



Great Lakes Wind Council Meetings in Coastal Communities – Saginaw/Bay City, Escanaba, and Muskegon – Spring 2010

The Michigan Great Lakes Wind Council is hosting a series of meetings to get input from the public on its recommendations related to offshore wind energy development.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Meeting Time
March 25	Saginaw Valley State University Curtis Hall, 2 nd Floor 7400 Bay Road, Saginaw, MI	Open house begins at 6:00 PM.
April 14	Danforth Place 4989 Danforth Road, Escanaba, MI	Presentations begin at 7:00 PM.
May 4	Muskegon Community College Collegiate Hall 221 S. Quarterline Road, Muskegon, MI	Meetings end at 9:00 PM.

No RSVP is required. Please note that meeting space and materials will be limited based on the capacity of the venues (approximately 250 maximum).

To sign up for future updates on meetings, including the Muskegon meeting location, go to www.michiganlowcouncil.org and fill out the form on the Contact Us page.

MEETING TOPICS

Information will be presented on the council's work and its recommendations, followed by interactive sessions for the public to provide input to the council. Information and discussion will be focused on:

- Emerging offshore wind energy trends and the impetus for creation of the council.
- Criteria recommended by the council to identify and map the least and most favorable areas for development of offshore wind energy in the state's Great Lakes. For example, the most favorable areas must be at least six miles offshore and avoid shipping lanes, sensitive fish and wildlife habitats, etc. The five largest most favorable areas are located in southern Lake Michigan near Berrien County, northern Lake Michigan near Delta and Mackinac Counties, outer Saginaw Bay, and Lake Huron near Sanilac County.
- Elements of a proposed regulatory framework to establish a clear process in state law to review any siting applications for offshore wind energy projects on state-owned bottomlands.

Individuals or organizations that want to provide comments to the council on these topics but are unable to attend a meeting can submit comments via the council's website at www.michiganlowcouncil.org.

About the council: The Great Lakes Wind Council serves as an advisory body within the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth to examine issues and make policy recommendations related to offshore wind energy development in Michigan. The council consists of key state agency representatives and stakeholders appointed by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. The council does not review or make recommendations related to specific development proposals. For more information, including a copy of the council's September 2009 report and meeting materials, visit www.michiganlowcouncil.org.