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April 19, 2018

Via Electronic Mail: foia@americanoversight.org

Mr. Austin R. Evers
Executive Director
American Oversight

RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. BOEM-2018-00111

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is in reference to your FOIA request dated March 9, 2018, and received by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on the same date. Your request is assigned number BOEM-2018-00111. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

Description of the Requested Records

You requested:

1. All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, or other materials) regarding offshore drilling generally or the "2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program" specifically between DOI and [a list of specific individuals and their respective offices]:

2. All final recommendations, memoranda, analyses, or decisions regarding whether to exempt or otherwise remove [specifically identified] states from the 2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program:

You further provided a date limitation of April 1, 2017 to the present, and limited your request to the following BOEM offices:

- The Office of the Director;
- The Office of Congressional Affairs; and
- The Office of Public Affairs.

The Bureau's First Response to Your Request

At this time, we are providing you with our first response to your request:

- Item 1 – We have enclosed 171 pages that are being released to you in their entirety.
- Item 2 – After a thorough search of our files, it has been determined that BOEM has no records responsive to this Item of your request.

Processing Schedule

We use Multitrack Processing to process FOIA requests. Within each track, requests are usually processed on a first-in, first-out basis. Your request is currently assigned to the "Complex" processing track. We will continue to respond to your request in a rolling production and anticipate sending our next response in May 2018.

Mediation Services and Appeal Rights

As yet, we have been unable to make a final determination on your request. We apologize for this delay. Although we hope that you will wait so that we can complete our search, review and consultation processes, please note that you may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, the undersigned, and/or seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS).

If you choose to contact OGIS, you may do so in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Email:	ogis@nara.gov
Web:	https://ogis.archives.gov
Telephone:	(202) 741-5770
Fax:	(202) 741-5769
Toll-free:	(877) 684-6448

You may also file an appeal with the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer regarding this delay. If you choose to appeal this delay, you may do so anytime between now and the date we make our determination on the FOIA request. You may also appeal the response to Item 2 of your request. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal no later than 90 workdays from the date of this letter. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday.

Your appeal must be made in writing. You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/PA Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "FREEDOM OF

INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe BOEM's response is in error. You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and BOEM concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and BOEM's response. Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and BOEM will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA/PA Appeals Officer determines (in her sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/PA Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal. You may contact the Department's FOIA/PA Appeals Office at:

Department of the Interior
Office of the Solicitor
1849 C Street, NW
MS-6556 MIB
Washington, DC 20240

Attn: FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office
Telephone: (202) 208-5339
Fax: (202) 208-6677
Email: FOIA.Appeals@sol.doi.gov

For more information on FOIA Administrative Appeals, you may review the DOI's FOIA regulations, 43 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart H.

Conclusion

We regret the delay and appreciate your consideration. If you have any questions concerning your request, you may contact us by email at boemfoia@boem.gov; by fax at (703) 787-1209; by phone at (703) 787-1818; or by postal mail at FOIA Office; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Mail Stop: VAM-BOEM DIR; 45600 Woodland Road; Sterling, VA 20166.

Sincerely,

X_____
Natasha Alcantara
Freedom of Information Act Officer/Public Liaison
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Attachments: As Stated

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 27, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

We write to urge you not to revise the 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (Five-Year Plan) to eliminate protections for the East and West Coasts and for the sensitive marine ecosystems in the Arctic Ocean. Keeping the protections from offshore drilling in place for the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic Oceans and the Eastern Gulf of Mexico in the Five-Year Plan is essential to protect key industries for our states, such as fishing and tourism, our environment and our climate.

The Five-Year Plan for offshore drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) that was finalized in November 2016 already makes available more than 45 billion barrels of oil for drilling. It makes available more than half of all known oil and natural gas resources on federal lands offshore. Extracting and burning even these fossil resources would already be disastrous for our climate. But when oil companies are currently holding and warehousing leases in the Gulf of Mexico that comprise an area nearly the size of Kentucky, we should first ensure that they are taking full advantage of the areas that are already available before contemplating opening any new areas to oil drilling and the threat of a spill. The existing Five-Year Plan includes protections for the East and West Coasts and the Arctic Ocean. We urge you to keep these protections in place.

During your confirmation process, you said that you would seek to incorporate local input as you managed our nation's public lands. Allowing drilling anywhere on the East or West Coasts would threaten key economic drivers for these states such as fishing and tourism with the risk of an oil spill. For instance, fishing off East Coast states produces roughly $1.75 billion in direct value for these states and more than $4 billion in total economic activity each year. Tourism on the East Coast generates hundreds of billions of dollars in additional economic activity and supports an estimated 800,000 jobs. Offshore oil spills don't respect state boundaries and a spill off the coast of one state could easily affect another.

In the harsh and fragile ecosystem of the Arctic Ocean, the oil industry has had numerous safety lapses and mishaps during efforts to drill offshore. Oil companies have now relinquished the bulk of leases held in the Arctic Ocean, demonstrating a lack of industry interest in drilling in this area.

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We urge you to keep the current five-year offshore drilling plan in place and not revise the program to remove protections against drilling off the East and West Coasts and in the Arctic Ocean. Keeping these protections against offshore drilling in place is essential for vital industries in our states and to ensure that we protect our beaches and our climate.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Markey
U.S. Senator

Robert Menendez
U.S. Senator

Sheldon Whitehouse
U.S. Senator

Cory A. Booker
U.S. Senator

Richard Blumenthal
U.S. Senator

Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senator

Brian Schatz
U.S. Senator

Bernard Sanders
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U.S. Senator

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The Honorable Edward J. Markey
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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Secretary of the Interior

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The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senate
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United States Senate
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The Honorable Brian Schatz
United States Senate
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The Honorable Margaret Wood Hassan
United States Senate
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United States Senate
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The Honorable Cory A. Booker
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Bernard Sanders
United States Senate
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The Honorable Patty Murray
United States Senate
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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Warren:

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United States Senate
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The Honorable Bill Nelson
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July 26, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

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We look forward to working with the Department of the Interior as you advance the new Five Year Leasing program.

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United States Senator

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The Honorable Luther Strange
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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August 17, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke:
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

We are writing to express our extreme concern over your agency's proposed revision of the 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program. We believe the existing program correctly excludes areas from the leasing program that pose significant environmental, economic, and cultural risk, as well as face strong community opposition. We urge you to maintain the protections and exclusions outlined in the current 2017-2022 Program.

The Department of Interior spent over three years and incorporated over one million public comments in developing the final 2017-2022 Program. It is unclear what new scientific evidence you anticipate discovering in the 45-day window your agency has allotted for public comment that was not previously known and analyzed. At a time when the Administration has proposed a 12% cut to your agency's budget, it is especially concerning that you would expend the time, personnel, and resources to revise a plan that is current through 2022 without a scientific justification. We strongly oppose this effort, and urge you to maintain the current 2017-2022 Program.

Specifically, the current program excludes leases in the Arctic Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, off the Pacific Coast and in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico. Your agency has thoroughly documented the risks of exploration in the Arctic Ocean, as well as the critical ecosystem functions, fragile ecology, and dependence of local communities on subsistence hunting and fishing that would be jeopardized in the likely event of an oil spill. Allowing oil and gas drilling off the East Coast would threaten the tourism and fishing economies, beaches and coastlines of those states. Indeed, since 2015, municipal governments on the East Coast passed over 120 bipartisan resolutions opposing drilling in the Atlantic.

Similarly, every Senator along the West Coast has sought to protect the nearly 650,000 jobs in the fishing, tourism, and recreation industries and the $44 billion coastal economy from the impacts of offshore drilling. In the Eastern Gulf of Mexico, the Department of Defense has repeatedly expressed support for an extension of the existing moratorium in order to protect its critical testing and training range.

Given the time and public input devoted to the final 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program, we strongly oppose any effort to reopen this program to expand leases in

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these areas over the opposition of the impacted communities and the scientific consensus. We urge you to keep the 2017-2022 program in place.

We look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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United States Senator

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Robert Menendez
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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
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United States Senate
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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
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The Honorable Gary C. Peters
United States Senate
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The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
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The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senate
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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
United States Senate
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The Honorable Margaret Wood Hassan
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The Honorable Kamala D. Harris
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Harris:

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The Honorable Bernard Sanders
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Sanders:

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The Honorable Mazie K. Hirono
United States Senate
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The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
United States Senate
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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
United States Senate
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The Honorable Sherrod Brown
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United States Senate
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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 8, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
Department of Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

We write to express our opposition to the five-year oil and gas leasing plan released by the Interior Department that proposes opening up vast portions of U.S. waters for possible oil exploration and development, including along the Atlantic seaboard and the coast of Maine.

We oppose any effort to open waters off the coast of Maine or any proximate area to offshore drilling, which could negatively affect the health of Maine's fisheries and other coastal resources, threatening to harm not only the environment but the state's economy as well.

Maine's economic stability—and countless Mainers' livelihoods—has always depended on the health of the ocean. The Maine lobster industry, for example, has an estimated $1.7 billion impact to the state's economy annually, not to mention the many other fishing, aquaculture, and coastal tourism industries in Maine that help to support the economy. These critical industries are dependent on Maine's pristine waters, and even a minor spill could damage irreparably the ecosystem in the Gulf of Maine, including the lobster larvae and adult lobster populations therein. Further, offshore seismic testing exploration has been shown in some cases to disrupt migratory patterns of fish and sea mammals. In other words, we believe the potential harm posed by oil and gas exploration and development off Maine's shores far outweighs any potential benefit.

We oppose the Department's draft plan, and look forward to working with you to ensure that it is revised to pose no unnecessary threats to the economy and way of life in coastal Maine.

Sincerely,

Angus S. King, Jr.
UNITED STATES SENATOR

Susan M. Collins
UNITED STATES SENATOR

Cc: Walter Cruickshank, Ph.D., Acting Director, Bureau of Energy Management

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January 11, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

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Dear Secretary Zinke:

We write to you today regarding your recent decision to remove Florida from inclusion in the Trump Administration's new proposal to open up the vast majority of the outer continental shelf to oil and gas drilling. We request that our states also be immediately exempted from any new oil or gas leases as a part of this plan.

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In the statement on your decision to remove Florida, you indicated that President Trump had directed you to reestablish our country's offshore oil and gas leasing program in a way that "takes into consideration the local and state voice." In addition to Florida, the states of Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, New Hampshire, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Connecticut, California, Oregon, and Washington have all opposed this plan for new leases off their coasts. Coastal cities and towns across the country have also passed resolutions in opposition while local residents, businesses, scientists, the military, and others have publicly raised serious concerns.

Just like Florida, our states are unique with vibrant coastal economies. Providing all of our states with the same exemption from dangerous offshore oil and gas drilling would ensure that vital industries from tourism to recreation to fishing are not needlessly placed in harm's way.

We urge you to honor the commitment of this Administration by listening to the local and state voices that we represent and to respect their overwhelming opposition to oil and gas drilling off our coasts. Instead of focusing on short term benefits for oil and gas companies, our country should be looking toward a clean energy future. We hope we work can work with you to protect our natural resources, our environment, and the livelihoods of coastal residents so that they remain for future generations.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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U.S. Senator

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Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senator

Edward J. Markey
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January 9, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

We write in strong opposition to your agency's misuse of taxpayer funds and agency resources to issue a draft 2019-2024 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program in the middle of the current 2017-2022 Five-Year Plan. This draft proposal is an ill-advised effort to circumvent public and scientific input, and we object to sacrificing public trust, community safety, and economic security for the interests of the oil industry. We urge you to abandon this effort and maintain the protections outlined in the current 2017-2022 plan.

During your confirmation hearings, you pledged to incorporate local input into the management of our nation's public lands. Our constituents, scientific bodies, businesses, and local elected officials have already decidedly rejected efforts to expand offshore drilling that could compromise ecosystems, tourism and recreation, public safety, and marine industries. The governors of New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, California, Oregon, Washington, and the Attorney General of Rhode Island all are formally opposed to new leasing off their respective shores. Additionally, more than 150 municipalities on the East Coast, West Coast, and Gulf of Mexico have passed resolutions opposing offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration. The New England, Mid-Atlantic, and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils, the Department of Defense, Air Force, and NASA have all weighed in expressing serious concerns or opposition to offshore exploration and drilling. More than 41,000 businesses and 500,000 fishing families have also expressed opposition to drilling in their communities.

The current 2017-2022 plan already allows leasing for more than 45 billion barrels of oil, and guarantees protections for vital resources in the Arctic, Pacific, and Atlantic. The nation's coasts are already bearing the consequences of climate change through rising sea levels, coastal erosion, and increased storm surges and flooding. We should not open all previously closed outer continental shelf areas to fossil fuel extraction and further endanger our climate, coastlines, communities, and economies. Especially in the harsh and fragile Arctic, where your agency has predicted a 75 percent chance of a major oil spill, proposing 19 new leases is the height of irresponsibility.

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We are deeply troubled by your decision to open more than 90% of the outer continental shelf to fossil fuel development and needlessly put our coastal residents, businesses, oceans, and climate at grave risk. Offering 47 leases by expanding drilling into the Arctic, Pacific, Atlantic and Eastern Gulf of Mexico waters would lock us into decades of carbon pollution, and endanger future generations and livelihood simply for short-term gain of major oil companies.

We strongly object to this draft proposal, and urge you to maintain protection for the Arctic, Pacific, Atlantic and Eastern Gulf of Mexico and for our communities.

Sincerely,

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United States Senator

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 25, 2018

The Honorable Walter Cruickshank
Acting Director
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
1849 C Street, NW.
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Acting Director Cruickshank:

We write to express our opposition to the Trump administration's recently announced plan to expand oil and gas drilling in U.S. waters. We join Rhode Island's Governor Gina Raimondo and Attorney General Peter Kilmartin in voicing our grave concerns over the harmful consequences such a decision will have on our environment and on our state's economy.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's proposed 2019-2024 Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) lease sale program would pose significant danger to New England's coastal waters, which are home to thousands of plant and animal species that rely on a well-balanced marine ecosystem. Expanding offshore drilling poses an unnecessary risk to this balance. Additionally, permitting oil and gas exploration off the coast of New England could have untold economic effects. Rhode Island's ocean economy generates more than $2 billion annually. This includes more than $1.4 billion from the travel and tourism industries, and nearly $94 million from the commercial fishing industry. This is on top of the more than 41,000 jobs that are supported by Rhode Island's ocean economy. Throughout New England, ocean related industries generate more than $17 billion annually, and support more than 240,000 jobs.

The administration's decision represents a sizeable giveaway to the oil and gas industries in a time when our nation should be making critical investments in renewable energy technologies, including wind and solar power. Rhode Island is leading the way in this regard as home to the nation's first offshore wind farm. Allowing new oil and gas exploration would be an enormous step backward in reducing our nation's dependence on fossil fuels.

Furthermore, we have significant concerns over the administration's decision to exempt Florida from its expansion plan. On January 9, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke announced that expanded drilling would not take place off the coasts of Florida due to the importance of its coastal industries. This arbitrary announcement, made outside normal administrative procedures, strongly suggests the administration failed to thoroughly consider the impact such a plan would have on coastal economies, and only admitted these mistakes when convenient to its political allies. To use the Secretary's own words when defending his decision to remove the Florida coastline from consideration, we would like to emphasize that Rhode Island is also "different," "unique," and "heavily reliant on tourism as an economic driver." Based on the Secretary's standard, Rhode Island should be given similar consideration as Florida and removed from consideration for new offshore oil and gas energy development.

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As Rhode Island's elected representatives in Congress, we remain opposed to the administration's proposed plan to expand offshore oil and gas drilling in the strongest terms. We encourage continued investment and development of renewable technologies, and the continued preservation of our oceans.

We thank you for your attention to this critical issue, and ask that the administration reconsider this misguided and dangerous proposal.

Sincerely,

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February 1, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
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Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

We write to express our strong opposition to inclusion of Pacific Northwest waters in the Trump Administration's National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2019-2024. The states of Washington and Oregon have made clear through local, state, and federal action, as well as extensive public comment, that oil and gas lease sales off the Pacific Coast are not in the best interest of our economies or environment. The Department of the Interior's proposal to consider drilling off the states we represent, absent stakeholder support and directly contradicting economic and environmental factors of the region, is a waste of time, government resources, and taxpayer dollars.

The importance of marine resources to our regional economy and the level of local opposition to offshore oil and gas development cannot be overstated. The coasts of Washington and Oregon are home to numerous seafood and tourism-dependent coastal communities. Washington state supports a $50 billion dollar maritime economy and 191,000 maritime related jobs. Oregon's commercial fisheries contributed over $500 million in personal income to the state in 2016, with an economic impact of more than $2.1 billion. In Oregon, coastal tourism alone generates $1.9 billion in revenues and supports over 20,000 jobs. An oil spill off our shores would jeopardize jobs in commercial, recreational, and tribal fisheries, employment in the seafood processing industry, a robust tourism and recreation economy, a historic shipbuilding industry, and the clean water required for critical regional and international trade and transportation routes.

There is a reason it has been decades since the waters off the coasts of Washington and Oregon have been considered for oil and gas leasing. Voluminous existing information documents the lack of oil and gas resources; absence of oil and gas industry interest; strong state and local opposition as expressed through laws, goals and policies of affected states; other uses of the waters to support our coastal economies that conflict with oil and gas activities; and extreme environmental and ecological risks.

