Siting Criteria
1. Identify general area
   (distance to shore/grid connection/water depth/wind speed/exclusion areas)

2. Eliminate and refine areas based on multiple inputs
   ~16 sq miles

Initial GIS Data Collection and Analysis
   (publicly available data on fisheries, habitat, transportation, bathymetry, geology, military, shipwrecks, etc.)

Fishing Industry Engagement
   (Information on intensity of use, value, seasonality, diversity of fisheries for site selection and input to research framework)

Other interested parties, incl. NGOs, maritime industries, research institutions

State and federal agency consultation

Site Selection Process
Initial Siting Criteria

- 20-40 statute miles offshore
- 150 feet of water or deeper
- Southern half of ME interconnect
- Bottom type gravel and/or mud
- Minimal conflicts with known fishing grounds
- Avoid highly trafficked areas
- Limit visibility from shore
Research Array
General Area of Interest
• DOD Wind Exclusion Area
• Portland Shipping Lanes
• Northern portions of Platts Bank and west to WGOM Closed Area
• Portland Shipping Lanes
• Platts Bank
• Groundfish Trawl
• WGOM Closed Area
Further Input Needed

- Areas of unique importance or concern for marine birds, wildlife or mammals
- Essential fish habitat
- Paleocultural resources
- Navigational corridors
- Substrate and bathymetry
- Others?
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Discussion and Questions
• What are ways to improve and refine criteria?
• What additional criteria would you suggest?
• What are your outstanding questions?