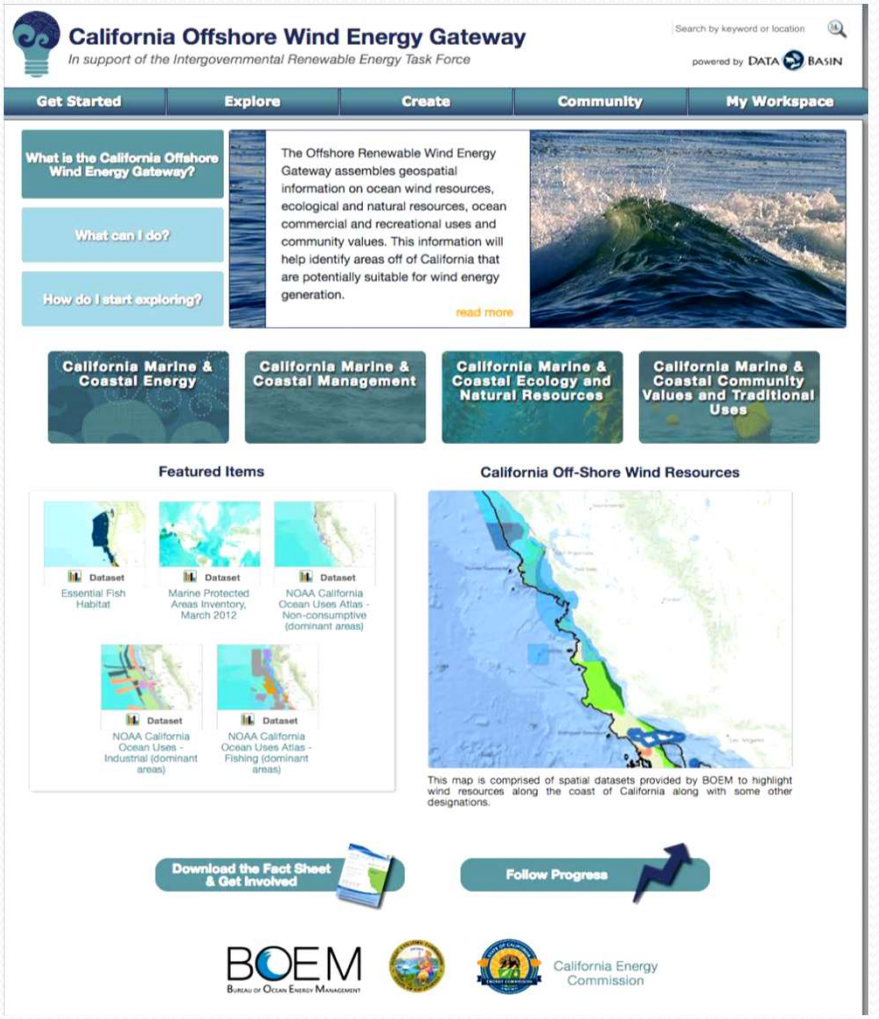
Early Actions

- **January 2016:** Trident Winds submits an unsolicited lease request to BOEM for a floating offshore wind farm off of Morro Bay.
- **January 2016:** Ocean Protection Council reconvenes state Marine Renewable Energy Working Group
- **May 12, 2016:** Governor Brown requests Department of Interior to establish a Marine Renewable Energy Task Force
- **October 13, 2016**: First Task Force Meeting
- **November 2016:** Governor designates Energy Commission as state lead for offshore wind energy planning

Actions Leading to BOEM Call for Information

- State-BOEM outreach
- Development of the “Ocean Gateway” and data gathering and analysis
- Investment in research and studies
- **September 17, 2018:** Second Task Force Meeting
- **October 19, 2018:** BOEM publishes Call for Information and Nominations with a 100-day comment period.
- **January 28, 2019:** BOEM receives 14 nominations in the Call Areas



Key State Actions Leading to Lease Sale

- **August 2019:** Congressman Carbajal convenes working group
- **March 9, 2020:** Third Task Force meeting
- **July 13, 2021:** Fourth Task Force meeting
  - Call for Information for Morro Bay East and West Extension
- **June 3, 2022:** Fifth Task Force meeting
  - Identification of Wind Energy Areas (WEAs) and Environmental Assessment
  - CZMA federal consistency review of WEAs
  - State comments on BOEM Proposed Sale Notice
- **December 6-7, 2022:** Lease sale

Post Lease Sale and Ongoing Activities

- AB 525 (Chiu)
  - Strategic Plan to be submitted to Legislature and Secretary of Natural Resources
  - Seaspace Planning
  - Permitting Roadmap
  - https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/ab-525-reports-offshore-renewable-energy

- AB 1373 (Garcia)
  - Department of Water Resource to serve as central procurement entity.

Thank you!

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