



## Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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# MEMORANDUM

**Date:** January 28, 2022  
**To:** Council  
**From:** Julia Beaty, staff  
**Subject:** Updates on Offshore Wind Energy Development

The following major updates in offshore wind energy development occurred since the December 2021 Council meeting. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list.

- The Council submitted the following comment letters:
  - [Letter from MAFMC to BOEM on Central Atlantic Planning Areas and Coral Protection Areas](#) (12/27/21)
  - [MAFMC Letter to GARFO: Fisheries Mitigation](#) (1/6/22)
  - [MAFMC and NEFMC Letter to BOEM: Fisheries Mitigation](#) (1/7/22)
- The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) published a [final sale notice](#) for six lease areas offshore of New York and New Jersey. A lease auction will take place on February 23, 2022.
- In January 2022, BOEM held four fisheries meetings on offshore wind planning areas in the Central Atlantic (i.e., offshore of Delaware through New Jersey). BOEM will hold a Central Atlantic Intergovernmental Task Force meeting on February 16, 2022. More information is available [here](#).
- NOAA and BOEM [announced a new interagency memorandum](#) in support of advancing offshore wind energy.