

# Offshore Wind Public Comment

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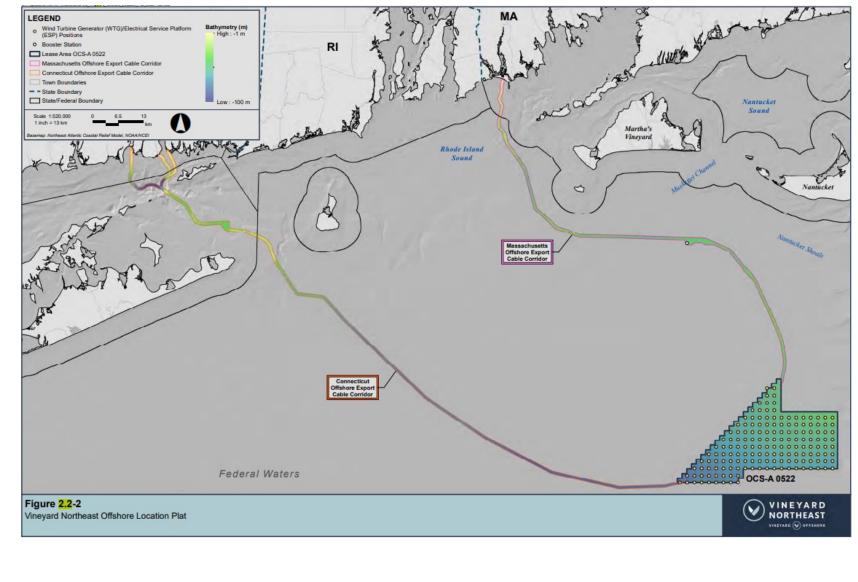
Vineyard Offshore respects the sovereignty of the Tribes associated with its projects and is committed to the industry's most robust Tribal engagement process, with attention to economic, cultural, environmental, and capacity issues, among others, in the interest of environmental justice, equity, and partnership.





## **Vineyard Northeast**

- ~29 Miles south of Nantucket
- up to 160 Turbines
- up to 3 Electrical Service Platforms,
- minimum capacity of 2,600 megawatts
  (MW)
- two offshore export cable corridors:
  - Eastern CT (New London) and Southeastern MA (Westport)
  - Single HVDC cable for each cable corridor
- Permitting began March 2024;
  anticipated final permit mid-2026
- Commercial operation date: ~2031



