BOEM Request for Interest:

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Overview

- What is a Request for Interest (RFI)?
- What information is in a RFI?
- Comments by interested and affected parties
- Submission procedures
- What will BOEM do with the information?
- BOEM process and public engagement

What is a RFI?

- A Request for Interest (RFI) is a formal invitation of submissions of interest in obtaining one or more leases from BOEM, authorizing a renewable energy project on the OCS
- An RFI is published by BOEM in the Federal Register followed by a public comment period
- The RFI assists BOEM in determining if competitive interest exists in the described area

What is a RFI?

- Provide interested parties the opportunity to express interest in competing for an OCS lease in the proposed area described in the RFI
- Parties other than those interested in obtaining a research lease are welcome to submit comments in response to the RFI

Comments by Interested & Affected Parties

BOEM will also request from the public and other interested or affected parties specific comments regarding:

- Geological and geophysical conditions
- Historic properties
- Multiple uses of the area
- Relevant environmental information
- Socioeconomic information

What Information is in a RFI?

- Area description
- Types of proposed activities
- Infrastructure
- Environmental and Resource data and information
- Indication of Interest information and how to apply for an OCS lease
- Submission procedures (electronically and by mail)

Submission Procedures

You may submit an indication of interest, comments and information by one of two methods:

1. *Electronically:* *http://www.regulations.gov.* In the entry titled "Enter Keyword or ID," enter the assigned Docket number, then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view supporting and related materials available – Or – through the BOEM website: www.boem.gov
2. *By Mail:* Interest, comments, and information may be mailed to BOEM Pacific Region office address included in the RFI

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2012 - 2017 Five Year Program: Visit this page to find details of the proposed final and regionally tailored program for oil and gas lease sales. The program consists of a schedule, indicating the size, timing, and location of proposed leasing activity that the Secretary of the Interior determines will best meet national energy needs.

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Public Engagement Opportunities

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) sees public input as a critical component of the safe and responsible exploration and development of offshore resources. Public engagement and comment is solicited in our environmental review and regulatory programs for both oil and gas, and renewable energy proposals.

In addition to accepting public comments online, BOEM interacts with stakeholders and partners in state, local and tribal governments through task force meetings and small community meetings on specific issues. We also publish an online newsletter and informative notes for stakeholders.

Visit the following links to find out how BOEM serves the public with outreach and tools for public engagement.

- Documents Open for Public Comment
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- Interaction with State Renewable Energy Task Forces
- Tribal relations
- Subscribe to our e-mail list for stakeholder announcements
- Contact our Constituent Liaison

What will BOEM do with the information from a RFI?

- BOEM will determine if competitive interest exists
- Further identify and refine the lease area
- Develop options for the environmental analysis and leasing provisions
- Prepare for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis
- Share the comments and information received with the BOEM Oregon Intergovernmental Task Force

BOEM receives application

BOEM conducts internal reviews

BOEM determines application is complete

BOEM prepares draft Request for Interest (RFI)

BOEM receives input from Oregon Intergovernmental Task Force on RFI

RFI published in the Federal Register

Public Comment Period

BOEM shares public comments; discusses with Task Force and other relevant state/federal agencies

BOEM addresses comments & responses of competitive interest

BOEM prepares draft Determination of Competitive Interest (DNCI) or a Call for Information & nominations (CALL), as applicable

BOEM receives input from Oregon Intergovernmental Task Force on DNCI or CALL

BOEM & FERC facilitate stakeholder engagement and input into joint review process

