## HOW WILL POTENTIAL SITES FOR OFFSHORE WIND BE IDENTIFIED?

The U.S. Department of Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS) is a key decision-maker about offshore wind energy leasing locations. Maryland will make recommendations to MMS about preferred sites.

- To develop these recommendations,
  Maryland will use the Coastal Atlas,
  stakeholder feedback and ocean planning
  tools.
- After identifying sites that may be most suitable for offshore wind energy development, Maryland will be in a better position to make recommendations to the Federal Government.