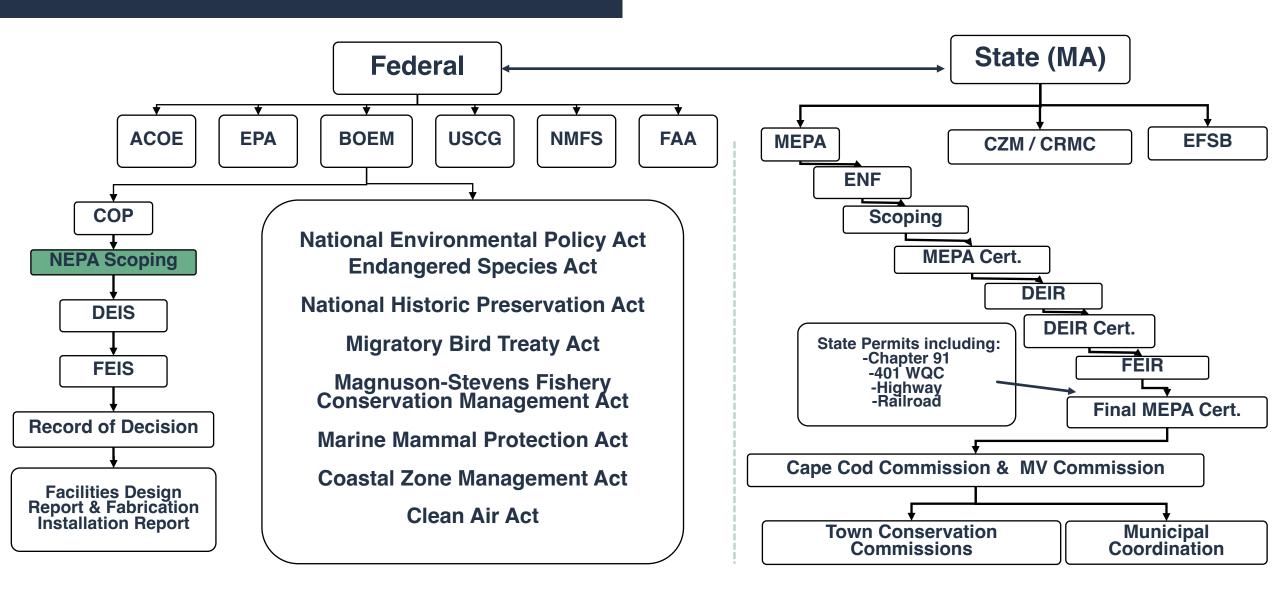
## **Vineyard Wind 2 Proposal**

- submitted to NE states: a single project and CT-only landfall
- Construction Port: Salem, MA
- Operations and Maintenance: New Bedford, MA

- Building on the VW1 offshore wind ecosystem
- Investments in workforce, supply chain in Massachusetts
- growing relationships with local businesses and workforce initiatives

# **Offshore Wind Permitting**

(MA example)



## https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/vineyard-northeast

#### VINEYARD NORTHEAST SCOPING

## **Virtual meetings: (registration is required)**

•Monday, April 15, 2024, 1:00 p.m. Zoom Registration <u>Link</u>

•Monday, April 22, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Zoom Registration <u>Link</u>

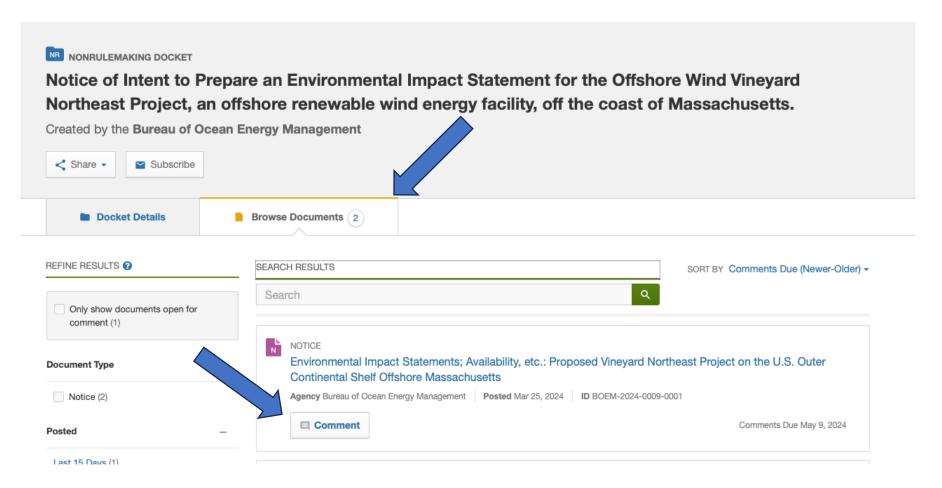
## **In-person meetings:**

- •Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 5:00 9:00 p.m. Clarke Center Auditorium, Mitchell College, 682 Montauk Avenue, New London, CT 06320
- •Thursday, April 18, 2024, 5:00 9:00 p.m. Westport High School Cafeteria, 400 Old County Road, Westport, MA 02790

### HOW TO COMMENT (**DUE MAY 9)**:

https://www.regulations.gov/commenton/BOEM-2024-0009-0001

Or go to regulations.gov and enter "Vineyard Northeast"; click on "documents" and then on the comment box.



#### **Relevant Themes:**

# - Efficient permitting:

"in order to meet our climate goals and build the offshore wind ecosystem, this and other projects must be permitted in a predictable and efficient way"

#### - Build on experience:

"We have projects in the region completed or under construction – learn from their successes and decades of European experience."

#### Follow the Science:

"Your permitting conditions should allow for these projects to move forward, and those conditions should be based in science and data"

### - Counter Misinformation; Provide clarity

"There is a huge amount of misinformation in the public and presented to regulators – BOEM needs to be clear and direct in responding to this misinformation in their review; BOEM must use clear language around assessments to climate change impact, whale impacts, etc"

#### - Review Benefits; Assess Alternatives

"These projects stand to bring substantial regional economic benefits through workforce and business enhancements, and public health benefits from reducing our need for dirty fuels in our communities; BOEM should also assess the impact of continued use of fossil fuels in the absence of a build-out of offshore wind