From healthy beaches serving as tourism hubs on the coast, to the 3,188 square mile pristine Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary, protecting our sustainable marine resources is a priority for our states. As you finalize the Draft National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2019-2024, we urge you to remove the Washington/Oregon planning area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter which is of the upmost importance to our constituents.

Sincerely,

Maria Cantwell
United States Senator

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Member of Congress

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January 25, 2018

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Acting Director Dr. Walter Cruickshank
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
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Dear Mr. Secretary Zinke and Acting Director Dr. Cruickshank:

We write to urge you to add two more public meetings in California to the schedule of public meetings as part of the public comment period for the proposed 2019-2024 National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program. The public meetings offered around the country are a critical opportunity for citizens to learn about and comment on the Department of the Interior's five year plan.

Currently, the only scheduled public meeting in California is in Sacramento on February 8th, 2018. However, due to the size of the state, California encompasses three of the Draft Proposed Program Areas: Northern California, Central California, and Southern California. Residents in the northern coastal city of Crescent City would have to travel nearly 400 miles to participate in the public meeting, while residents of San Diego in the southern part of the state would have to travel over 500 miles. If the Department of Interior seeks to adequately provide access to these public meetings, there should be at least one meeting held in each of the Draft Proposed Program Areas.

Given the geographical nature of the proposed leasing program, it is important to provide adequate access to the public meetings for each of the impacted regions. In order to afford our constituents this opportunity, we urge the Department of Interior and the Bureau of Ocean

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Energy Management to add public meetings in the Northern and Southern California Draft Proposed Program Areas.

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January 11, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

We write in strong opposition to your announcement on Thursday, January 4th, that the Department of the Interior would move forward with the National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (National OCS Program) for 2019 – 2024, a proposal that would allow lease sales for offshore oil and gas drilling in the North Atlantic region. We also take issue with your decision to exempt only Florida from expanded offshore drilling, and request that New Hampshire similarly be immediately exempted from any new oil and gas leases as part of this proposed plan. This reckless proposal poses a significant risk to seacoast communities in New Hampshire and would negatively affect marine ecosystems and our environment. Furthermore, this expansion threatens the vitality and economic interests of New Hampshire's commercial fishing industry that depends on access to clean and healthy oceans.

The proposed drilling plan offered by your department aims to advance the interests of the oil and gas industry at the expense of our nation's most treasured oceanic resources. At a time when America needs to move towards a clean energy economy that is less dependent on fossil fuels, your department's proposal to rapidly expand oil and gas exploration is a move in the wrong direction and fails to consider the rising ocean levels and marine life migrations that have been attributed to climate change.

New Hampshire is home to an expansive, yet delicate commercial fishing industry that has supported small boat fisherman for centuries. The announcement from your department has the potential to significantly disrupt the very nature of these enterprises and jeopardizes the economic livelihood of fishermen in New Hampshire. Furthermore, New Hampshire's seacoast offers numerous tourist attractions that support small businesses and contribute millions of dollars in economic activity to our communities. The threat of an oil spill as a result of renewed drilling activity would put jobs at risk and destroy our pristine coastline that attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors every single year.

The North Atlantic region has no existing lease sales for oil and gas development, and there have been no sales along the entire Atlantic seaboard since 1983. Granite Staters would like to keep it that way. As your Department begins to accept public comments in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, we urge you to listen to the voices of our constituents and remove the New Hampshire coastline from this misguided proposal. Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator

Margaret Wood Hassan
United States Senator

Carol Shea-Porter
Member of Congress

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February 08, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
United States Department of the Interior
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Dear Secretary Zinke:

We write to request that New York State be exempted from consideration of new oil and gas drilling leases as part of the recently announced Draft Proposed Program for the 2019-2024 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program. This plan would open up two lease sales in areas of the North Atlantic coast adjacent to New York State for fossil fuel exploration.

New York's almost 2,000 miles of tidal coastline are unique and important to our economy that includes industries such as tourism, shipping, construction, fishing and living resources. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, New York has the third largest ocean economy with 20,894 businesses, employing more than 350,000 workers, paying over $11 billion in wages, and contributing over $24 billion to the state's gross domestic product.

New oil and gas development raises the possibility of a disastrous oil spill and increases risk of exposure to toxic chemicals and metals used in offshore drilling operations. These threats to New Yorkers' coastal industries, public health, and unique natural environments are unacceptable and should not be ignored. The long-term health of New York is inextricably linked to protecting our ocean resources. For this reason our state has invested in improving water quality, restoring aquatic ecosystems, and developing renewable energy.

The Draft Proposed Program exposes our precious aquatic ecosystems to degradation and threatens our investments. Local voices across our state, including our Governor, have spoken up in opposition to this new offshore drilling plan, which we do not want and do not need. We respectfully request that local and state voices in New York seeking exemption from new oil and gas leasing be given the same consideration afforded to those in other states, such as Florida. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Gillibrand
Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand

Louise M. Slaughter
Rep. Louise M. Slaughter

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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

February 21, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary, U. S. Department of the Interior
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Dear Secretary Zinke:

We write to express our strong opposition to the Department of the Interior's inclusion of the Atlantic region in the National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2019-2024. The health, abundant fish and wildlife, and clean water of the Atlantic Ocean and Long Island Sound are a part of Connecticut's rich heritage and are vital to our states' social and economic wellbeing. Opening waters off the coast of Connecticut to drilling puts jobs, coastal communities, and our environment at risk, and is antithetical to Connecticut's efforts to transition to a sustainable, clean energy future.

Connecticut's economy relies heavily on the Atlantic Ocean for sustainable seafood, jobs, and recreation. In 2016, New England's coastline generated 4.8 million jobs and $726.8 billion in economic output that would be jeopardized by this program.[1] Specifically, Connecticut's seafood industry alone has accounted for nearly 3,000 jobs in recent years.[2]

While Connecticut may not be the first state that comes to mind when considering offshore drilling, opening the region up to offshore drilling is dirty, dangerous, and destructive. It would not only threaten the health of the Atlantic Ocean and its fragile marine environments, but also the livelihoods of small businesses and commercial fishermen that depend on a clean ocean. Given that oil spills don't recognize state boundaries, any spill would be detrimental to the entire region—this risk is simply unacceptable.

As we have seen in the case of BP's Deepwater Horizon in 2010 when an oil rig exploded in the Gulf of Mexico, lives were lost, and the ecological and economic consequences continue to this day, while few have been held accountable and adequate safety reforms have yet to be put in place. An oil spill disaster of this magnitude in the Atlantic Ocean could coat 1,300 miles of coastline—this is equivalent to impacting communities all the way from Savannah, Georgia to Boston, Massachusetts[3].

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This giveaway to the fossil fuel industry makes 90 percent of the U.S. outer continental shelf available to drilling, and would open the Atlantic region to its first offshore oil and gas lease in 30 years. This move is in direct contrast with Connecticut's efforts to establish a clean energy future, and would create a binding relationship and reliance on unsustainable fossil fuel development for generations to come. We believe that we should focus on investing in clean, renewable energy that will protect and preserve our nation's natural resources, including our oceans, and the communities that rely on them.

The Atlantic Ocean is a precious public resource that is critical to Connecticut's well-being and should belong to every American, rather than special interests. As such, we urge you to remove the Atlantic region from the National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2019-2024. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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United States Senate

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United States Senate

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 22, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke,

We write today to request that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) extend the public comment period for the 2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). We ask that BOEM extend the deadline for written comments an additional 60 days for consideration in the development of the scope of the Programmatic EIS to May 8, 2018.

We understand that under Executive Order 13795 you have been instructed to expand opportunities for oil and natural gas drilling in the West Coast Outer Continental Shelf. West Coast shores are pristine habitats, economic drivers for our states, and most importantly, they are home to our citizens. Issuing oil and natural gas leases in these areas would encumber enormously valuable fishery waters, dealing a crushing blow to local industry and tourism. Offshore drilling is also inherently risky under the best circumstances. On the West Coast, drilling platforms and underwater pipelines will be subject to extreme environmental conditions during an average winter, and their presence would surely exacerbate any crisis created by a Cascadia Subduction Zone event in the region. Considering the fact that under a best-case scenario, oil and natural gas drilling would be a detriment to our traditional, sustainable economies, and under a worst-case scenario it could create an unprecedented environmental and humanitarian crisis, we believe that our stakeholders should have an appropriate amount of time to provide comment.

Our joint request to extend the public comment period by 60 days will allow for a more full and fair consideration of the Programmatic EIS, and offer the public further opportunity to share how they will be affected by this plan. Given the incredible number of stakeholders in this process, it is critical that each one of them is given a voice so they can speak for their future.

Please give our request your serious consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact us or our staff at any time.

Sincerely,

KURT SCHRADER
Member of Congress

RON WYDEN
U.S. Senator

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The Honorable Secretary Ryan Zinke
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February 27, 2017

Dear Secretary Zinke:

We are writing with respect to the recently released Draft Proposed Program for the 2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing ("Draft Proposed Program") by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM).

The Draft Proposed Program includes 98 percent of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), making these areas available for oil and gas leasing during the 2019–2024 period. Since 1982, the North Atlantic OCS area has not been eligible for exploration, leasing, and development of oil and gas resources. We write to convey unequivocally that we do not support the inclusion of the North Atlantic or areas offshore the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the 2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program.

The resources and uses of the OCS are critically important to the health and well-being of Massachusetts. These federal waters off our coast contain rich natural resources and important marine ecosystems that support local, state, regional and national economies and are intrinsic to the social fabric and heritage of our coastal communities. In 2015, the Massachusetts marine economy generated a total statewide economic impact of $17.336 billion in output, led by our strong tourism and recreation, marine trades, transportation, and fishing and seafood sectors. The commercial and recreational fisheries in federal waters are significantly important resources, and the Port of New Bedford continues to be the number one port in the U.S. for landings value, while Massachusetts ranks third in the nation for fisheries landings values and fifth for volume. The ocean waters of the OCS are a vital habitat for endangered whales, sea turtles, marine birds, and other wildlife that rely on these areas for key portions of their life stages and seasonal

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In June 2017, during the formal Request for Information and Comments process to initiate the development of the Draft Proposed Program, the Baker-Polito administration wrote to you, specifically requesting that the North Atlantic planning area or areas affecting Massachusetts be excluded from the new 2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program. The Draft Proposed Program acknowledged this request but did not specify what action would be taken. The entire Massachusetts Senate and House Delegations have also written to you to express opposition to leasing off our state. This letter should serve to provide you and BOEM with the input required by OCS Lands Act Section 18(a)(2)(F), that the Commonwealth's priority goals and policies are to protect and enhance our commercial and recreational fishing industries, foster critical marine resources and ecosystems, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and advance the effort to responsibly develop offshore wind resources. For more than three decades, the exploration or leasing for oil and gas in the North Atlantic has not been justified, and we believe this holds true today more than ever. We again request formal exclusion from the new 2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Proposed Program.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Baker
Governor of Massachusetts

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August 3, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary of the Interior
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

I received your letter of June 29, 2017, informing me that you have directed the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to begin the process of developing a new National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (National OCS Program) for the years 2019 through 2024. I am writing this letter in response to your invitation to provide information and comments on the development of the program. The State of Alabama is a long-time partner with the Federal government in matters concerning the OCS and you can be assured that I will be engaged throughout this process. Thus, as the process proceeds, you can expect us to provide additional input and comments at the appropriate times. I look forward to the opportunity of working with you and your staff throughout the development of the 2019-2024 National OCS Program.

My administration and the State of Alabama has a keen awareness of the importance of OCS oil and natural gas production to our economy and national security and has long supported a balanced and reasonable leasing program that leads to the prudent and safe exploration, development, and production of OCS hydrocarbon resources. It has long been our policy, however, that our support is contingent on all OCS activities in waters adjacent to Alabama's coast being carried out in full compliance with relevant Alabama laws, rules, and regulations and in a manner that is fully compliant and consistent with our Coastal Zone Management Program. After the painful lessons of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, it is of the utmost importance that BOEM oversees all OCS oil and gas activities in a manner that ensures, to the greatest extent possible, protection from future, catastrophic economic and environmental injury. Further, we are confident that BOEM will constantly examine procedures and processes in an effort to continuously improve its ability, as well as that of industry, to provide for safe operations on the OCS.

Over the years, Alabama has consistently requested protection for live bottom areas, pinnacle reefs, chemosynthetic communities, and other sensitive environments in the Gulf of Mexico OCS (GOM-OCS) off of Alabama's coast. We continue to request that BOEM provide

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reasonable and adequate protections, including contingency plans for mitigation of impacts from spills and blow-outs, for these and other sensitive features and areas, such as archeological sites, which might be adversely affected by oil and gas exploration and production activities in the OCS.

The State of Alabama's long-standing policy is to oppose the offering for lease blocks south and within 15 miles of the Baldwin County coast in order to minimize the visual and other impacts of new oil or natural gas structures within the area. We believe that the State's position on minimizing these impacts for new structures is consistent with the appropriate development of offshore Alabama.

As we look to our future energy needs, I would urge that, at this stage in the process, the BOEM include all unleased areas of the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf in its Draft Proposed Program. These include unleased areas in the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and off the coast of Alaska. We must continue to be forward thinking as to our future energy needs and our national security and these areas have potential to help us meet these needs and concerns. I understand that additional environmental analyses and ongoing conversations with federal agencies and entities, states, oil and gas operators, renewable energy producers, various marine industries, and other stakeholders will determine the areas that are ultimately included in the Final Program and offered for potential lease.

I do feel, however, that it is prudent to include all leasing options in the Draft Proposed Program, understanding that circumstances affecting leasing decisions could change during the course of the program's development and implementation. The successful development of the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska's OCS clearly demonstrates that responsible offshore oil and gas development can generate many good paying jobs, spur activity in a host of associated industries, and generate billions of dollars in revenue.

I would like to emphasize that the revenues associated with OCS-wide lease sales and subsequent development and production, as well as revenues from existing production, should be shared in a fair and equitable way with the adjacent states, like Alabama, which not only support leasing and development, but also disproportionally share in the risks associated with that enterprise. The President's 2018 Budget did not include any revenue sharing under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA). I strongly urge the Trump Administration to support existing revenue sharing with states, as well as any legislative efforts to expand and enhance revenue sharing. Further, I believe that the existing revenue sharing cap for the Gulf States under the GOMESA should be lifted, thus ensuring a more equitable system to share the benefits of offshore development with the affected states. Although the current system of limited revenue sharing utilized in the Gulf of Mexico provides state governments with some resources to expand coastal management and conservation; including, build new roads, docks, ports, and other necessary infrastructure and expanded public services, I strongly believe that expanded and enhanced revenue sharing will allow states to more appropriately address the coastal impacts of offshore production.

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Sincerely,

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 8, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
Department of Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

We write to express our opposition to the five-year oil and gas leasing plan released by the Interior Department that proposes opening up vast portions of U.S. waters for possible oil exploration and development, including along the Atlantic seaboard and the coast of Maine.

We oppose any effort to open waters off the coast of Maine or any proximate area to offshore drilling, which could negatively affect the health of Maine's fisheries and other coastal resources, threatening to harm not only the environment but the state's economy as well.

Maine's economic stability—and countless Mainers' livelihoods—has always depended on the health of the ocean. The Maine lobster industry, for example, has an estimated $1.7 billion impact to the state's economy annually, not to mention the many other fishing, aquaculture, and coastal tourism industries in Maine that help to support the economy. These critical industries are dependent on Maine's pristine waters, and even a minor spill could damage irreparably the ecosystem in the Gulf of Maine, including the lobster larvae and adult lobster populations therein. Further, offshore seismic testing exploration has been shown in some cases to disrupt migratory patterns of fish and sea mammals. In other words, we believe the potential harm posed by oil and gas exploration and development off Maine's shores far outweighs any potential benefit.

We oppose the Department's draft plan, and look forward to working with you to ensure that it is revised to pose no unnecessary threats to the economy and way of life in coastal Maine.

Sincerely,

Angus S. King, Jr.
UNITED STATES SENATOR

Susan M. Collins
UNITED STATES SENATOR

Cc: Walter Cruickshank, Ph.D., Acting Director, Bureau of Energy Management

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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

January 24, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

In light of Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Acting Director Walter Cruickshank's recent statement before the House Natural Resources Committee that the Planning Areas off Florida's coasts are still under consideration for offshore drilling, we write to reiterate our strong opposition to any attempt to open up the eastern Gulf of Mexico to oil and gas drilling. This area has been off-limits under law since 2006 and must remain protected. It is critical to our national security interests as well as the tourism-driven economy of Florida.

In the years since the Deepwater Horizon explosion in 2010, local governments, businesses, and stakeholders across the state have spoken out in opposition to drilling off Florida's West Coast. Floridians understand that drilling puts more than just our coastal environment at risk: it exposes Florida's economy to devastating losses in the tourism revenues upon which the entire state relies.

The eastern Gulf of Mexico hosts the Eastern Gulf Test and Training Range, a unique and invaluable resource that is critical to our military readiness. Pilots training on F-22 and F-35 fighters need the open space available only in the Joint Gulf Range Complex. We object to any efforts to open the eastern Gulf of Mexico to drilling, and we urge you to remove this area from the five-year plan immediately.

Florida also has vital assets on the Atlantic Coast that would be similarly threatened by offshore drilling activities. The waters off of Kennedy Space Center and Patrick Air Force Base are the site of testing for the first stages of satellite and rocket launches. At the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, the military trains for anti-submarine warfare. To be clear, drilling activities are incompatible with the military missions in these areas and therefore do not serve the nation's best interests.

Please include this letter in the public record for the 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Program. Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Bill Nelson
United States Senator

Marco Rubio
United States Senator

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 25, 2018

The Honorable Walter Cruickshank
Acting Director
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
1849 C Street, NW.
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Acting Director Cruickshank:

We write to express our opposition to the Trump administration's recently announced plan to expand oil and gas drilling in U.S. waters. We join Rhode Island's Governor Gina Raimondo and Attorney General Peter Kilmartin in voicing our grave concerns over the harmful consequences such a decision will have on our environment and on our state's economy.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's proposed 2019-2024 Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) lease sale program would pose significant danger to New England's coastal waters, which are home to thousands of plant and animal species that rely on a well-balanced marine ecosystem. Expanding offshore drilling poses an unnecessary risk to this balance. Additionally, permitting oil and gas exploration off the coast of New England could have untold economic effects. Rhode Island's ocean economy generates more than $2 billion annually. This includes more than $1.4 billion from the travel and tourism industries, and nearly $94 million from the commercial fishing industry. This is on top of the more than 41,000 jobs that are supported by Rhode Island's ocean economy. Throughout New England, ocean related industries generate more than $17 billion annually, and support more than 240,000 jobs.

The administration's decision represents a sizeable giveaway to the oil and gas industries in a time when our nation should be making critical investments in renewable energy technologies, including wind and solar power. Rhode Island is leading the way in this regard as home to the nation's first offshore wind farm. Allowing new oil and gas exploration would be an enormous step backward in reducing our nation's dependence on fossil fuels.

Furthermore, we have significant concerns over the administration's decision to exempt Florida from its expansion plan. On January 9, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke announced that expanded drilling would not take place off the coasts of Florida due to the importance of its coastal industries. This arbitrary announcement, made outside normal administrative procedures, strongly suggests the administration failed to thoroughly consider the impact such a plan would have on coastal economies, and only admitted these mistakes when convenient to its political allies. To use the Secretary's own words when defending his decision to remove the Florida coastline from consideration, we would like to emphasize that Rhode Island is also "different," "unique," and "heavily reliant on tourism as an economic driver." Based on the Secretary's standard, Rhode Island should be given similar consideration as Florida and removed from consideration for new offshore oil and gas energy development.

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As Rhode Island's elected representatives in Congress, we remain opposed to the administration's proposed plan to expand offshore oil and gas drilling in the strongest terms. We encourage continued investment and development of renewable technologies, and the continued preservation of our oceans.

We thank you for your attention to this critical issue, and ask that the administration reconsider this misguided and dangerous proposal.

Sincerely,

Jack Reed
United States Senator

Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senator

James R. Langevin
Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

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Dear Mr. Secretary Zinke and Acting Director Dr. Cruickshank:

We write to urge you to add two more public meetings in California to the schedule of public meetings as part of the public comment period for the proposed 2019-2024 National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program. The public meetings offered around the country are a critical opportunity for citizens to learn about and comment on the Department of the Interior's five year plan.

Currently, the only scheduled public meeting in California is in Sacramento on February 8th, 2018. However, due to the size of the state, California encompasses three of the Draft Proposed Program Areas: Northern California, Central California, and Southern California. Residents in the northern coastal city of Crescent City would have to travel nearly 400 miles to participate in the public meeting, while residents of San Diego in the southern part of the state would have to travel over 500 miles. If the Department of Interior seeks to adequately provide access to these public meetings, there should be at least one meeting held in each of the Draft Proposed Program Areas.

Given the geographical nature of the proposed leasing program, it is important to provide adequate access to the public meetings for each of the impacted regions. In order to afford our constituents this opportunity, we urge the Department of Interior and the Bureau of Ocean

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Energy Management to add public meetings in the Northern and Southern California Draft Proposed Program Areas.

Sincerely,

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United States Senator

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 08, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

We write to request that New York State be exempted from consideration of new oil and gas drilling leases as part of the recently announced Draft Proposed Program for the 2019-2024 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program. This plan would open up two lease sales in areas of the North Atlantic coast adjacent to New York State for fossil fuel exploration.

New York's almost 2,000 miles of tidal coastline are unique and important to our economy that includes industries such as tourism, shipping, construction, fishing and living resources. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, New York has the third largest ocean economy with 20,894 businesses, employing more than 350,000 workers, paying over $11 billion in wages, and contributing over $24 billion to the state's gross domestic product.

New oil and gas development raises the possibility of a disastrous oil spill and increases risk of exposure to toxic chemicals and metals used in offshore drilling operations. These threats to New Yorkers' coastal industries, public health, and unique natural environments are unacceptable and should not be ignored. The long-term health of New York is inextricably linked to protecting our ocean resources. For this reason our state has invested in improving water quality, restoring aquatic ecosystems, and developing renewable energy.

The Draft Proposed Program exposes our precious aquatic ecosystems to degradation and threatens our investments. Local voices across our state, including our Governor, have spoken up in opposition to this new offshore drilling plan, which we do not want and do not need. We respectfully request that local and state voices in New York seeking exemption from new oil and gas leasing be given the same consideration afforded to those in other states, such as Florida. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Louise M. Slaughter
Rep. Louise M. Slaughter

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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

February 27, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dr. Walter Cruickshank
Acting Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
1849 C Street, NW
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Dear Secretary Zinke and Dr. Cruickshank:

We write in strong opposition to the Department of the Interior's National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2019-2024, announced on January 4, 2018. The draft proposal would allow lease sales for offshore oil and gas drilling for over ninety-percent of the Outer Continental Shelf, including the Mid-Atlantic region. We request that Maryland be exempted from any new oil and gas leases as the Department takes steps to finalize the Plan.

Maryland's inclusion in the draft proposal is heavily opposed in our state, as it threatens the livelihood of countless businesses and communities with significant interests in our fisheries and tourism industries. Furthermore, oil and gas development in the Mid-Atlantic region is opposed by our military, as they have found it threatens military readiness maneuvers and could interfere with missile tests the Navy relies on to protect our coasts. The NASA Wallops Flight Facility located on the Eastern Shore, which supports a burgeoning commercial space industry in our region, has expressed similar concerns that oil and gas development in these waters could undermine aerospace test activities, resupply missions to the International Space Station, and other future commercial space flight activities.

Should oil and gas development be permitted in these waters, a potential oil spill could do untold harm to our fisheries, tourism industry, and environment. Indeed, confidence in the Department's ability to assure our constituents that oil and gas development in these waters can be done safely and responsibly was drastically undermined when you rolled back reasoned safeguards put in place following the Deepwater Horizon spill in April 2010, which cost the lives of eleven workers and did lasting damage to the fisheries and ecosystems of the Gulf Coast.

As you know, commercial oil and gas development in the Mid-Atlantic region has been proposed and defeated previously for many of the same reasons outlined above. We believe that when you have had a chance to consider the consequences of this proposal on our military, the State's economy, and the environment, you will reach a similar conclusion.

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For all of these reasons, we urge you to consider the voices of our constituents and their elected representatives and remove Maryland from the five year Plan.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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United States Senator

Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator

Steny H. Hoyer
United States Representative

Elijah E. Cummings
United States Representative

C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger
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John Sarbanes
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March 2, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary of the Interior
United States Department of the Interior
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Dear Secretary Zinke:

I received your letter of January 5, 2018, transmitting the Draft Proposed Program for a new National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (National OCS Program) for the years 2019 through 2024, prepared by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), for my review and comment. As we recently discussed, the State of Alabama is a long-time partner with the Federal government in matters concerning the OCS, and I can assure you of my engagement throughout this process that will lead to the Final Program for 2019-2024. As the process proceeds over the coming months, I will provide additional input and comments at the appropriate times. I look forward to the opportunity to work with you and your staff throughout the development of the 2019-2024 National OCS Program.

My administration and the State of Alabama understand the critical importance of OCS oil and natural gas production to our economy and national security and have long supported a balanced and reasonable leasing program that leads to the prudent and safe exploration, development, and production of OCS hydrocarbon resources. Further, we are supportive of the policy outlined in President Trump's Executive Order 13795, which states that it is "the policy of the United States to encourage energy exploration and production, including on the Outer Continental Shelf, in order to maintain the Nation's position as a global energy leader and foster energy security and resilience for the benefit of the American people, while ensuring that any such activity is safe and environmentally responsible." As a state with significant onshore and offshore oil and natural gas production in our state jurisdiction, as well as the OCS production in Federal waters off our coast, Alabama is an active participant in this regard.

It has long been Alabama's policy that our support for offshore development is contingent on all OCS activities in waters adjacent to our coast being carried out in full compliance with relevant Alabama laws, rules, and regulations and in a manner that is fully compliant and consistent with our Coastal Zone Management Program.

After the painful lessons of the Deepwater Horizon event, it is of the utmost importance that BOEM and its sister agency, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), oversee all OCS oil and natural gas activities in a manner that protects us from future incidents of this nature. Further, we are confident that BOEM and BSEE will constantly examine

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procedures and processes in an effort to continuously improve the ability of these agencies, as well as the industry that operates on the OCS, to provide for safe and environmentally prudent operations.

Over the years, Alabama has consistently requested protection for live bottom areas, pinnacle reefs, chemosynthetic communities, and other sensitive environments in the Gulf of Mexico OCS (GOM-OCS) off of Alabama's coast and beyond. We continue to request that BOEM and BSEE provide reasonable and adequate protections, including contingency plans for mitigation of impacts from spills and blow-outs, for these and other sensitive features and areas, such as archeological sites, that might be impacted by oil and gas exploration and production activities in the OCS.

The State of Alabama has had long-standing concerns regarding the OCS blocks south and within 15 miles of the Baldwin County coast. The State has sought to minimize visual and other impacts of new oil or natural gas structures within that area. We believe that the State's position on minimizing these impacts for new structures is consistent with the proper development of offshore Alabama and we ask that you continue to assist us in this regard. I understand that Option 3 of the Gulf of Mexico Region Program Options, as outlined in the Draft Proposed Program, would establish a 15-mile Baldwin County buffer with no new leasing. I wish to ensure, however, that the area of the OCS within 15 miles south of eastern Baldwin County, currently included in a moratorium until 2022 under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (GOMESA), will continue to remain unavailable for new leasing and development through 2024.

As you make decisions in development of the next National OCS Program, I am sure that you will very carefully weigh our future energy needs, our national security, and other important factors, such as economic impacts on coastal communities, both positive and negative, and environmental concerns, in determining additional areas to be included in the program and subject to leasing. The successful development of the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska's OCS clearly demonstrates that responsible offshore oil and gas development can generate many good paying jobs, spur activity in a host of associated industries, and generate billions of dollars in revenue. I understand that additional environmental analyses and ongoing conversations with other federal agencies and entities; the affected states; oil and natural gas operators; renewable energy producers; various marine industries; and other stakeholders will determine the areas that are ultimately included in the Final Program and offered for potential lease.

I want to continue to emphasize that the revenues associated with OCS-wide lease sales and subsequent development and production, as well as revenues from existing production, should be shared in a fair and equitable way with the adjacent states that support leasing and development, such as Alabama. I strongly urge the Trump Administration to support existing revenue sharing with states, as well as any legislative efforts to expand and enhance revenue sharing. Further, I believe that the existing revenue sharing cap for the Gulf States under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) should be lifted, thus ensuring a more equitable system to share the benefits of offshore development with the affected states. Although the current system of limited revenue sharing utilized in the Gulf of Mexico provides state

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governments with some resources to expand coastal management and conservation; build new roads, docks, ports, and other necessary infrastructure; and expand other public services, I firmly believe that expanded and enhanced revenue sharing will allow states to more properly address the coastal impacts of offshore production and put them in better position to support OCS activities.

I recognize and respect that the Department of the Interior (DOI) is constrained by current law, and, thus, to the limited revenue sharing provisions contained in the currently applicable statutes, such as GOMESA. I also understand that DOI and BOEM, in conducting lease sales, are carrying out their responsibilities, missions, and mandates to prudently manage the OCS for the good of the nation. I request, however, that the Administration join with me, and other like-minded Governors and United States Senators and Representatives, to work toward the enactment of new legislation to make additional and significant revenue sharing with affected states, such as Alabama, a reality in the very near future.

On matters related to leasing and development on the OCS, including development of the 2019-2024 National OCS Program, I designate Dr. Berry H. (Nick) Tew, Jr., as Alabama's continuing point of contact to work with you and BOEM. Dr. Tew is the State Geologist and Oil and Gas Supervisor and directs the Geological Survey of Alabama and the State Oil and Gas Board.

Thank you for reaching out to me, both in your letter and in our recent telephone conversation. I look forward to working cooperatively with your office and BOEM and BSEE in the successful and safe development of the hydrocarbon resources located off of Alabama's shores and other OCS areas, as well as to sharing in the benefits of OCS leasing and production activities.

Sincerely,

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Heads Up on New FOIA: BOEM-2018-00110

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All,

This is a heads up that we received a FOIA from Austin Evers of American Oversight regarding records from the Office of the Director, the Office of Congressional Affairs, and the Office of Public Affairs, dating from April 1, 2017 to the date of the search, pertaining to the following:

- Records of communications regarding offshore drilling or the 2019-2024 OCS between BOEM and various named governors and senators or their offices.
- Final recommendations or decisions regarding whether to exempt or remove 13 named states from the 2019-2024 OCS.

We will be in touch soon regarding the search parameters.

A copy of the request attached for you reference.

V/r,
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March 9, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

In New York State, we have a long and proud history of valuing our environment and our economy. Today we are leading the nation in protecting our planet and developing clean renewable energy, and doing so while putting people to work in good-paying jobs.

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It is with these values in mind that I have directed New York State agencies to conduct an analysis of each and every threat to the 1,700 miles of New York coastline posed by the possibility of oil and gas exploration and drilling. The agencies, including the New York State Departments of State, Environmental Conservation, Health, and Parks, the Office of General Services, the Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services, the Empire State Development Corporation and the Energy Research and Development Authority, have reviewed the 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program ("2019-2024 DPP"). Given the potentially devastating and irreversible impacts to New York's coastal communities and economy, New York has determined that the North Atlantic Planning Area must be excluded from future versions of the 2019-2024 DPP.

Oil and gas exploration and development would have extensive long-term negative effects for New York's thriving ocean economy. More than 320,000 New Yorkers earn $11 billion in ocean economy wages, and the ocean economy generates more than $23 billion in gross domestic product. Long Island alone has a booming $5.6 billion tourism economy and is the heart of New York's thriving $180 million annual fishing industry. This proposal also potentially jeopardizes the Port of New York and New Jersey – the largest port on the Atlantic coast, which supports approximately 400,000 jobs. Furthermore, the marine animals that share our waters would likely be harmed by the tools like seismic airguns used to explore for oil and gas. And should there be an actual drilling platform built, the North Atlantic coastal ecosystem and economy would be under the constant threat of a devastating oil spill.

In New York, the decision is whether the risks of irreversible harm done to our environment are worth the benefits of this dangerous proposed offshore drilling plan. The State's conclusion is that the risk is not worth any possible benefit.

Any consideration of oil and gas development off the coast of New York would be in conflict with our nation-leading energy plan – Reforming the Energy Vision – which calls for energy generation from solar, wind and other renewable sources. By 2030, 50% of electricity consumed in New York will come from renewable sources. Already, since 2011, growth in solar has exceeded 1,000%, leveraging $2.8 billion in private investments and creating 12,000 new jobs. We have also developed the nation's most ambitious offshore wind master plan, providing the necessary steps to achieve 2.4 gigawatts of capacity by 2030. Our offshore wind commitment will result in $6 billion in new investments and 5,000 new in-state jobs, and it will power nearly 1.2 million households across the Empire State.

Rather than work against us to thwart New York's clean energy goals and hinder one of our state's most promising emerging industries, the federal government should build on the collaborative efforts between the New York and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to establish new areas for offshore wind energy development.

New York has survived and learned from Superstorm Sandy, invested in brownfield redevelopment, restored our coastal habitats, and invested in our waterfront communities. We have spent billions of dollars to rebuild, revitalize, restore and strengthen our coastal communities and the ocean-based economy that defines our shores. The continued inclusion of the North Atlantic Planning Area in future version of the 2019-2024 DPP threatens New York's success and undermines its ability to forge a sustainable and resilient path forward.

Based on the weight of evidence, it is clear that the potential for environmental damage and adverse impact on New York's coastal zone far outweighs the potential for discovery of oil and gas off of New York or in the North Atlantic Planning Area at large. I call on the Secretary to reconsider this dangerous plan and exclude New York's waters from any future versions of the 2019-2024 DPP.

Sincerely,

ANDREW M. CUOMO

cc: Dr. Walter Cruickshank, Acting Director
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Kelly Hammerle, Chief, National Oil and Gas Leasing
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March 5, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke,

We write to request an extension of the March 9, 2018 deadline to submit comments on the Draft Proposed Program for the Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2019-2024 and on scoping for the required Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement.

The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) provides for a 60-day comment period following the release of the Draft Proposed Program. Given the large scope of the Draft Proposed Program, we believe a 60-day extension of the deadline for comments is necessary to allow for more public hearings in coastal areas and to give the public sufficient time to submit comments on offshore drilling proposed for nearly the entire U.S. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), encompassing over 90 percent of total OCS acreage – the largest number of potential offshore lease sales ever proposed. These public hearings are a critical opportunity for citizens to learn about and comment on the Department of the Interior's five year plan, and due to the geographic extent of the proposed leasing program, it is imperative to provide adequate access for each region.

Section 18 of OCSLA provides for the development of an oil and gas leasing program that considers "economic, social, and environmental values" of the resources of the OCS and the potential impacts of oil and gas exploration on the marine, coastal and human environments.[1] Upon consideration of the comments received during the Request for Information comment period last year, this Draft Proposed Program identifies a preliminary list of OCS planning areas and schedule for proposed lease sales during the 2019-2024 period. We are very concerned that this Draft Proposed Program includes the Arctic, Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico that were rightly excluded from the 2017-2022 program.

The previous 2017-2022 program was developed over three years, and incorporated over a million comments from the public, scientists, industry, business owners, and other stakeholders. The exclusion of the Arctic, Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico was a reflection of the significant economic, social, and environmental risks posed by oil and gas development in those areas, as well as strong community opposition. Local and regional concerns over offshore oil and gas activities have only grown since the 2017-2022 program was finalized, with over 150 East and West Coast municipalities formally opposing offshore drilling activities off their shores, including seismic airgun surveys.

[1] 43 U.S.C. §1344(a)(1).

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The opportunity for the public to provide input on the Draft Proposed Program is critical given the new, large scope of the Draft Proposed Program and its potential impacts on coastal communities and economies, the marine environment, and climate. We do not believe that the 23 currently announced "open house" style meetings are adequate in duration, location, nor format needed to meet the public input requirements. Several of the public meetings were postponed and rescheduled later in the public comment period, which does not leave adequate time for stakeholders to learn details about the DPP at the public meeting and submit meaningful comments before the comment period ends.

There should be more meetings in coastal communities, large and small, in all areas included in the Draft Proposed Program, as well as non-coastal areas to allow for as many impacted voices as possible to raise their concerns. In addition, formal oral testimony, as opposed to an "open house" format, would better ensure that people's concerns are heard and recorded publicly.

We respectfully request a full and fair opportunity for the most directly impacted stakeholders to provide feedback on the Draft Proposed Program and on scoping for the Programmatic EIS through an extension of the comment period deadline to at least May 8, 2018, additional meetings in rural and coastal communities in each affected state, and the opportunity to offer formal, oral testimony.

Sincerely,

Maria Cantwell
United States Senator

Edward J. Markey
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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 9, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

We write in strong opposition to your agency's misuse of taxpayer funds and agency resources to issue a draft 2019-2024 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program in the middle of the current 2017-2022 Five-Year Plan. This draft proposal is an ill-advised effort to circumvent public and scientific input, and we object to sacrificing public trust, community safety, and economic security for the interests of the oil industry. We urge you to abandon this effort and maintain the protections outlined in the current 2017-2022 plan.

During your confirmation hearings, you pledged to incorporate local input into the management of our nation's public lands. Our constituents, scientific bodies, businesses, and local elected officials have already decidedly rejected efforts to expand offshore drilling that could compromise ecosystems, tourism and recreation, public safety, and marine industries. The governors of New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, California, Oregon, Washington, and the Attorney General of Rhode Island all are formally opposed to new leasing off their respective shores. Additionally, more than 150 municipalities on the East Coast, West Coast, and Gulf of Mexico have passed resolutions opposing offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration. The New England, Mid-Atlantic, and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils, the Department of Defense, Air Force, and NASA have all weighed in expressing serious concerns or opposition to offshore exploration and drilling. More than 41,000 businesses and 500,000 fishing families have also expressed opposition to drilling in their communities.

The current 2017-2022 plan already allows leasing for more than 45 billion barrels of oil, and guarantees protections for vital resources in the Arctic, Pacific, and Atlantic. The nation's coasts are already bearing the consequences of climate change through rising sea levels, coastal erosion, and increased storm surges and flooding. We should not open all previously closed outer continental shelf areas to fossil fuel extraction and further endanger our climate, coastlines, communities, and economies. Especially in the harsh and fragile Arctic, where your agency has predicted a 75 percent chance of a major oil spill, proposing 19 new leases is the height of irresponsibility.

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We are deeply troubled by your decision to open more than 90% of the outer continental shelf to fossil fuel development and needlessly put our coastal residents, businesses, oceans, and climate at grave risk. Offering 47 leases by expanding drilling into the Arctic, Pacific, Atlantic and Eastern Gulf of Mexico waters would lock us into decades of carbon pollution, and endanger future generations and livelihood simply for short-term gain of major oil companies.

We strongly object to this draft proposal, and urge you to maintain protection for the Arctic, Pacific, Atlantic and Eastern Gulf of Mexico and for our communities.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator

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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

February 27, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dr. Walter Cruickshank
Acting Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

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Dear Secretary Zinke and Dr. Cruickshank:

We write in strong opposition to the Department of the Interior's National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2019-2024, announced on January 4, 2018. The draft proposal would allow lease sales for offshore oil and gas drilling for over ninety-percent of the Outer Continental Shelf, including the Mid-Atlantic region. We request that Maryland be exempted from any new oil and gas leases as the Department takes steps to finalize the Plan.

Maryland's inclusion in the draft proposal is heavily opposed in our state, as it threatens the livelihood of countless businesses and communities with significant interests in our fisheries and tourism industries. Furthermore, oil and gas development in the Mid-Atlantic region is opposed by our military, as they have found it threatens military readiness maneuvers and could interfere with missile tests the Navy relies on to protect our coasts. The NASA Wallops Flight Facility located on the Eastern Shore, which supports a burgeoning commercial space industry in our region, has expressed similar concerns that oil and gas development in these waters could undermine aerospace test activities, resupply missions to the International Space Station, and other future commercial space flight activities.

Should oil and gas development be permitted in these waters, a potential oil spill could do untold harm to our fisheries, tourism industry, and environment. Indeed, confidence in the Department's ability to assure our constituents that oil and gas development in these waters can be done safely and responsibly was drastically undermined when you rolled back reasoned safeguards put in place following the Deepwater Horizon spill in April 2010, which cost the lives of eleven workers and did lasting damage to the fisheries and ecosystems of the Gulf Coast.

As you know, commercial oil and gas development in the Mid-Atlantic region has been proposed and defeated previously for many of the same reasons outlined above. We believe that when you have had a chance to consider the consequences of this proposal on our military, the State's economy, and the environment, you will reach a similar conclusion.

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For all of these reasons, we urge you to consider the voices of our constituents and their elected representatives and remove Maryland from the five year Plan.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator

Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator

Steny H. Hoyer
United States Representative

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 28, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

The Gulf of Mexico has long been a vital region for U.S. oil and natural gas production, driving the United States' position as the number one oil and natural gas producer in the world and making energy for all Americans increasingly more affordable and secure. The Gulf is also considered one of the most important regions for future production due to existing infrastructure, including pipelines, refineries and supporting industries. Gulf of Mexico offshore production directly employs tens of thousands in our states, and indirectly supports hundreds of thousands of jobs. It also provides critical revenue to our state budgets for priorities such as coastal restoration, education and transportation. Consequently, we support the Department's recognition of the Gulf's role in future offshore leasing planning and ask that the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Draft Proposed Program analyze and consider all areas of the Gulf of Mexico as it moves forward with the 2019-2024 lease planning process.

The Gulf of Mexico plays a central role in the future of U.S. energy production. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), federal offshore Gulf of Mexico oil production accounts for 17 percent of U.S. crude oil production and 5 percent of U.S. natural gas production. In addition, over 45 percent of the total U.S. petroleum refining capacity and 51 percent of total U.S. natural gas processing plant capacity is located along the Gulf coast. The infrastructure, skilled workforce and supporting industries are already in place and drive our state economies. It is only natural to look to the waters off our coast as the next frontier for energy security.

For decades, Gulf of Mexico production has supplied oil and natural gas in a vast network of pipelines up and down the coast and all across the country, delivering U.S. consumers with affordable and reliable energy. This production network coexists in the Gulf with an active U.S. military presence, robust shipping in and out of thriving ports, healthy commercial and recreational fishing industries, and off the coast of beautiful beaches and coastal tourist destinations.

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As an energy superpower, our nation is more energy secure and better shielded from foreign regimes that use energy as a tool against our national security priorities. We are better today because of U.S. energy production. In order to continue this success, we should analyze all new areas including the Eastern Gulf of Mexico planning area, to make better, more informed decisions as the lease planning process continues.

Sincerely,

Bill Cassidy, M.D.
United States Senator

John Cornyn
United States Senator

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United States Senator

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May 23, 2018

Via Electronic Mail: foia@americanoversight.org

Mr. Austin R. Evers
Executive Director
American Oversight

RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. BOEM-2018-00111

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is in reference to your FOIA request dated March 9, 2018, and received by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on the same date. Your request is assigned number BOEM-2018-00111. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

Description of the Requested Records

You requested:

1. All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, or other materials) regarding offshore drilling generally or the "2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program" specifically between DOI and [a list of specific individuals and their respective offices]:

2. All final recommendations, memoranda, analyses, or decisions regarding whether to exempt or otherwise remove [specifically identified] states from the 2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program:

You further provided a date limitation of April 1, 2017 to the present, and limited your request to the following BOEM offices:

- The Office of the Director;
- The Office of Congressional Affairs; and
- The Office of Public Affairs.

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The Bureau's Second Response to Your Request

At this time, we are providing you with our second response to your request consisting of 137 pages being release in their entirety.

Processing Schedule

We use Multitrack Processing to process FOIA requests. Within each track, requests are usually processed on a first-in, first-out basis. Your request is currently assigned to the "Complex" processing track. We will continue to respond to your request in a rolling production and anticipate sending our next response in June 2018.

Conclusion

Thank you for your patience as we continue to process your request. If you have any questions concerning your request, you may contact us by email at boemfoia@boem.gov; by fax at (703) 787-1209; by phone at (703) 787-1818; or by postal mail at FOIA Office; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Mail Stop: VAM-BOEM DIR; 45600 Woodland Road; Sterling, VA 20166.

Sincerely,

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Natasha Alcantara
Freedom of Information Act Officer/Public Liaison
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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Date: June 29, 2017

President Trump and Secretary Zinke Open up Comment Period for New 5-Year National Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program

Request for Information (RFI) Begins Multi-Year Evaluation Process to Engage Public, States, & Tribes

WASHINGTON – Today, at an Energy Week event hosted by Energy Secretary Rick Perry, President Donald J. Trump announced that Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke has taken action to open up the public comment period for a new 5-year National Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). President Trump announced on stage that the comment period is the first step in executing the new 5-year plan which was put in action by the April 28 executive order on American Energy. The 2017-2022 Five Year Program, which is set to begin this summer, will continue to be executed until the new National OCS Program is complete.

Monday's publication of the RFI begins a 45-day public comment period. Substantial public involvement and extensive analysis will accompany all stages of the planning process, which generally takes two to three years to complete. The notice will be on display in the Federal Register public reading room Friday, June 30, 2017, and published in the Federal Register Monday, July 3. Comments will be accepted until 45 days after the publication date which will be July 3.

"Developing a new National Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program that respects environmental and economic sensitivities but still allows us to responsibly develop our resources is critical to reaching President Trump's goal of American energy dominance," **said Secretary Zinke**. "Offering more areas for energy exploration and responsible development was a cornerstone of the President's campaign and this action is the first step in making good on that promise for offshore oil and gas."

"Under the last administration, 94% of the OCS was off-limits to responsible development, despite interest from state and local governments and industry leaders. The Trump Administration is dedicated to energy dominance, growing the economy and giving the public a say in how our natural resources are used, and that's exactly what we are doing by opening up the Request For Information and a new 5-year plan," **said Acting Assistant Secretary Kate MacGregor**.

The Secretary's Order calls for enhancing opportunities for energy exploration, leasing, and development of the OCS, establishing regulatory certainty for OCS activities, and enhancing conservation stewardship, thereby providing jobs, energy security, and revenue for the American people.

"Our country has a massive energy economy and we should absolutely wear it on our sleeves, rather than keep energy resources in the ground," **said Vincent DeVito, Counselor to the Secretary of Interior for Energy Policy**. "This work will encourage responsible energy exploration and production, in order to advance the United States' position as a global energy force and foster security for the benefit of the American citizenry."

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“Developing a new National Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program that respects environmental and economic sensitivities but still allows us to responsibly develop our resources is critical to reaching President Trump’s goal of American energy dominance,” **said Secretary Zinke**. “Offering more areas for energy exploration and responsible development was a cornerstone of the President’s campaign and this action is the first step in making good on that promise for offshore oil and gas.”

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President Trump and Secretary Zinke Open up Comment Period for New 5-Year National Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program

Request for Information (RFI) Begins Multi-Year Evaluation Process to Engage Public, States, & Tribes

WASHINGTON – Today, at an Energy Week event hosted by Energy Secretary Rick Perry, President Donald J. Trump announced that Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke has taken action to open up the public comment period for a new 5-year National Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). President Trump announced on stage that the comment period is the first step in executing the new 5-year plan which was put in action by the April 28 executive order on American Energy. The 2017-2022 Five Year Program, which is set to begin this summer, will continue to be executed until the new National OCS Program is complete.

Monday's publication of the RFI begins a 45-day public comment period. Substantial public involvement and extensive analysis will accompany all stages of the planning process, which generally takes two to three years to complete. The notice will be on display in the Federal Register public reading room Friday, June 30, 2017, and published in the Federal Register Monday, July 3. Comments will be accepted until 45 days after the publication date which will be July 3.

"Developing a new National Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program that respects environmental and economic sensitivities but still allows us to responsibly develop our resources is critical to reaching President Trump's goal of American energy dominance," **said Secretary Zinke**. "Offering more areas for energy exploration and responsible development was a cornerstone of the President's campaign and this action is the first step in making good on that promise for offshore oil and gas."

"Under the last administration, 94% of the OCS was off-limits to responsible development, despite interest from state and local governments and industry leaders. The Trump Administration is dedicated to energy dominance, growing the economy and giving the public a say in how our natural resources are used, and that's exactly what we are doing by opening up the Request For Information and a new 5-year plan," **said Acting Assistant Secretary Kate MacGregor**.

The Secretary's Order calls for enhancing opportunities for energy exploration, leasing, and development of the OCS, establishing regulatory certainty for OCS activities, and enhancing conservation stewardship, thereby providing jobs, energy security, and revenue for the American people.

"Our country has a massive energy economy and we should absolutely wear it on our sleeves, rather than keep energy resources in the ground," **said Vincent DeVito, Counselor to the Secretary of Interior for Energy Policy**. "This work will encourage responsible energy exploration and production, in order to advance the United States' position as a global energy force and foster security for the benefit of the American citizenry."

Publication in the Federal Register of a Request for Information and Comments (RFI) on the Preparation of the 2019-2024 Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program is the initial step. Per statute and consistent with previous efforts, BOEM will evaluate all 26 of the OCS planning areas during this first stage and is, therefore, requesting comments on all areas.

The initiation of a new National OCS Program development process, managed by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), is a key aspect of the implementation of President Donald Trump's America First Offshore Energy Strategy, as outlined in the President's Executive Order (E.O.) 13795 on April 28, 2017, which was amplified by Secretary Zinke's DOI Order 3350 on May 1, 2017.

The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act requires the Secretary of the Interior, through BOEM, to prepare and maintain a schedule of proposed oil and gas lease sales in federal waters, indicating the size, timing, and location of auctions that would best meet national energy needs for the five-year period following its approval. In developing the National OCS Program, which has also been known as a Five Year Program, the Secretary is required to achieve an appropriate balance among the potential for environmental impacts, for discovery of oil and gas, and for adverse effects on the coastal zone. As required by the President's Executive Order, DOI will cooperate with the Departments of Defense and Commerce on issues pertaining to this National OCS Program development process.

"This first step does not propose to schedule sales in particular areas, or make any preliminary decisions on what areas will be included in the

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schedule," **said BOEM Acting Director Walter Cruickshank.** "The RFI considers all areas of the Outer Continental Shelf and provides an opportunity for interested parties to submit comments and suggestions about the potential for leasing and to identify environmental and other concerns and uses that may be affected by offshore leasing."

BOEM seeks a wide array of input, including information on the economic, social, and environmental values of all OCS resources, as well as the potential impact of oil and gas exploration and development on other resource values of the OCS and the marine, coastal, and human environments.

Using the information received, BOEM will prepare a Draft Proposed Program, followed by a Proposed Program and a Proposed Final Program. Throughout the planning process, BOEM will consult with all interested parties and will seek additional public comment.

The current National OCS Program for 2017–2022 schedules 11 potential lease sales; 10 in the Gulf of Mexico and one in the Cook Inlet of Alaska.

