



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BY HIS EXCELLENCY
CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR**

Executive Order 2019-06

**An order preparing New Hampshire for future offshore wind development and the Bureau of
Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Offshore Renewable Energy Task Force**

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has accepted New Hampshire's request for an offshore renewable energy task force for the Gulf of Maine, in regional partnership with Massachusetts and Maine; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire values clean air and recognizes that emissions reductions can improve the quality of life for all New Hampshire residents; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire has an unprecedented opportunity as offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine is an abundant source of renewable energy that can be generated at scale; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire is uniquely situated to benefit from this new industry in ways that will attract investment, boost the state's economy, and create good paying jobs; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire is committed to working with stakeholders to ensure the impacts of this new industry do not unduly burden existing offshore uses such as commercial fishing and maritime interests.

NOW THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, by the authority vested in me pursuant to part II, article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby order, effective immediately, that:

1. In the interest of enhanced agency collaboration and public participation throughout the BOEM Task Force process, and to prepare New Hampshire to maximize the opportunity presented by this new industry, the following advisory boards to the BOEM Task Force are hereby established:

- a. Fisheries, endangered species, and environmental impacts advisory board, chaired by the commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services, or designee.
- b. Workforce, economic development, and supply chain advisory board, chaired by the commissioner of the Department of Business and Economic Affairs, or designee.
- c. Existing offshore industries advisory board, chaired by the executive director of the Pease Development Authority, or designee.

- d. Siting, transmission, and infrastructure advisory board, chaired by the director of the office of strategic initiatives, or designee.
2. Each Advisory board shall include five members, representing relevant stakeholders, appointed by the chairperson. Advisory boards may establish working groups to further facilitate discussion.
 3. Advisory board meetings shall be open to the public. Each advisory board shall report updates to the New Hampshire members of the BOEM Task Force quarterly, and in advance of a formal BOEM Task Force meeting.
 4. The following studies shall be completed no later than January 2021, and shall be submitted to the Governor, Speaker of the House, Senate President, Public Utilities Commission and the chairs of the relevant committees of the General Court. The Office of Strategic Initiatives (OSI), the Department of Environmental Services (DES), and the Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA) shall jointly study and report on:
 - a. The historical and forward looking greenhouse gas reduction potential of offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine at varying levels of system installations.
 - b. New Hampshire's existing port infrastructure, coastal transmission infrastructure, and opportunities for New Hampshire to attract offshore wind supply chain operations to New Hampshire.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 3rd day of December, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and nineteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-three.


GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE