

**Annotated Agenda**  
*MAFAC, Key West, Florida*  
*May 24-26, 2011*

**1. Title of Discussion:** DOI's "Smart from the Start" Initiative and Coastal Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP)

**2. Discussion Leaders/Presenters:** **Ned Farquhar**  
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**3. Objective/Purpose:** Informational. We will:

- Explain the Department of Interior (DOI) wind energy initiative for the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) called "Smart from the Start,"
- Describe how "Smart from the Start" will facilitate siting, leasing and construction of new projects to spur rapid and responsible development of this abundant renewable resource,
- Discuss interagency work with NOAA, and
- Discuss integration of CMSP with "Smart from the Start"

**4. Background/Synopsis** (*brief executive summary of issue, include links to URL, other more detailed references*):

- Secretary Salazar's "Smart from the Start" initiative convenes key stakeholders (including Federal agencies) to identify appropriate areas for consideration of offshore wind development – areas with high wind potential and manageable user and resource conflicts and issues. Further, it accelerates the leasing process by 1) concentrating data collection and communication in appropriate areas, and 2) issuing two-stage leases (generally supported by EA's) that allow developers to pursue and propose projects that will be subject to thorough NEPA analysis,.
- By relying on best available science, engaging governmental stakeholders, and fully considering resources, conflicts and uses, "Smart from the Start" adheres to the principles of CMSP. DOI and BOEMRE anticipate that the results of this initiative will prove valuable to the Regional Planning Bodies that will be established in the near future by the National Ocean Council. Both DOI and BOEMRE believe that the results of the assessment efforts of these offshore areas will play a crucial role in informing the Coastal and Marine Spatial Plans that the Regional Planning Bodies will establish.
- BOEMRE finalized its renewable energy regulations in 2009, which establish a program to grant leases, easements, and rights-of-way for orderly, safe, and environmentally responsible renewable energy development activities, such as the siting and construction of offshore wind farms on the OCS as well as other forms of renewable energy such as wave, current, and solar.
- BOEMRE is working to establish Wind Energy Areas (WEA) --- offshore locations that appear most suitable for wind energy development. These high priority areas will be the focus BOEMRE's efficient process for permitting and siting responsible development. DOI regularly convenes an Interagency Working Group to update Federal partners on the status of the WEA and leasing processes, in addition to state-level task force meetings.

For more information, visit: <http://www.boemre.gov/offshore/RenewableEnergy/index.htm>

**5. Options listed from 1 to n:** TBD

**6. Preferred Recommendation:** TBD

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