BOEM currently manages more than 3,000 active OCS leases, covering more than 16 million acres – the vast majority in the Gulf of Mexico. Of those, approximately 885 are producing leases, covering 4.4 million acres. In 2016, OCS oil and gas leases accounted for about 18 percent of domestic oil production and 4 percent of domestic natural gas production. This production generates billions of dollars in revenue for state and local governments and the U.S. taxpayer, while supporting hundreds of thousands of jobs.

Under the RFI announced today, comments will be accepted until August 17, 2017, in either of the following ways:

Electronically (preferred method): https://www.boem.gov/Public-Engagement-Opportunities/ Open the "Open Comment Document" link and follow instructions to view relevant documents and submit comments.

In written form, deliver to: Ms. Kelly Hammerle, National Program Manager, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; 45600 Woodland Road-VAM-LD; Sterling, Virginia 20166.

Additional information on the process of developing the next National OCS Program as well as on the current National OCS Program can be foundhere.

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I've recently taken over Senator Rubio's energy portfolio. Please add me to all relevant BOEM distribution lists.

Best regards,
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BOEM would l ke to inform you that we have completed an analysis of our royalty rates and have decided to set the royalty rate at 12.5 percent for leases located in water depths less than 200 meters in the proposed Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Sale 249. This is lower than the proposed 18.75 percent royalty rate for shallow water leases that we published in the Proposed Notice of Sale, and is consistent with the Federal onshore oil and gas lease royalty rate of 12.5 percent. The purpose of this change is to adjust the royalty rate to reflect recent market conditions, thereby encouraging competition and continuing to receive a fair and equitable return on oil and gas resources. The royalty rate in 200 meters of water and deeper will remain at 18.75 percent as in the Proposed Notice of Sale.

BOEM has made this decision after careful consideration of market conditions, available resources, leasing, drilling, and production trends, along with comparable international fiscal systems. In particular, hydrocarbon price conditions and the marginal nature of remaining GOM shelf resources suggest a royalty rate reduction is an appropriate and timely action. The shallow water royalty rate reduction targets the GOM shelf where exploration, development, and production are in decline and where critical infrastructure already exists.

If BOEM moves forward with the sale, the royalty rates and other lease terms related to GOM Sale 249 will be formally announced in the Final Notice of Sale at least 30 days prior to the sale date. The sale date is currently scheduled for August 16, 2017. BOEM is sending this Note to Stakeholders informing you of this change ahead of the Final Notice of Sale because it was made after the Proposed Notice of Sale for GOM Sale 249 (published in March of this year).

GOM Sale 249 is the first scheduled lease sale in the 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program, and is also the first scheduled Gulf of Mexico region-wide sale that encompasses all available acreage in the Western, Central, and Eastern planning areas. The unleased blocks are located between 3 nautical miles offshore out to the outer limit of the United States' jurisdiction over the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) in water depths ranging from 3 meters to more than 3,400 meters.

BOEM would also like to inform you that we are analyzing a price-based royalty system and will be engaging stakeholders on this concept later this year. BOEM's concept of a price-based royalty system would provide an incentive to lessees through lower royalty rates in times of lower oil prices, while also ensuring the Federal government receives a greater return for Outer Continental Shelf resources when prices are high. A price-based royalty system will not be in place for GOM Sale 249. BOEM expects to provide more information and provide opportunity for stakeholder input in the coming months.

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Secretary Zinke Announces 76 Million Acres Offered in Gulf of Mexico Region-Wide Oil and Gas Lease Sale

All Unleased Areas of Federal Waters Available,

Shallow Water Leases to See Reduced Royalties

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced that the Department would offer 75.9 million acres offshore Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida for oil and gas exploration and development. The region-wide lease sale scheduled for August 16, 2017 would include all available unleased areas in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and provide a reduced royalty rate for shallow water leases to encourage exploration and production under current market conditions.

Lease Sale 249, scheduled to be livestreamed from New Orleans, will be the first offshore sale under the National Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2017-2022. Under this program, ten region-wide lease sales are scheduled for the Gulf, where resource potential and industry interest are high, and oil and gas infrastructure is well established. Two Gulf lease sales will be held each year and include all available blocks in the combined Western, Central, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning Areas.

On June 29, President Donald J. Trump and Secretary Zinke announced the public comment period for a new Five-Year National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program. The comment period is the first step in executing the new program. The 2017-2022 Program, which begins with the lease sale announced today, will continue to be executed until the new National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program is complete.

"Our Outer Continental Shelf lands offer vast energy development opportunities and we are committed to encouraging increased energy exploration and production in these offshore areas to maintain the Nation's global dominance in energy production," **Secretary Zinke said**. "As a global energy leader, we will foster energy security and resilience for the benefit of the American people. A strong offshore energy plan that responsibly harnesses more of our resources will spur economic opportunities for industry, states, and local communities, creating jobs and revenue. That's why we also are developing a new national Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas program that will best meet our future energy needs."

Lease Sale 249 will include about 14,220 unleased blocks, located from three to 231 miles offshore, in the Gulf's Western, Central and Eastern planning areas in water depths ranging from nine to more than 11,115 feet (three to 3,400 meters). Excluded from the lease sale are blocks subject to the Congressional moratorium established by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006; blocks that are adjacent to or beyond the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone in the area known as the northern portion of the Eastern Gap; and whole blocks and partial blocks within the current boundary of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.

"To advance commonsense domestic energy production, the terms of this sale have been developed through extensive environmental analysis, public comment, and consideration of the best available information," said **Counselor to the Secretary on Energy Policy Vincent DeVito**. "This will ensure appropriate resource development and further our energy dominance strategy."

The Gulf of Mexico OCS, covering about 160 million acres, has technically recoverable resources of 550 million barrels of oil and 1.25 trillion cubic feet of gas, accounting for nearly three-fourths of the oil and a fourth of the natural gas produced on federal lands.

The lease sale terms include stipulations to protect biologically sensitive resources, mitigate potential adverse effects on protected species, and avoid potential conflicts associated with oil and gas

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development in the region. Additionally, BOEM has included appropriate fiscal terms that take into account market conditions and ensure taxpayers receive a fair return for use of the OCS. These terms include a 12.5 percent royalty rate for leases in less than 200 meters of water depth, and a royalty rate of 18.75 percent for all other leases issued pursuant to the sale.

The 12.5 percent royalty rate for leases in less than 200 meters is lower than the proposed 18.75 percent royalty rate for shallow water leases that BOEM published in the Proposed Notice of Sale. The purpose of this change is to adjust the royalty rate to reflect recent market conditions, thereby encouraging competition and continuing to receive a fair and equitable return on oil and gas resources.

"The rate change reflects this Administration's willingness to swiftly respond to economic indicators," said DeVito. "The 12.5 percent royalty rate is closer in harmony with the current market and federal onshore lease sales."

As of July 3, 2017, 15.6 million acres on the U.S. OCS are under lease for oil and gas development (2947 active leases) and 4.1 million of those acres (842 leases) are producing oil and natural gas. More than 97 percent of these leases are in the Gulf of Mexico; about 3 percent are on the OCS off California and Alaska.

All terms and conditions for Gulf of Mexico Region-wide Sale 249 are detailed in the Final Notice of Sale (FNOS) information package, which is available at: http://www.boem.gov/Sale-249/. Copies of the FNOS maps can be requested from the Gulf of Mexico Region's Public Information Unit at 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70123, or at 800-200-GULF (4853).

The Notice of Availability of the FNOS is available today for inspection in the Federal Register at: http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/public-inspection/index.html and will be published in the Federal Register on July 17, 2017.

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March 2018 sale to offer 76.9 million acres in Gulf of Mexico

NEW ORLEANS – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced that the Department is proposing the largest oil and gas lease sale ever held in the United States --76,967,935 acres in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico, offshore Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. The proposed region-wide lease sale, offering an area about the size of New Mexico, is scheduled for March 2018 and includes all available unleased areas on the Gulf's Outer Continental Shelf, surpassing last year's region-wide lease sale by about one million acres.

"In today's low-price energy environment, providing the offshore industry access to the maximum amount of opportunities possible is part of our strategy to spur local and regional economic dynamism and job creation and a pillar of President Trump's plan to make the United States energy dominant," **Secretary Zinke said**. "And the economic terms proposed for this sale include a range of incentives to encourage diligent development and ensure a fair return to taxpayers."

Proposed Lease Sale 250, which will be livestreamed from New Orleans, will be the second offshore sale under the National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2017-2022. Lease Sale 249, held in New Orleans last August, received $121 million in high bids. In addition to the high bids and rental payments, the Department will receive royalty payments on any future production from these leases. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) lease revenues are directed to the U.S. Treasury, Gulf Coast states, the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Historic Preservation Fund.

"In order to strengthen America's energy dominance, we must anticipate and plan for our needs for decades to come," **said Senator Lisa Murkowski, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources**. "The administration's decision to move forward with the largest offshore lease sale in our nation's history is a key part of that effort. Whether in Alaska or the Gulf of Mexico, we should all support responsible development because it creates high-paying jobs, strengthens national security, and keeps energy affordable for our families and businesses."

"President Trump's team is following through on their commitment to advancing America's energy independence," **said Senator Roger Wicker**. "Unlike the previous administration, this one understands that expanded offshore energy development benefits working families, consumers, and our national security. This is a win for Mississippi and the entire country."

"President Trump and his administration are following through on their promise to end the war on American energy," **said Senator Bill Cassidy**. "Investing in energy creates better jobs with better benefits for working families, strengthens our national security and strengthens our energy independence."

"This is great news that our oil and gas industry in Louisiana sorely needs. This is the largest sale in U.S. history, and it will create jobs and bolster our state and national economy," **said Senator John Kennedy**. "Our Louisiana workers are ready to go back to work."

"President Donald Trump made clear his desire to ensure Americans can use our own natural resources to produce the energy vital to our economy and national security," **said Alabama Governor Kay Ivey.** "As he has done time and again, President Trump has proven to the people of Alabama that he is a man of his word, and we are grateful to him and to Secretary Ryan Zinke for their determination to open a vast tract of American waters to oil and gas exploration. This decision is not only in the best interest of all Americans, it allows Gulf Coast states, like Alabama, to utilize our natural resources not only to provide energy for our nation, but increased economic opportunities for our people."

"Mississippi welcomes Secretary Zinke's action to carry out the president's vision for American energy dominance," **said Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant**. "This will strengthen our state's status as a leader in oil and gas exploration and create good jobs for hardworking Mississippians."

"If we're serious about energy dominance and long-term energy affordability, we must create certainty about future access in the Outer Continental Shelf," **said Congressman Rob Bishop, Chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources.** "Secretary Zinke should be commended for his leadership to create that certainty and realign Interior as a partner for industry to advance responsible energy development. This is a welcomed announcement on that front. Congressionally, we will continue to move forward on a comprehensive overhaul of onshore and offshore federal lands energy policy to help Interior expand even greater access, streamline permitting and increase revenues to both states and the U.S. Treasury."

"Secretary Zinke's announcement is welcome news and I look forward to continuing to work with the administration to put consumer's interests first while promoting job creation and modernizing our nation's energy infrastructure," **said Congressman Greg Walden, Chairman of the House Committee on Energy & Commerce**. "The president and his administration have placed energy independence and security at the top of their agenda, and this committee has been leading the way in examining policies that seek to streamline siting and permitting of the nation's oil and gas pipelines."

"President Trump has stated that he wants our country to exert 'energy dominance' throughout the world, and this lease sale is another bold step in that direction," **said House Majority Whip Steve Scalise**. "I applaud today's announcement by Secretary Ryan Zinke to offer the largest offshore oil and gas lease sale in U.S. history. My constituents in Southeast Louisiana will be leading the way in this exploration and development that will create good jobs and kickstart more economic growth. This bold action helps us continue fighting for the responsible development of our natural resources that bring critical dollars to restore our coast."

"As a long-time advocate for opening up more of the Gulf of Mexico, it's refreshing to work with an Administration that understands it's true energy potential," **said Congressman Pete Olson**. "Oil production, when done safely and responsibly, is a win for Texas and the Gulf Coast economy, and adds to America's energy security. I applaud Secretary Zinke for moving forward with this lease sale and hope these opportunities to tap into our energy potential continue."

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“Secretary Zinke’s announcement of the largest oil and gas lease sale in our country’s history is welcome news. The oil and gas industry provides thousands of direct and indirect jobs to the people of Mississippi," **said Congressman Gregg Harper**. "This lease sale has the potential to create new opportunities for our state and nation as advances in technology continue to make the United States a world leader in natural resource production.”

“I applaud Secretary Zinke and the Department of Interior for their efforts to spur energy production and support communities along the Gulf Coast. Revenue from these leases will be a huge boost for Gulf states, like Alabama, and will help us continue conservation and preservation of our treasured coastal areas," **said Congressman Bradley Byrne**. "Through developments like this, we can ensure American energy dominance and make life better for Gulf Coast families.”

The estimated amount of resources projected to be developed as a result of the proposed region-wide lease sale ranges from 0.21 to 1.12 billion barrels of oil and from 0.55 to 4.42 trillion cubic feet of gas. Most of the activity (up to 83% of future production) from the proposed lease sale is expected to occur in the Central Planning Area.

Proposed Lease Sale 250 includes 14,375 unleased blocks, located from 3 to 230 miles offshore, in the Gulf’s Western, Central and Eastern planning areas in water depths ranging from 9 to more than 11,115 feet (three to 3,400 meters). Excluded from the lease sale are blocks subject to the Congressional moratorium established by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006; blocks that are adjacent to or beyond the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone in the area known as the northern portion of the Eastern Gap; and whole blocks and partial blocks within the current boundary of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.

“American energy production can be competitive while remaining safe and environmentally sound,” **said Vincent DeVito, Counselor for Energy Policy at Interior**. “People need jobs, the Gulf Coast states need revenue, and Americans do not want to be dependent on foreign oil. We have heard their message loud and clear.”

The lease sale terms include stipulations to protect biologically sensitive resources, mitigate potential adverse effects on protected species, and avoid potential conflicts associated with oil and gas development in the region. The terms and conditions for Lease Sale 250 in the Proposed Notice of Sale are not final. Different terms and conditions may be employed in the Final Notice of Sale, which will be published at least 30 days before the sale.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) estimates that the OCS contains about 90 billion barrels of undiscovered technically recoverable oil and 327 trillion cubic feet of undiscovered technically recoverable gas. The Gulf of Mexico OCS, covering about 160 million acres, has technically recoverable resources of over 48 billion barrels of oil and 141 trillion cubic feet of gas.

All terms and conditions for Gulf of Mexico Region-wide Sale 250 are detailed in the Proposed Notice of Sale (PNOS) information package, which is available at: http://www.boem.gov/Sale-250/. Copies of the PNOS maps can be requested from BOEM’s Gulf of Mexico Region’s Public Information Unit at 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70123, or at 800-200-GULF (4853).

The Notice of Availability of the PNOS will be available for inspection in the Federal Register on October 26 at: https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/public-inspection.

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Secretary Zinke Announces Largest Oil &Gas Lease Sale in U.S. History

March 2018 sale to offer 76.9 million acres in Gulf of Mexico

NEW ORLEANS – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced that the Department is proposing the largest oil and gas lease sale ever held in the United States --76,967,935 acres in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico, offshore Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. The proposed region-wide lease sale, offering an area about the size of New Mexico, is scheduled for March 2018 and includes all available unleased areas on the Gulf's Outer Continental Shelf, surpassing last year's region-wide lease sale by about one million acres.

"In today's low-price energy environment, providing the offshore industry access to the maximum amount of opportunities possible is part of our strategy to spur local and regional economic dynamism and job creation and a pillar of President Trump's plan to make the United States energy dominant," **Secretary Zinke said**. "And the economic terms proposed for this sale include a range of incentives to encourage diligent development and ensure a fair return to taxpayers."

Proposed Lease Sale 250, which will be livestreamed from New Orleans, will be the second offshore sale under the National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2017-2022. Lease Sale 249, held in New Orleans last August, received $121 million in high bids. In addition to the high bids and rental payments, the Department will receive royalty payments on any future production from these leases. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) lease revenues are directed to the U.S. Treasury, Gulf Coast states, the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Historic Preservation Fund.

"In order to strengthen America's energy dominance, we must anticipate and plan for our needs for decades to come," **said Senator Lisa Murkowski, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources**. "The administration's decision to move forward with the largest offshore lease sale in our nation's history is a key part of that effort. Whether in Alaska or the Gulf of Mexico, we should all support responsible development because it creates high-paying jobs, strengthens national security, and keeps energy affordable for our families and businesses."

"President Trump's team is following through on their commitment to advancing America's energy independence," **said Senator Roger Wicker**. "Unlike the previous administration, this one understands that expanded offshore energy development benefits working families, consumers, and our national security. This is a win for Mississippi and the entire country."

"President Trump and his administration are following through on their promise to end the war on American energy," **said Senator Bill Cassidy**. "Investing in energy creates better jobs with better benefits for working families, strengthens our national security and strengthens our energy independence."

"This is great news that our oil and gas industry in Louisiana sorely needs. This is the largest sale in U.S. history, and it will create jobs and bolster our state and national economy," **said Senator John Kennedy**. "Our Louisiana workers are ready to go back to work."

"President Donald Trump made clear his desire to ensure Americans can use our own natural resources to produce the energy vital to our economy and national security," **said Alabama Governor Kay Ivey.** "As he has done time and again, President Trump has proven to the people of Alabama that he is a man of his word, and we are grateful to him and to Secretary Ryan Zinke for their determination to open a

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vast tract of American waters to oil and gas exploration. This decision is not only in the best interest of all Americans, it allows Gulf Coast states, like Alabama, to utilize our natural resources not only to provide energy for our nation, but increased economic opportunities for our people."

"Mississippi welcomes Secretary Zinke's action to carry out the president's vision for American energy dominance," **said Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant**. "This will strengthen our state's status as a leader in oil and gas exploration and create good jobs for hardworking Mississippians."

"If we're serious about energy dominance and long-term energy affordability, we must create certainty about future access in the Outer Continental Shelf," **said Congressman Rob Bishop, Chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources.** "Secretary Zinke should be commended for his leadership to create that certainty and realign Interior as a partner for industry to advance responsible energy development. This is a welcomed announcement on that front. Congressionally, we will continue to move forward on a comprehensive overhaul of onshore and offshore federal lands energy policy to help Interior expand even greater access, streamline permitting and increase revenues to both states and the U.S. Treasury."

"Secretary Zinke's announcement is welcome news and I look forward to continuing to work with the administration to put consumer's interests first while promoting job creation and modernizing our nation's energy infrastructure," **said Congressman Greg Walden, Chairman of the House Committee on Energy & Commerce**. "The president and his administration have placed energy independence and security at the top of their agenda, and this committee has been leading the way in examining policies that seek to streamline siting and permitting of the nation's oil and gas pipelines."

"President Trump has stated that he wants our country to exert 'energy dominance' throughout the world, and this lease sale is another bold step in that direction," **said House Majority Whip Steve Scalise**. "I applaud today's announcement by Secretary Ryan Zinke to offer the largest offshore oil and gas lease sale in U.S. history. My constituents in Southeast Louisiana will be leading the way in this exploration and development that will create good jobs and kickstart more economic growth. This bold action helps us continue fighting for the responsible development of our natural resources that bring critical dollars to restore our coast."

"As a long-time advocate for opening up more of the Gulf of Mexico, it's refreshing to work with an Administration that understands it's true energy potential," **said Congressman Pete Olson**. "Oil production, when done safely and responsibly, is a win for Texas and the Gulf Coast economy, and adds to America's energy security. I applaud Secretary Zinke for moving forward with this lease sale and hope these opportunities to tap into our energy potential continue."

"Secretary Zinke's announcement of the largest oil and gas lease sale in our country's history is welcome news. The oil and gas industry provides thousands of direct and indirect jobs to the people of Mississippi," **said Congressman Gregg Harper**. "This lease sale has the potential to create new opportunities for our state and nation as advances in technology continue to make the United States a world leader in natural resource production."

"I applaud Secretary Zinke and the Department of Interior for their efforts to spur energy production and support communities along the Gulf Coast. Revenue from these leases will be a huge boost for Gulf states, like Alabama, and will help us continue conservation and preservation of our treasured coastal areas," **said Congressman Bradley Byrne**. "Through developments like this, we can ensure American energy dominance and make life better for Gulf Coast families."

The estimated amount of resources projected to be developed as a result of the proposed region-wide lease sale ranges from 0.21 to 1.12 billion barrels of oil and from 0.55 to 4.42 trillion cubic feet of gas. Most of the activity (up to 83% of future production) from the proposed lease sale is expected to occur in the Central Planning Area.

Proposed Lease Sale 250 includes 14,375 unleased blocks, located from 3 to 230 miles offshore, in the Gulf's Western, Central and Eastern planning areas in water depths ranging from 9 to more than 11,115 feet (three to 3,400 meters). Excluded from the lease sale are blocks subject to the Congressional moratorium established by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006; blocks that are adjacent to or beyond the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone in the area known as the northern portion of the Eastern Gap; and whole blocks and partial blocks within the current boundary of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.

"American energy production can be competitive while remaining safe and environmentally sound," **said Vincent DeVito, Counselor for Energy Policy at Interior**. "People need jobs, the Gulf Coast states need revenue, and Americans do not want to be dependent on foreign oil. We have heard their message loud and clear."

The lease sale terms include stipulations to protect biologically sensitive resources, mitigate potential adverse effects on protected species, and avoid potential conflicts associated with oil and gas development in the region. The terms and conditions for Lease Sale 250 in the Proposed Notice of Sale are not final. Different terms and conditions may be employed in the Final Notice of Sale, which will be published at least 30 days before the sale.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) estimates that the OCS contains about 90 billion barrels of undiscovered technically recoverable oil and 327 trillion cubic feet of undiscovered technically recoverable gas. The Gulf of Mexico OCS, covering about 160 million acres, has technically recoverable resources of over 48 billion barrels of oil and 141 trillion cubic feet of gas.

All terms and conditions for Gulf of Mexico Region-wide Sale 250 are detailed in the Proposed Notice of Sale (PNOS) information package, which is available at: http://www.boem.gov/Sale-250/. Copies of the PNOS maps can be requested from BOEM's Gulf of Mexico Region's Public Information Unit at 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70123, or at 800-200-GULF (4853).

The Notice of Availability of the PNOS will be available for inspection in the Federal Register on October 26 at: https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/public-inspection.

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Secretary Zinke Announces Largest Oil &Gas Lease Sale in U.S. History

March 2018 sale to offer 76.9 million acres in Gulf of Mexico

NEW ORLEANS – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced that the Department is proposing the largest oil and gas lease sale ever held in the United States --76,967,935 acres in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico, offshore Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. The proposed region-wide lease sale, offering an area about the size of New Mexico, is scheduled for March 2018 and includes all available unleased areas on the Gulf's Outer Continental Shelf, surpassing last year's region-wide lease sale by about one million acres.

"In today's low-price energy environment, providing the offshore industry access to the maximum amount of opportunities possible is part of our strategy to spur local and regional economic dynamism and job creation and a pillar of President Trump's plan to make the United States energy dominant," **Secretary Zinke said**. "And the economic terms proposed for this sale include a range of incentives to encourage diligent development and ensure a fair return to taxpayers."

Proposed Lease Sale 250, which will be livestreamed from New Orleans, will be the second offshore sale under the National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2017-2022. Lease Sale 249, held in New Orleans last August, received $121 million in high bids. In addition to the high bids and rental payments, the Department will receive royalty payments on any future production from these leases. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) lease revenues are directed to the U.S. Treasury, Gulf Coast states, the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Historic Preservation Fund.

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“In order to strengthen America’s energy dominance, we must anticipate and plan for our needs for decades to come," **said Senator Lisa Murkowski, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources**. "The administration’s decision to move forward with the largest offshore lease sale in our nation’s history is a key part of that effort. Whether in Alaska or the Gulf of Mexico, we should all support responsible development because it creates high-paying jobs, strengthens national security, and keeps energy affordable for our families and businesses.”

“President Trump’s team is following through on their commitment to advancing America’s energy independence," **said Senator Roger Wicker**. "Unlike the previous administration, this one understands that expanded offshore energy development benefits working families, consumers, and our national security. This is a win for Mississippi and the entire country.”

“President Trump and his administration are following through on their promise to end the war on American energy," **said Senator Bill Cassidy**. "Investing in energy creates better jobs with better benefits for working families, strengthens our national security and strengthens our energy independence.”

“This is great news that our oil and gas industry in Louisiana sorely needs. This is the largest sale in U.S. history, and it will create jobs and bolster our state and national economy," **said Senator John Kennedy**. "Our Louisiana workers are ready to go back to work.”

“President Donald Trump made clear his desire to ensure Americans can use our own natural resources to produce the energy vital to our economy and national security," **said Alabama Governor Kay Ivey.** "As he has done time and again, President Trump has proven to the people of Alabama that he is a man of his word, and we are grateful to him and to Secretary Ryan Zinke for their determination to open a vast tract of American waters to oil and gas exploration. This decision is not only in the best interest of all Americans, it allows Gulf Coast states, like Alabama, to utilize our natural resources not only to provide energy for our nation, but increased economic opportunities for our people.”

"Mississippi welcomes Secretary Zinke’s action to carry out the president’s vision for American energy dominance," **said Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant**. "This will strengthen our state’s status as a leader in oil and gas exploration and create good jobs for hardworking Mississippians."

“If we’re serious about energy dominance and long-term energy affordability, we must create certainty about future access in the Outer Continental Shelf," **said Congressman Rob Bishop, Chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources.** "Secretary Zinke should be commended for his leadership to create that certainty and realign Interior as a partner for industry to advance responsible energy development. This is a welcomed announcement on that front. Congressionally, we will continue to move forward on a comprehensive overhaul of onshore and offshore federal lands energy policy to help Interior expand even greater access, streamline permitting and increase revenues to both states and the U.S. Treasury.”

“Secretary Zinke’s announcement is welcome news and I look forward to continuing to work with the administration to put consumer’s interests first while promoting job creation and modernizing our nation’s energy infrastructure," **said Congressman Greg Walden, Chairman of the House Committee on Energy & Commerce**. "The president and his administration have placed energy independence and security at the top of their agenda, and this committee has been leading the way in examining policies that seek to streamline siting and permitting of the nation’s oil and gas pipelines.”

"President Trump has stated that he wants our country to exert 'energy dominance' throughout the world, and this lease sale is another bold step in that direction," **said House Majority Whip Steve Scalise**. "I applaud today's announcement by Secretary Ryan Zinke to offer the largest offshore oil and gas lease sale in U.S. history. My constituents in Southeast Louisiana will be leading the way in this exploration and development that will create good jobs and kickstart more economic growth. This bold action helps us continue fighting for the responsible development of our natural resources that bring critical dollars to restore our coast."

“As a long-time advocate for opening up more of the Gulf of Mexico, it’s refreshing to work with an Administration that understands it’s true energy potential," **said Congressman Pete Olson**. "Oil production, when done safely and responsibly, is a win for Texas and the Gulf Coast economy, and adds to America’s energy security. I applaud Secretary Zinke for moving forward with this lease sale and hope these opportunities to tap into our energy potential continue.”

“Secretary Zinke’s announcement of the largest oil and gas lease sale in our country’s history is welcome news. The oil and gas industry provides thousands of direct and indirect jobs to the people of Mississippi," **said Congressman Gregg Harper**. "This lease sale has the potential to create new opportunities for our state and nation as advances in technology continue to make the United States a world leader in natural resource production.”

“I applaud Secretary Zinke and the Department of Interior for their efforts to spur energy production and support communities along the Gulf Coast. Revenue from these leases will be a huge boost for Gulf states, like Alabama, and will help us continue conservation and preservation of our treasured coastal areas," **said Congressman Bradley Byrne**. "Through developments like this, we can ensure American energy dominance and make life better for Gulf Coast families.”

The estimated amount of resources projected to be developed as a result of the proposed region-wide lease sale ranges from 0.21 to 1.12 billion barrels of oil and from 0.55 to 4.42 trillion cubic feet of gas. Most of the activity (up to 83% of future production) from the proposed lease sale is expected to occur in the Central Planning Area.

Proposed Lease Sale 250 includes 14,375 unleased blocks, located from 3 to 230 miles offshore, in the Gulf’s Western, Central and Eastern planning areas in water depths ranging from 9 to more than 11,115 feet (three to 3,400 meters). Excluded from the lease sale are blocks subject to the Congressional moratorium established by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006; blocks that are adjacent to or beyond the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone in the area known as the northern portion of the Eastern Gap; and whole blocks and partial blocks within the current boundary of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.

“American energy production can be competitive while remaining safe and environmentally sound,” **said Vincent DeVito, Counselor for Energy Policy at Interior**. “People need jobs, the Gulf Coast states need revenue, and Americans do not want to be dependent on foreign oil. We have heard their message loud and clear.”

The lease sale terms include stipulations to protect biologically sensitive resources, mitigate potential adverse effects on protected

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species, and avoid potential conflicts associated with oil and gas development in the region. The terms and conditions for Lease Sale 250 in the Proposed Notice of Sale are not final. Different terms and conditions may be employed in the Final Notice of Sale, which will be published at least 30 days before the sale.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) estimates that the OCS contains about 90 billion barrels of undiscovered technically recoverable oil and 327 trillion cubic feet of undiscovered technically recoverable gas. The Gulf of Mexico OCS, covering about 160 million acres, has technically recoverable resources of over 48 billion barrels of oil and 141 trillion cubic feet of gas.

All terms and conditions for Gulf of Mexico Region-wide Sale 250 are detailed in the Proposed Notice of Sale (PNOS) information package, which is available at: http://www.boem.gov/Sale-250/. Copies of the PNOS maps can be requested from BOEM's Gulf of Mexico Region's Public Information Unit at 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70123, or at 800-200-GULF (4853).

The Notice of Availability of the PNOS will be available for inspection in the Federal Register on October 26 at: https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/public-inspection.

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Draft Proposed Program considers nearly the entire U.S. Outer Continental Shelf for potential oil and gas lease sales

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced the next step for responsibly developing the National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (National OCS Program) for 2019-2024, which proposes to make over 90 percent of the total OCS acreage and more than 98 percent of undiscovered, technically recoverable oil and gas resources in federal offshore areas available to consider for future exploration and development. By comparison, the current program puts 94 percent of the OCS off limits. In addition, the program proposes the largest number of lease sales in U.S. history.

"Responsibly developing our energy resources on the Outer Continental Shelf in a safe and well-regulated way is important to our economy and energy security, and it provides billions of dollars to fund the conservation of our coastlines, public lands and parks," **said Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke**. "Today's announcement lays out the options that are on the table and starts a lengthy and robust public comment period. Just like with mining, not all areas are appropriate for offshore drilling, and we will take that into consideration in the coming weeks. The important thing is we strike the right balance to protect our coasts and people while still powering America and achieving American Energy Dominance"

Earlier this year, 155 Members of both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate sent letters to Secretary Zinke in support of a new 5-year plan that recognizes America's potential for energy dominance.

The Draft Proposed Program (DPP) includes 47 potential lease sales in 25 of the 26 planning areas – 19 sales off the coast of Alaska, 7 in the Pacific Region, 12 in the Gulf of Mexico, and 9 in the Atlantic Region. This is the largest number of lease sales ever proposed for the National OCS Program's 5-year lease schedule.

"By proposing to open up nearly the entire OCS for potential oil and gas exploration, the United States can advance the goal of moving from aspiring for energy independence to attaining energy dominance," **said Vincent DeVito, Counselor for Energy Policy at Interior**. "This decision could bring unprecedented access to America's extensive offshore oil and gas resources and allows us to better compete with other oil-rich nations."

Release of the DPP is an early step in a multi-year process to develop a final National OCS Program for 2019-2024. Today's draft proposal was informed by approximately 816,000 comments from a wide variety of stakeholders, including state governments, federal agencies, public interest groups, industry, and the public. Before the program is finalized, the public will have additional opportunities to provide input. The 2017-2022 Five Year Program will continue to be implemented until the new National OCS Program is approved.

"This plan is an early signal to the global marketplace that the United States intends to remain a global leader in responsible offshore energy development and produce affordable American energy for many decades to come," **said Katharine MacGregor, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management**. "This proposed plan shows our commitment to a vibrant offshore energy economy that supports the thousands of men and women working in the offshore energy industry, from supply vessels to rig crews."

Inclusion of an area in the DPP is not a final indication that it will be included in the approved Program or offered in a lease sale, because many decision points still remain. By proposing to open these areas for consideration, the Secretary ensures that he will receive public input and analysis on all of the available OCS to better inform future decisions on the National OCS Program. Prior to any individual lease sale in the future, BOEM will continue to incorporate new scientific information and stakeholder feedback in its reviews to further

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refine the geographic scope of the lease areas.

"American energy production can be competitive while remaining safe and environmentally sound," **said Acting BOEM Director Walter Cruickshank**. "Public input is a crucial part of this process, and we hope to hear from industry groups, elected officials, other government agencies, concerned citizens and others as we move forward with developing the 2019-2024 National OCS Program."

The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act requires the Secretary of the Interior, through BOEM, to prepare and maintain a schedule of proposed oil and gas lease sales in federal waters, indicating the size, timing, and location of leasing activity that would best meet national energy needs for the five-year period following Program approval. In developing the National OCS Program, the Secretary is required to achieve an appropriate balance among the potential for environmental impacts, for discovery of oil and gas, and for adverse effects on the coastal zone.

BOEM currently manages about 2,900 active OCS leases, covering almost 15.3 million acres – the vast majority in the Gulf of Mexico. In fiscal year 2016, oil and gas leases on the OCS accounted for approximately 18 percent of domestic oil production and 4 percent of domestic natural gas production. This production generates billions of dollars in revenue for state and local governments and the U.S. taxpayer, while supporting hundreds of thousands of jobs.

Gulf of Mexico:

The DPP includes 12 sales in the Gulf of Mexico, one of the most productive basins in the world and where oil and gas infrastructure is well established. The draft proposal continues the current approach to lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico by proposing 10 biannual lease sales in those areas of the Western, Central, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico that are not subject to Congressional moratorium or otherwise unavailable, and two sales in the portions of the Eastern and Central Gulf of Mexico after the expiration of the Congressional moratorium in 2022. This is the first time the majority of the Eastern GOM Planning Area would be available for leasing since 1988.

Alaska:

The DPP proposes 19 lease sales in the Alaska Region (3 in the Chukchi Sea, 3 in the Beaufort Sea, 2 in Cook Inlet, and 1 sale each in 11 other program areas in Alaska). These 11 program areas consist of the Gulf of Alaska, Kodiak, Shumagin, Aleutian Arc, St. George Basin, Bowers Basin, Aleutian Basin, Navarin Basin, St. Matthew-Hall, Norton Basin, and Hope Basin. No sales are proposed in the North Aleutian Basin Planning Area that has been under Presidential withdrawal since December 2014.

Pacific:

The DPP proposes 7 lease sales in the Pacific Region (2 each for Northern California, Central California, and Southern California, and 1 for Washington/Oregon). There have been no sales in the Pacific Region since 1984. Currently there are 43 leases in producing status in the Southern California Planning Area.

Atlantic:

The DPP proposes 9 lease sales in the Atlantic Region (3 sales each for the Mid- and South Atlantic, 2 for the North Atlantic, and 1 for the Straits of Florida). There have been no sales in the Atlantic since 1983 and there are no existing leases.

NEXT STEPS

In conjunction with the announcement of the DPP, the Department is also publishing a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Public meetings will be held around the country starting on January 16, 2018, to receive comments on the DPP and to inform the Draft Programmatic EIS. Specific dates, times, and venues will be posted on BOEM's website at https://www.boem.gov/National-Program/.

Using the information received from these public meetings, BOEM will prepare a Proposed Program (PP), which will be published for public comment, to be followed by a Proposed Final Program (PFP). In addition, the Department will prepare a Draft Programmatic EIS to be published concurrently with the PP, and a Final EIS with the PFP.

The DPP and the NOI will be available for public comment for 60 days following the publication of the documents in the Federal Register.

For more information about the National OCS Program, including maps, please visit: http://www.boem.gov/National-Program/

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SECRETARY ZINKE ANNOUNCES PLAN FOR UNLEASHING AMERICA'S OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS POTENTIAL

Draft Proposed Program considers nearly the entire U.S. Outer Continental Shelf for potential oil and gas lease sales

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced the next step for responsibly developing the National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (National OCS Program) for 2019-2024, which proposes to make over 90 percent of the total OCS acreage and more than 98 percent of undiscovered, technically recoverable oil and gas resources in federal offshore areas available to consider for future exploration and development. By comparison, the current program puts 94 percent of the OCS off limits. In addition, the program proposes the largest number of lease sales in U.S. history.

"Responsibly developing our energy resources on the Outer Continental Shelf in a safe and well-regulated way is important to our economy and energy security, and it provides billions of dollars to fund the conservation of our coastlines, public lands and parks," **said Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke**. "Today's announcement lays out the options that are on the table and starts a lengthy and robust

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public comment period. Just like with mining, not all areas are appropriate for offshore drilling, and we will take that into consideration in the coming weeks. The important thing is we strike the right balance to protect our coasts and people while still powering America and achieving American Energy Dominance"

Earlier this year, 155 Members of both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate sent letters to Secretary Zinke in support of a new 5-year plan that recognizes America's potential for energy dominance.

The Draft Proposed Program (DPP) includes 47 potential lease sales in 25 of the 26 planning areas – 19 sales off the coast of Alaska, 7 in the Pacific Region, 12 in the Gulf of Mexico, and 9 in the Atlantic Region. This is the largest number of lease sales ever proposed for the National OCS Program's 5-year lease schedule.

"By proposing to open up nearly the entire OCS for potential oil and gas exploration, the United States can advance the goal of moving from aspiring for energy independence to attaining energy dominance," **said Vincent DeVito, Counselor for Energy Policy at Interior**. "This decision could bring unprecedented access to America's extensive offshore oil and gas resources and allows us to better compete with other oil-rich nations."

Release of the DPP is an early step in a multi-year process to develop a final National OCS Program for 2019-2024. Today's draft proposal was informed by approximately 816,000 comments from a wide variety of stakeholders, including state governments, federal agencies, public interest groups, industry, and the public. Before the program is finalized, the public will have additional opportunities to provide input. The 2017-2022 Five Year Program will continue to be implemented until the new National OCS Program is approved.

"This plan is an early signal to the global marketplace that the United States intends to remain a global leader in responsible offshore energy development and produce affordable American energy for many decades to come," **said Katharine MacGregor, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management**. "This proposed plan shows our commitment to a vibrant offshore energy economy that supports the thousands of men and women working in the offshore energy industry, from supply vessels to rig crews."

Inclusion of an area in the DPP is not a final indication that it will be included in the approved Program or offered in a lease sale, because many decision points still remain. By proposing to open these areas for consideration, the Secretary ensures that he will receive public input and analysis on all of the available OCS to better inform future decisions on the National OCS Program. Prior to any individual lease sale in the future, BOEM will continue to incorporate new scientific information and stakeholder feedback in its reviews to further refine the geographic scope of the lease areas.

"American energy production can be competitive while remaining safe and environmentally sound," **said Acting BOEM Director Walter Cruickshank**. "Public input is a crucial part of this process, and we hope to hear from industry groups, elected officials, other government agencies, concerned citizens and others as we move forward with developing the 2019-2024 National OCS Program."

The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act requires the Secretary of the Interior, through BOEM, to prepare and maintain a schedule of proposed oil and gas lease sales in federal waters, indicating the size, timing, and location of leasing activity that would best meet national energy needs for the five-year period following Program approval. In developing the National OCS Program, the Secretary is required to achieve an appropriate balance among the potential for environmental impacts, for discovery of oil and gas, and for adverse effects on the coastal zone.

BOEM currently manages about 2,900 active OCS leases, covering almost 15.3 million acres – the vast majority in the Gulf of Mexico. In fiscal year 2016, oil and gas leases on the OCS accounted for approximately 18 percent of domestic oil production and 4 percent of domestic natural gas production. This production generates billions of dollars in revenue for state and local governments and the U.S. taxpayer, while supporting hundreds of thousands of jobs.

Gulf of Mexico:

The DPP includes 12 sales in the Gulf of Mexico, one of the most productive basins in the world and where oil and gas infrastructure is well established. The draft proposal continues the current approach to lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico by proposing 10 biannual lease sales in those areas of the Western, Central, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico that are not subject to Congressional moratorium or otherwise unavailable, and two sales in the portions of the Eastern and Central Gulf of Mexico after the expiration of the Congressional moratorium in 2022. This is the first time the majority of the Eastern GOM Planning Area would be available for leasing since 1988.

Alaska:

The DPP proposes 19 lease sales in the Alaska Region (3 in the Chukchi Sea, 3 in the Beaufort Sea, 2 in Cook Inlet, and 1 sale each in 11 other program areas in Alaska). These 11 program areas consist of the Gulf of Alaska, Kodiak, Shumagin, Aleutian Arc, St. George Basin, Bowers Basin, Aleutian Basin, Navarin Basin, St. Matthew-Hall, Norton Basin, and Hope Basin. No sales are proposed in the North Aleutian Basin Planning Area that has been under Presidential withdrawal since December 2014.

Pacific:

The DPP proposes 7 lease sales in the Pacific Region (2 each for Northern California, Central California, and Southern California, and 1 for Washington/Oregon). There have been no sales in the Pacific Region since 1984. Currently there are 43 leases in producing status in the Southern California Planning Area.

Atlantic:

The DPP proposes 9 lease sales in the Atlantic Region (3 sales each for the Mid- and South Atlantic, 2 for the North Atlantic, and 1 for the Straits of Florida). There have been no sales in the Atlantic since 1983 and there are no existing leases.

NEXT STEPS

In conjunction with the announcement of the DPP, the Department is also publishing a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

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Public meetings will be held around the country starting on January 16, 2018, to receive comments on the DPP and to inform the Draft Programmatic EIS. Specific dates, times, and venues will be posted on BOEM's website at https://www.boem.gov/National-Program/.

Using the information received from these public meetings, BOEM will prepare a Proposed Program (PP), which will be published for public comment, to be followed by a Proposed Final Program (PFP). In addition, the Department will prepare a Draft Programmatic EIS to be published concurrently with the PP, and a Final EIS with the PFP.

The DPP and the NOI will be available for public comment for 60 days following the publication of the documents in the Federal Register.

For more information about the National OCS Program, including maps, please visit: http://www.boem.gov/National-Program/

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WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced the next step for responsibly developing the National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (National OCS Program) for 2019-2024, which proposes to make over 90 percent of the total OCS acreage and more than 98 percent of undiscovered, technically recoverable oil and gas resources in federal offshore areas available to consider for future exploration and development. By comparison, the current program puts 94 percent of the OCS off limits. In addition, the program proposes the largest number of lease sales in U.S. history.

“Responsibly developing our energy resources on the Outer Continental Shelf in a safe and well-regulated way is important to our economy and energy security, and it provides billions of dollars to fund the conservation of our coastlines, public lands and parks,” **said Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke**. “Today's announcement lays out the options that are on the table and starts a lengthy and robust public comment period. Just like with mining, not all areas are appropriate for offshore drilling, and we will take that into consideration in the coming weeks. The important thing is we strike the right balance to protect our coasts and people while still powering America and achieving American Energy Dominance"

Earlier this year, 155 Members of both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate sent letters to Secretary Zinke in support of a new 5-year plan that recognizes America’s potential for energy dominance.

The Draft Proposed Program (DPP) includes 47 potential lease sales in 25 of the 26 planning areas – 19 sales off the coast of Alaska, 7 in the Pacific Region, 12 in the Gulf of Mexico, and 9 in the Atlantic Region. This is the largest number of lease sales ever proposed for the National OCS Program’s 5-year lease schedule.

“By proposing to open up nearly the entire OCS for potential oil and gas exploration, the United States can advance the goal of moving from aspiring for energy independence to attaining energy dominance,” **said Vincent DeVito, Counselor for Energy Policy at Interior**. “This decision could bring unprecedented access to America’s extensive offshore oil and gas resources and allows us to better compete with other oil-rich nations.”

Release of the DPP is an early step in a multi-year process to develop a final National OCS Program for 2019-2024. Today's draft proposal was informed by approximately 816,000 comments from a wide variety of stakeholders, including state governments, federal agencies, public interest groups, industry, and the public. Before the program is finalized, the public will have additional opportunities to provide input. The 2017-2022 Five Year Program will continue to be implemented until the new National OCS Program is approved.

“This plan is an early signal to the global marketplace that the United States intends to remain a global leader in responsible offshore energy development and produce affordable American energy for many decades to come,” **said Katharine MacGregor, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management**. “This proposed plan shows our commitment to a vibrant offshore energy economy that supports the thousands of men and women working in the offshore energy industry, from supply vessels to rig crews.”

Inclusion of an area in the DPP is not a final indication that it will be included in the approved Program or offered in a lease sale, because many decision points still remain. By proposing to open these areas for consideration, the Secretary ensures that he will receive public input and analysis on all of the available OCS to better inform future decisions on the National OCS Program. Prior to any individual lease sale in the future, BOEM will continue to incorporate new scientific information and stakeholder feedback in its reviews to further refine the geographic scope of the lease areas.

“American energy production can be competitive while remaining safe and environmentally sound,” **said Acting BOEM Director Walter Cruickshank**. “Public input is a crucial part of this process, and we hope to hear from industry groups, elected officials, other government agencies, concerned citizens and others as we move forward with developing the 2019-2024 National OCS Program.”

The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act requires the Secretary of the Interior, through BOEM, to prepare and maintain a schedule of proposed oil and gas lease sales in federal waters, indicating the size, timing, and location of leasing activity that would best meet national energy needs for the five-year period following Program approval. In developing the National OCS Program, the Secretary is required to achieve an appropriate balance among the potential for environmental impacts, for discovery of oil and gas, and for adverse effects on the coastal zone.

BOEM currently manages about 2,900 active OCS leases, covering almost 15.3 million acres – the vast majority in the Gulf of Mexico. In fiscal year 2016, oil and gas leases on the OCS accounted for approximately 18 percent of domestic oil production and 4 percent of domestic natural gas production. This production generates billions of dollars in revenue for state and local governments and the U.S. taxpayer, while supporting hundreds of thousands of jobs.

Gulf of Mexico:

The DPP includes 12 sales in the Gulf of Mexico, one of the most productive basins in the world and where oil and gas infrastructure is well established. The draft proposal continues the current approach to lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico by proposing 10 biannual lease sales in those areas of the Western, Central, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico that are not subject to Congressional moratorium or otherwise unavailable, and two sales in the portions of the Eastern and Central Gulf of Mexico after the expiration of the Congressional moratorium in 2022. This is the first time the majority of the Eastern GOM Planning Area would be available for leasing since 1988.

Alaska:

The DPP proposes 19 lease sales in the Alaska Region (3 in the Chukchi Sea, 3 in the Beaufort Sea, 2 in Cook Inlet, and 1 sale each in 11 other program areas in Alaska). These 11 program areas consist of the Gulf of Alaska, Kodiak, Shumagin, Aleutian Arc, St. George Basin, Bowers Basin, Aleutian Basin, Navarin Basin, St. Matthew-Hall, Norton Basin, and Hope Basin. No sales are proposed in the North Aleutian Basin Planning Area that has been under Presidential withdrawal since December 2014.

Pacific:

The DPP proposes 7 lease sales in the Pacific Region (2 each for Northern California, Central California, and Southern California, and 1 for Washington/Oregon). There have been no sales in the Pacific Region since 1984. Currently there are 43 leases in producing status in the Southern California Planning Area.

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Atlantic:

The DPP proposes 9 lease sales in the Atlantic Region (3 sales each for the Mid- and South Atlantic, 2 for the North Atlantic, and 1 for the Straits of Florida). There have been no sales in the Atlantic since 1983 and there are no existing leases.

NEXT STEPS

In conjunction with the announcement of the DPP, the Department is also publishing a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Public meetings will be held around the country starting on January 16, 2018, to receive comments on the DPP and to inform the Draft Programmatic EIS. Specific dates, times, and venues will be posted on BOEM's website at https://www.boem.gov/National-Program/.

Using the information received from these public meetings, BOEM will prepare a Proposed Program (PP), which will be published for public comment, to be followed by a Proposed Final Program (PFP). In addition, the Department will prepare a Draft Programmatic EIS to be published concurrently with the PP, and a Final EIS with the PFP.

The DPP and the NOI will be available for public comment for 60 days following the publication of the documents in the Federal Register.

For more information about the National OCS Program, including maps, please visit: http://www.boem.gov/National-Program/

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Dear Stakeholder:

As many of you are aware, annual funding for the government expired on January 20, 2018. A lapse in funding means that a number of government activities have ceased due to a lack of appropriated funding and because a number of employees have been temporarily furloughed.

As such, the meetings scheduled for January 22-25, 2018 in support of the 2019-2014 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (National OCS Program) are postponed.

If the government shutdown continues, any public meetings scheduled during that time also will be rescheduled. After the government opens again, we will update the status of any postponed meetings via our website at: **https://www.boem.gov/National-Program-Participate/#meeting.**

Background

On January 4, 2018, the Department of Interior **announced** publication of a Draft Proposed Program (DPP) in support of the National OCS Program, as well as a Notice of Intent (NOI) to develop a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS).

In order to obtain public input for these two documents, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) scheduled a series of public meetings. Information about the National OCS program can be found at **https://www.boem.gov/National-Program**.

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Dear Stakeholder:

As many of you are aware, annual funding for the government expired on January 20, 2018. A lapse in funding means that a number of government activities have ceased due to a lack of appropriated funding and because a number of employees have been temporarily furloughed.

As such, the meetings scheduled for January 22-25, 2018 in support of the 2019-2014 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (National OCS Program) are postponed.

If the government shutdown continues, any public meetings scheduled during that time also will be rescheduled. After the government opens again, we will update the status of any postponed meetings via our website at: **https://www.boem.gov/National-Program-Participate/#meeting.**

Background

On January 4, 2018, the Department of Interior **announced** publication of a Draft Proposed Program (DPP) in support of the National OCS Program, as well as a Notice of Intent (NOI) to develop a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS).

In order to obtain public input for these two documents, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) scheduled a series of public meetings. Information about the National OCS program can be found at **https://www.boem.gov/National-Program**.

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BOEM Postpones Public Meetings for 2019-2024 National OCS Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program

Dear Stakeholder:

As many of you are aware, annual funding for the government expired on January 20, 2018. A lapse in funding means that a number of government activities have ceased due to a lack of appropriated funding and because a number of employees have been temporarily furloughed.

As such, the meetings scheduled for January 22-25, 2018 in support of the 2019-2014 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (National OCS Program) are postponed.

If the government shutdown continues, any public meetings scheduled during that time also will be rescheduled. After the government opens again, we will update the status of any postponed meetings via our website at:

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https://www.boem.gov/National-Program-Participate/#meeting.

Background

On January 4, 2018, the Department of Interior announced publication of a Draft Proposed Program (DPP) in support of the National OCS Program, as well as a Notice of Intent (NOI) to develop a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS).

In order to obtain public input for these two documents, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) scheduled a series of public meetings. Information about the National OCS program can be found at https://www.boem.gov/National-Program.

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Launches Virtual Meeting and 23-City Public Meeting Tour

On January 4, 2018 the Department of Interior announced publication of a Draft Proposed Program (DPP) in support of the National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (National OCS Program), as well as a Notice of Intent (NOI) to develop a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS).

