

United States to organize and deploy the full capacity of its agencies to combat the climate crisis to implement a Government-wide approach that reduces climate pollution in every sector of the economy; increases resilience to the impacts of climate change; protects public health; conserves our lands, waters, and biodiversity; delivers environmental justice; and spurs well-paying union jobs and economic growth, especially through innovation, commercialization, and deployment of clean energy technologies and infrastructure.

Through a competitive leasing process under 30 CFR 585.211, Atlantic Shores was awarded Commercial Lease OCS-A 0499, located offshore of New Jersey in the New Jersey Wind Energy Area and has the exclusive rights to submit a construction and operations plan (COP) for activities within the lease area. Atlantic Shores has submitted a COP to BOEM proposing the construction, operation, maintenance, and conceptual decommissioning of Project 1 and Project 2, collectively generating 1,510 megawatts (MW) of clean energy. Combined, these projects will have a maximum of 200 WTGs, 10 OSSs, 1 meteorological tower, and 8 transmission cables making landfall at 2 locations in Atlantic and Monmouth Counties.

Atlantic Shores anticipates that activities potentially resulting in the take of marine mammals could occur during the life of the requested regulations and associated 5-year Letters of Authorization (LOAs). Specifically, these activities are:

- The installation, via impact pile driving, of up to 200 WTGs utilizing either monopile (up to 15-meter (m) in diameter) or jacket foundations (up to 5-m in diameter pin piles). Project 1 would be comprised of 105–111 foundations and Project 2 would be comprised of 89–95 foundations;
- The installation, via impact driving, of up to 10 OSSs using up to jacket foundations comprised of 5-m pin piles (with 5 OSSs allocated to each project);
- Construction-related high-resolution site assessment geophysical surveys utilizing acoustic sources with frequencies of <180 kilohertz (kHz) for up to 300 days (estimate of 60 days annually) during all 5 years;
- The installation, via impact driving, of one permanent met tower in Project 1 using either a monopile up to 15-m in diameter or a jacket foundation using up to 5-m pin piles; and
- The installation and removal, via vibratory driving, of up to eight temporary steel sheet pile cofferdams at

the Atlantic cable landfall site (Project 1) and the Monmouth cable landfall site (Project 2).

#### Information Solicited

Interested persons may submit information, suggestions, and comments concerning Atlantic Shores' request (see **ADDRESSES**). NMFS will consider all information, suggestions, and comments related to the request during the development of proposed regulations governing the incidental taking of marine mammals by Atlantic Shores, if appropriate.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Evaluation of State Coastal Management Program; Notice of Public Meeting; Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and opportunity to comment.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office for Coastal Management, will hold a public meeting to solicit comments on the performance evaluation of the Ohio Coastal Management Program.

**DATES:** NOAA will consider all written comments received by Friday, October 28, 2022. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 4 p.m. eastern daylight time (EDT).

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

*Email:* Ralph Cantral, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, at [Ralph.Cantral@noaa.gov](mailto:Ralph.Cantral@noaa.gov).

Written comments received are considered part of the public record, and the entirety of the comment, including the name of the commenter, email address, attachments, and other supporting materials, will be publicly accessible. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, should not be included with the comment.

Comments that are not responsive or that contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered.

**Public Meeting:** Provide oral comments during the virtual public meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 4 p.m. EDT by registering as a speaker at <https://forms.gle/yCaey6vciCKGMKTo7>. Please register by Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 5 p.m. EDT. Upon registration, a confirmation email will be sent. The lineup of speakers will be based on the date and time of registration. One hour prior to the start of the meeting on October 19, 2022, an email will be sent out with a link to the public meeting and information about participating.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ralph Cantral, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, by email at [Ralph.Cantral@noaa.gov](mailto:Ralph.Cantral@noaa.gov) or by phone at (843) 474–1357. Copies of the previous evaluation findings and the 2016–2020 Assessment and Strategies may be viewed and downloaded on the internet at <http://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations/>. A copy of the evaluation notification letter and most recent progress report may be obtained upon request by contacting Ralph Cantral.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) requires NOAA to conduct periodic evaluations of federally approved coastal management programs and national estuarine research reserves. The evaluation process includes holding one or more public meetings, considering written public comments, and consulting with interested Federal, State, and local agencies and members of the public. During the evaluation, NOAA will consider the extent to which the State of Ohio has met the national objectives, adhered to the management program approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance under the CZMA. When the evaluation is complete, NOAA's Office for Coastal Management will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the final evaluation findings.

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