Offshore Wind Energy Application Flow Chart

(Staff Recommendations to Reconcile Leasing/Permitting and Public Engagement Processes Outlined by Work Groups)

Prefiling (or pre-application) Site Selection Phase

Permitting & Leasing Activities
Agency issuance of notice of intent (NOI) after site nomination by developer or after proposed sites identified by state

Related Public Engagement Process
Public hearing(s) in the area of the proposed site(s)

Site Assessment Permit and Lease Phase

Permitting & Leasing Activities
Agency issuance of site assessment permit and lease (following receipt of bid(s) in response to NOI)

Related Public Engagement Process
90-day comment period and public hearings on agency’s draft permit and lease for site assessment activities*

Construction and Operation Permit and Lease Phase

Permitting & Leasing Activities
Application for permit and lease for construction and operation

Issuance of permit and lease for construction and operation

Related Public Engagement Process
Legal notice of application provided in newspaper with statewide circulation and directly to potentially affected parties**

90-day comment period and public hearings on application

Public hearings on agency’s draft permit and lease

* The Public Engagement Work Group recommended at least one public hearing in Lansing and one public hearing in the county nearest to the proposed site or development.

** For additional details, see item 18 in Public Engagement Work Group recommendations. The work group recommended providing notice through a newspaper of statewide circulation as well as direct notice to coastal jurisdictions in the two or three counties nearest to the proposed development, as well as neighboring landowners. Legal notice to such parties could be provided earlier in the process as part of the site assessment permit and lease process outlined by the Bottomland Leasing and Permit Criteria Work Group. There will not, however, be a specific proposal at that point. Therefore, staff included the legal notice requirements as part of the application process for construction and operation. There would still be notification of all public hearings provided to the public in accordance with standard agency practices.