DNCI or CALL published in the Federal Register

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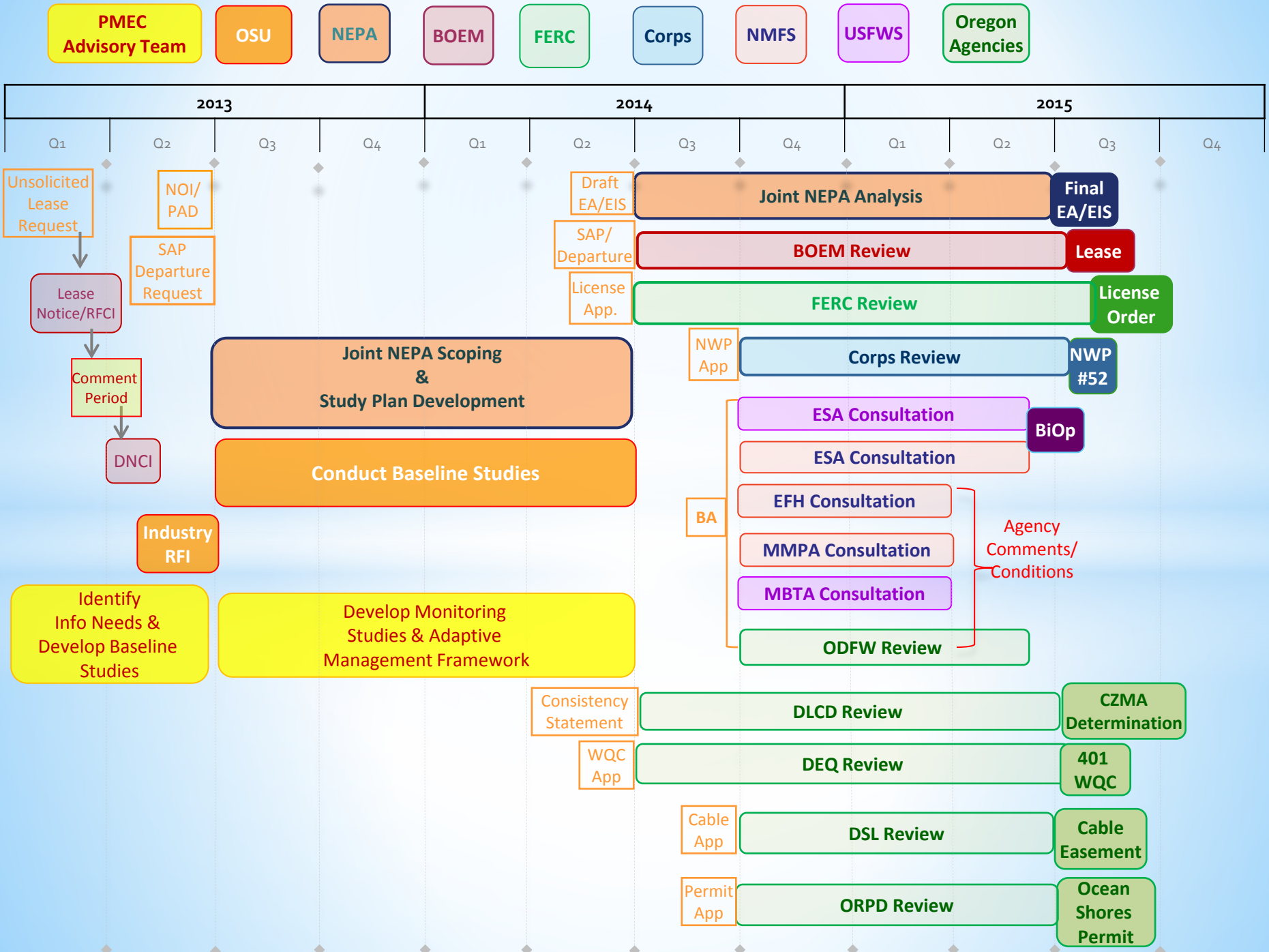
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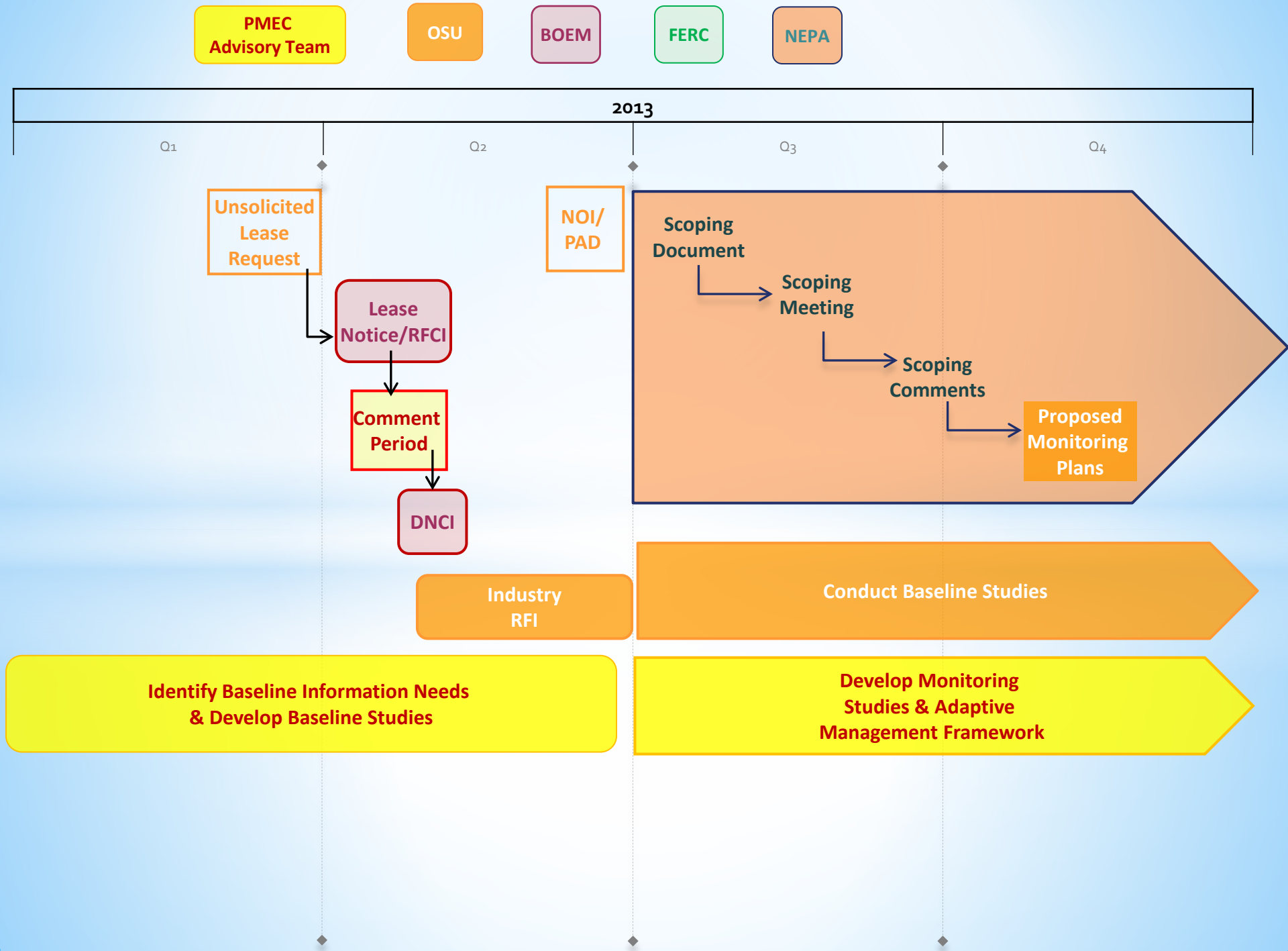
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