Proposed Great Lakes Wind Council
Work Groups

Structure recommended by staff to address Council’s charge in Executive Order 2009-46.

WORK GROUP 1: DATA GATHERING AND MAPPING

E.O. charge to council: Identify the most favorable areas to lease for offshore wind development.

Proposed scope of work: Gather data for areas being considered for leasing program, including lease-block market characteristics, cultural resources, habitat, and other environmental data. Identify data quality issues and recommend options to address gaps.

Council members participating during Phase I:

Soji Adelaja          Dennis Grinold          Joe Welch
Leonard Bohmann       Dennis Knapp

Staff contact: Mark Coscarelli

WORK GROUP 2: PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

E.O. charge to council: Inform, engage, and solicit feedback from the people of Michigan on the identified most favorable leasing locations to ensure that statewide interests are considered whenever significant permitting decisions are made.

Proposed scope of work: Advise council on coastal community meetings near prospective leasing areas and on related media, stakeholder, and public engagement activities. Provide guidance to the State Wind Outreach Team led by the Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth in the Team's development and execution of its long-term outreach and education plan related to offshore wind energy. Provide guidance to researchers studying public acceptance of offshore wind development.

Council members participating during Phase I:

T. Arnold (Arn) Boezaart  Tom Hickner  John Russell
Will Cwikiel             Orjiakor Isiogu  Bobbi Tisdale
Ken DeBeaussaert         James MacInnes

Staff contacts: Shivaugn Rayl and Sally Talberg
WORK GROUP 3: LEGISLATION, LEASING, AND PERMITTING RULES

E.O. charge to council: Provide guidance to legal and technical experts as they develop model lease and solicitation documents. Provide input on proposed Great Lakes wind development legislation and rulemaking as appropriate and recommend options for how the public could be compensated for bottomland leasing and wind rights for wind energy systems.

Proposed scope of work: Review and comment on proposed legislation related to leasing and permitting Great Lakes wind development. Advise staff when drafting lease solicitation documents and rules for permitting and leasing of offshore wind developments.

Council members participating during Phase I:

James Clift  John Halsey  Marty Lagina
Frank Ettawageshik  Jack Knowles  Jim Sygo
Margaret (Peg) Gale

Staff contact: Shivaugn Rayl

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMPENSATION STRUCTURE FOR LEASING AND INCENTIVES FOR EARLY INVESTORS

E.O. charge to council: Recommend options for how the public could be compensated for bottomland leasing and wind rights for wind energy systems, and advise on an incentive structure for early investors in wind development.

Proposed scope of work: This subcommittee of Work Group 3 would identify and recommend options for how the public would be compensated for bottomland leasing. It would also examine and propose incentive structures for early investors in offshore wind development, tied to leasing activities.

Council members participating during Phase I: Not applicable