



**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 2021-03

An order amending and restating 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; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2019, the Governor issued 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; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2019-06 created four advisory boards chaired by State agency department heads and required the Office of Strategic Initiatives (OSI), the Department of Environmental Services (DES), and the Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA) to issue a report on the greenhouse gas reduction potential of offshore wind and the status of New Hampshire's existing port and coastal transmission infrastructure and opportunities for New Hampshire to attract offshore wind supply chain operations to New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, during the 2020 session, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed House Bill 1245, which established a Commission on Offshore Wind and Port Development that is tasked with many of the same items as those which were assigned to the four advisory boards created by Executive Order 2019-06; and

WHEREAS, the challenges associated with responding to the COVID-19 pandemic have resulted in a need for an extension of the deadline for OSI, DES and BEA to complete the four reports required by Executive Order 2019-06.

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 Executive Order 2019-06 is amended and restated to read as follows:

1. The following studies shall be completed no later than October 31, 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 1st day of March, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty-one, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-five.



GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE