

# Great Lakes Wind Council Draft Report: Issues for Discussion

Issue No.	Report Reference*	Issue	Council Member(s)
<b>Mapping Criteria (Executive Summary and Section 4.1)</b>			
1	pp. 2, 3, 29–31	<b>Depth limit</b> – Represent figures and maps based on depth limitation of 30 meters instead of 45 meters (or show both)	Leonard Bohmann, Marty Lagina
2	Exhibit 10 – categorical exclusion criteria (p. 26)**	<b>Aids to navigation</b> – For navigation safety, handle on case-by-case basis using risk-based assessment (consistent with Coast Guard involvement in MMS process); historical sites covered by screening criteria	n/a (Staff recommendation)
3	Exhibit 10 – categorical exclusion criteria (p. 26)**	<b>International and state boundaries</b> – Reduce 0.5 mile buffer between state and international borders	Steve Kurmas
4	Exhibit 10 – categorical exclusion criteria (p. 26)**	<b>Navigation channels</b> – Reduce buffer from one mile to 0.25 miles on each side of channel	Leonard Bohmann, Jim MacInnes
5	Exhibit 11 – screening criteria for most favorable areas (p. 28)**	<b>Shoreline visibility buffer</b> – Reduce from six miles to one mile	James Clift
6	Exhibit 11 – screening criteria for most favorable areas (p. 28)**	Delete following criteria because already covered by six-mile shoreline visibility buffer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Harbors and marinas</b> (5 miles)</li> <li>• <b>Shoreline parks and wilderness areas</b> (6 miles)</li> <li>• <b>Large river mouth</b> (5 miles)</li> </ul>	Leonard Bohmann
<b>Permitting and Leasing (Executive Summary and Section 4.2)</b>			
7	pp. 4, 33–34	Part 325 carve-out amendment – Amend Part 325 to clarify it does not apply to offshore wind or accomplish with new standalone statute without Part 325 amendment	DELEG/DEQ
8	pp. 4, 33–34	Whether to recommend the following in new legislation: 1) non-riparian can apply to develop offshore wind; and 2) offshore wind does not harm public trust if developed in accordance with applicable laws and rules	DELEG
9	pp. 4–5, 34–35, 38	Vest authority in single agency or create one-stop clearinghouse that is coordinated by single agency	DELEG
10	p. 4, 39	Whether legislature or designated agency establishes rents, royalties, incentive	Marty Lagina
11	p. 35, 38	Term of site assessment lease (two or three years with milestones for extension instead of five)	Joe Welch

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12	p. 35, 36	“Automatic extension” – Whether to remove reference to “automatic” extension of site assessment lease and permit to allow for construction and operation	James Clift, Joe Welch
13	p. 4, 38 (see also p. 6, 50)	Incentives – Recommend additional analysis of incentives; emphasize in report that permitting and leasing, including rents and royalties, should incentivize or at least not place undue burden on early projects	DELEG, Joe Welch, Rich Vander Veen
<b>Conclusion</b>			
14	p. 50	Whether council should help develop strategy to raise private and public funds to promote offshore wind and related investments and research	Rich Vander Veen
15	p. 50	Whether to add reference to “direct market involvement” under Additional Next Steps heading; and include in future analysis of incentives the following options: “cost recovery guarantees, alteration of the renewable energy standard, or direct procurement by the state”	James Clift

\* Redlined version distributed to council on July 23, 2009.

\*\* Changes to criteria will require updates to the maps and the figures and text discussing square miles of the different areas.