In order to obtain public input for these two documents, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will be traveling to 23 cities to host a series of public meetings. The meetings will feature information stations hosted by BOEM experts, who will be available to discuss the National OCS Program and DPP, as well as potential environmental issues. In addition to information stations, attendees will be able to provide hand-written or electronic comments for BOEM's consideration.

BOEM has also launched a virtual meeting room on the BOEM website to allow those who are unable to attend a meeting access to the same information and a means to participate in the commenting process. Citizens can provide comments by visiting www.regulations.gov or www.boem.gov/comment.

The entire list of public meetings are available at boem.gov/National-Program-Participate and the virtual meeting room is available at boem.gov/virtual.
After considering information provided by the public, BOEM will prepare a Proposed Program, which will be published for a 90-day public comment period, to be followed by a Proposed Final Program (PFP).

BOEM will publish a draft PEIS for public comment concurrently with the Proposed Progam and a final PEIS concurrently with the PFP.

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The draft PEIS and the final PEIS will examine the potential environmental impacts of the program options and alternatives and will be available to the Secretary of the Interior prior to him making decisions on Proposed Program and the Proposed Final Program.

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BOEM Seeks Public Input for 2019-2024 National OCS Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program

Launches Virtual Meeting and 23-City Public Meeting Tour

On January 4, 2018 the Department of Interior announced publication of a Draft Proposed Program (DPP) in support of the National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (National OCS Program), as well as a Notice of Intent (NOI) to develop a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS).

In order to obtain public input for these two documents, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will be traveling to 23 cities to host a series of public meetings. The meetings will feature information stations hosted by BOEM experts, who will be available to discuss the National OCS Program and DPP, as well as potential environmental issues. In addition to information stations, attendees will be able to provide hand-written or electronic comments for BOEM's consideration.

BOEM has also launched a virtual meeting room on the BOEM website to allow those who are unable to attend a meeting access to the same information and a means to participate in the commenting process. Citizens can provide comments by visiting www.regulations.gov or www.boem.gov/comment.

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Edward – Are there any plans to host one of these public meetings in Virginia Beach or Virginia's Eastern Shore region? Since the Richmond hearing was canceled due to weather, wouldn't a hearing in the most populous city in the Commonwealth and an area that would be most impacted by the proposed program make the most since? Please provide any guidance on this front.

Thanks!

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Dear Stakeholder:

As many of you are aware, meetings scheduled for January 22-25 in support of the 2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (National OCS Program) were postponed due to the Federal government shutdown. In addition, the meeting scheduled for Richmond, VA on January 17 was postponed due to inclement weather .

The meetings have been rescheduled, and new dates can be found on our website at:https://www.boem.gov/National-Program-Participate/.

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Attachments:	ATT00002

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Subject: Undeliverable: BOEM Reschedules Public Meetings for 2019-2024 National OCS Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program

Attachments: ATT00002

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Note to Stakeholders

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BOEM Reschedules Public Meetings for 2019-2024 National OCS Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program

Dear Stakeholder:

As many of you are aware, meetings scheduled for January 22-25 in support of the 2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (National OCS Program) were postponed due to the Federal government shutdown. In addition, the meeting scheduled for Richmond, VA on January 17 was postponed due to inclement weather .

The meetings have been rescheduled, and new dates can be found on our website at:https://www.boem.gov/National-Program-Participate/.

Background

On January 4, 2018, the Department of Interior announced publication of the 2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program, as well as a Notice of Intent to develop a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement.

In order to obtain public input on these two documents, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) scheduled a series of public meetings.

The entire list of public meetings and the virtual meeting room are available at https://www.boem.gov/National-Program/.

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BOEM Reschedules Public Meetings for 2019-2024 National OCS Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program

Dear Stakeholder:

As many of you are aware, meetings scheduled for January 22-25 in support of the 2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (National OCS Program) were postponed due to the Federal government shutdown. In addition, the meeting scheduled for Richmond, VA on January 17 was postponed due to inclement weather .

The meetings have been rescheduled, and new dates can be found on our website at:https://www.boem.gov/National-Program-Participate/.

Background

On January 4, 2018, the Department of Interior announced publication of the 2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program, as well as a Notice of Intent to develop a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement.

In order to obtain public input on these two documents, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) scheduled a series of public meetings.

The entire list of public meetings and the virtual meeting room are available at https://www.boem.gov/National-Program/.

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Lease Sale 251 will include approximately 14,474 unleased blocks, located from three to 231 miles offshore, in the Gulf's Western, Central and Eastern planning areas in water depths ranging from nine to more than 11,115 feet (three to 3,400 meters). Excluded from the lease sale are: blocks subject to the congressional moratorium established by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006; blocks that are adjacent to or beyond the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone in the area known as the northern portion of the Eastern Gap; and whole blocks and partial blocks within the current boundary of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.

The Gulf of Mexico OCS, covering about 160 million acres, contains about 48 billion barrels of undiscovered technically recoverable oil and 141 trillion cubic feet of undiscovered technically recoverable gas.

"BOEM has a vital role in advancing responsible offshore energy development. Protecting the environment while providing for our energy needs is essential to our mission," said Acting Director Cruickshank. "This lease sale is a just one piece of the Administration's comprehensive effort to secure our Nation's energy future and benefit the economy."

Additionally, BOEM has included appropriate fiscal terms that take into account market conditions and ensure taxpayers receive a fair return for use of the OCS. These terms include a 12.5% royalty rate for leases in less than 200 meters of water depth, and a royalty rate of 18.75% for all other leases issued pursuant to the sale, in recognition of current hydrocarbon price conditions and the marginal nature of remaining Gulf of Mexico shallow water resources.

All terms and conditions for Gulf of Mexico Region-wide Sale 251 are detailed in the Proposed Notice of Sale (PNOS) information package, which will be available on Monday, April 2, 2018 at: http://www.boem.gov/Sale-251/. Copies of the PNOS maps can be requested from the Gulf of Mexico Region's Public Information Unit at 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70123, or at 800-200-GULF (4853).

The Notice of Availability of the PNOS will be available for inspection in the *Federal Register* at: http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/public-inspection/index.html on Monday, April 2, 2018 and will be published in the *Federal Register* on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

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Lease Sale 251 will include approximately 14,474 unleased blocks, located from three to 231 miles offshore, in the Gulf’s Western, Central and Eastern planning areas in water depths ranging from nine to more than 11,115 feet (three to 3,400 meters). Excluded from the lease sale are: blocks subject to the congressional moratorium established by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006; blocks that are adjacent to or beyond the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone in the area known as the northern portion of the Eastern Gap; and whole blocks and partial blocks within the current boundary of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.

The Gulf of Mexico OCS, covering about 160 million acres, contains about 48 billion barrels of undiscovered technically recoverable oil and 141 trillion cubic feet of undiscovered technically recoverable gas.

“BOEM has a vital role in advancing responsible offshore energy development. Protecting the environment while providing for our energy needs is essential to our mission,” said Acting Director Cruickshank. “This lease sale is a just one piece of the Administration’s comprehensive effort to secure our Nation’s energy future and benefit the economy.”

Additionally, BOEM has included appropriate fiscal terms that take into account market conditions and ensure taxpayers receive a fair return for use of the OCS. These terms include a 12.5% royalty rate for leases in less than 200 meters of water depth, and a royalty rate of 18.75% for all other leases issued pursuant to the sale, in recognition of current hydrocarbon price conditions and the marginal nature of remaining Gulf of Mexico shallow water resources.

All terms and conditions for Gulf of Mexico Region-wide Sale 251 are detailed in the Proposed Notice of Sale (PNOS) information package, which will be available on Monday, April 2, 2018 at: http://www.boem.gov/Sale-251/. Copies of the PNOS maps can be requested from the Gulf of Mexico Region’s Public Information Unit at 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70123, or at 800-200-GULF (4853).

The Notice of Availability of the PNOS will be available for inspection in the *Federal Register* at: http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/public-inspection/index.html on Monday, April 2, 2018 and will be published in the *Federal Register* on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

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BOEM Completes Tract Evaluation and Awards 81 Leases

New Orleans - The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) completed its required evaluation to ensure the public receives fair market value for tracts leased in Gulf of Mexico Regionwide Lease Sale 249, held on August 16, 2017.

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After extensive geological, geophysical, engineering, and economic analysis, BOEM has awarded 81 leases on tracts covering 456,256.16 acres to high bidders who participated in the sale. The accepted high bids are valued at $110,878,164.60. BOEM accepted the 81 bids after determining that the value of each bid was sufficient to provide the public with fair market value for each tract. The highest bid accepted was $12,100,717 submitted by Total E&P USA Inc. for Garden Banks, Block 1003.

During the sale, 27 companies participated and 99 bids were received totaling $137,006,181 on 90 tracts covering 508,096.16 acres of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). A total of $121,143,055 in high bids was offered in the lease sale. Seven bids were rejected totaling $9,294,188. Two bids were withdrawn.

For more information on Sale 249 go to: https://www.boem.gov/Sale-249/.

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To: <boemcongressionalaffairs@boem.gov>
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Delivery has failed to these recipients or groups:

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The email address you entered couldn't be found. Please check the recipient's email address and try to resend the message. If the problem continues, please contact your helpdesk.

Diagnostic information for administrators:

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Gulf of Mexico Region-wide Sale 249 Reflects Current Oil and Gas Prices

BOEM Completes Tract Evaluation and Awards 81 Leases

New Orleans - The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) completed its required evaluation to ensure the public receives fair market value for tracts leased in Gulf of Mexico Regionwide Lease Sale 249, held on August 16, 2017.

After extensive geological, geophysical, engineering, and economic analysis, BOEM has awarded 81 leases on tracts covering 456,256.16 acres to high bidders who participated in the sale. The accepted high bids are valued at $110,878,164.60. BOEM accepted the 81 bids after determining that the value of each bid was sufficient to provide the public with fair market value for each tract. The highest bid accepted was $12,100,717 submitted by Total E&P USA Inc. for Garden Banks, Block 1003.

During the sale, 27 companies participated and 99 bids were received totaling $137,006,181 on 90 tracts covering 508,096.16 acres of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). A total of $121,143,055 in high bids was offered in the lease sale. Seven bids were rejected totaling $9,294,188. Two bids were withdrawn.

For more information on Sale 249 go to: https://www.boem.gov/Sale-249/.

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Delivery has failed to these recipients or groups:

julie_babayan@warren.senate.gov
The recipient's mailbox is full and can't accept messages now. Please try resending this message later, or contact the recipient directly.

The following organization rejected your message: A-ESS-SEN-EX22.senate.ussenate.us.

Diagnostic information for administrators:

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Gulf of Mexico Region-wide Sale 249 Reflects Current Oil and Gas Prices

BOEM Completes Tract Evaluation and Awards 81 Leases

New Orleans - The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) completed its required evaluation to ensure the public receives fair market value for tracts leased in Gulf of Mexico Regionwide Lease Sale 249, held on August 16, 2017.

After extensive geological, geophysical, engineering, and economic analysis, BOEM has awarded 81 leases on tracts covering 456,256.16 acres to high bidders who participated in the sale. The accepted high bids are valued at $110,878,164.60. BOEM accepted the 81 bids after determining that the value of each bid was sufficient to provide the public with fair market value for each tract. The highest bid accepted was $12,100,717 submitted by Total E&P USA Inc. for Garden Banks, Block 1003.

During the sale, 27 companies participated and 99 bids were received totaling $137,006,181 on 90 tracts covering 508,096.16 acres of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). A total of $121,143,055 in high bids was offered in the lease sale. Seven bids were rejected totaling $9,294,188. Two bids were withdrawn.

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June 20, 2018

Via Electronic Mail: foia@americanoversight.org

Mr. Austin R. Evers
Executive Director
American Oversight

RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. BOEM-2018-00111

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is in reference to your FOIA request dated March 9, 2018, and received by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on the same date. Your request is assigned number BOEM-2018-00111. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

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- The Office of Congressional Affairs; and
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The Bureau's Third Response to Your Request

At this time, we are providing you with our third response to your request consisting of 1 page released in its entirety.

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Conclusion

Thank you for your patience as we continue to process your request. If you have any questions concerning your request, you may contact us by email at boemfoia@boem.gov; by fax at (703) 787-1209; by phone at (703) 787-1818; or by postal mail at FOIA Office; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Mail Stop: VAM-BOEM DIR; 45600 Woodland Road; Sterling, VA 20166.

Sincerely,

X_____

Natasha Alcantara
Freedom of Information Act Officer/Public Liaison
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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Good evening Nora, per our phone conversation information on our Boston public meeting can be had by following the link below:

https://www.boem.gov/National-Program-Participate/

Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any additional comments or questions.

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October 30, 2018

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The Bureau's Final Response to Your Request

We are providing you with our final response consisting of sixteen (16) pages released in their entirety. The responsive documents are enclosed. This completes the Bureau's response to your request.

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We classified you as an "other-use" requester. Requesters in this category may be charged for some of our search and duplication costs, but not charge you for our review costs; you are also entitled to up to 2 hours of search time and 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. *See* 43 CFR § 2.39. Inasmuch as there were no billable costs incurred for this request, it has been processed at no charge to you.

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Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/PA Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal. You may contact the Department's FOIA/PA Appeals Office at:

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Ms. Orr,

Please see the attached comments that were submitted online today on behalf of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and in response to Secretary Zinke's June 29, 2017 letter to Governor Deal.

Sincerely,

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AUG 17 2017

Ms. Kelly Hammerle
National Program Manager
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RE: State of Georgia Comments on BOEM 2019-2024 OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program

Dear Ms. Hammerle:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed 2019-2024 five-year leasing plan for energy development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). Governor Deal has asked that I respond to Secretary Zinke's June 29, 2017 letter to the Governor. The State of Georgia supports environmentally sound efforts to increase the domestic oil and gas reserves of the United States. We wish to call your attention to several issues that must be considered in any leasing plan involving Georgia offshore waters.

Georgia's concerns fall within three broad categories. These are the impacts of oil and gas exploration and production on 1) the physical environment, 2) the biological environment, and 3) the socio- economic environment of the State. A more detailed discussion of these categories of impact can be found in the Technical Addendum to this letter. Also within the Technical Addendum is a description of an offshore site selection tool developed by the Georgia Coastal Management Program in partnership with the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Physical Environment:
The State is concerned with potential impacts to groundwater, offshore hard grounds, and on other mineral resources on the continental shelf. Over 600,000 residents living in 6 coastal counties of Georgia depend on the Floridan aquifer for their drinking water supply. Previous drilling on the Georgia continental shelf demonstrated that the aquifer extends at least 55 miles offshore. Protection of this aquifer is of critical interest to Georgia. The Floridan aquifer is currently protected under Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) §12-5-90 et seq., and the "Interim Strategy for Managing Salt Water Intrusion in the Upper Floridan Aquifer of Southeast Georgia." Exploratory drilling that adhered to the Georgia Oil and Gas and Deep Drilling Act (O.C.G.A. §12-4-40 et seq.) would minimize potential impacts to this resource.

Exploration or development of oil and gas in waters off Georgia must take into account the presence of other mineral resources on the shelf including phosphates, gas hydrates, and heavy mineral sands. Mining in Georgia is regulated under the Georgia Surface Mining Act of 1968 (O.C.G.A. §12-4-70 et seq.) and phosphate mining under O.C.G.A. §12-4-100 et seq.

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Offshore hard grounds are areas where consolidated carbonate rocks are exposed on a broad, gradually sloping continental shelf otherwise dominated by unconsolidated sands. They are also likely locations of freshwater springs where the Floridan aquifer discharges into the ocean, which may affect surrounding biological diversity. These rocks also provide the firm foundation needed for the development of unique ecosystems dominated by sponges, corals, ascidians, and other reef invertebrates. Commonly referred to as "live bottoms", these scattered hard grounds are "hotspots" of biological diversity on the continental shelf that support many commercially and recreationally important fish, as well as provide habitat for sea turtles and marine mammals. Since hard grounds comprise less than 10% of the continental shelf off Georgia, the biological and social-economic importance of these areas is exceptional.

Biological Environment:
Sustained by an estuarine system that accounts for approximately one-third of the salt marsh remaining on the Atlantic seaboard of the United States, Georgia's coastal and offshore waters are highly productive. These waters and the State's unique series of undeveloped barrier islands and beaches also provide critical feeding and nesting habitats for several endangered, threatened, or rare species. These areas are largely managed through the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act of 1970 (O.C.G.A. §12-5-280 et seq.); the Coastal Management Act (O.C.G.A. §12-5-320 et seq.); the Georgia Natural Areas Act (O.C.G.A. §12-3-90 et seq.) and the Protection of Tidewaters Act (O.C.G.A. §52-1-1et seq.). Endangered species are protected under the Georgia Endangered Wildlife Act of 1973 (O.C.G.A. §27-3-130 et seq.).

Approximately 32 species of marine mammals occur on the Georgia continental shelf including threatened West Indian manatees and critically endangered North Atlantic right whales. Five species of endangered or threatened sea turtles occur on the Georgia continental shelf, including the green, hawksbill, Kemp's ridley, leatherback, and loggerhead sea turtles. Other endangered species or species of concern occurring on the Georgia shelf include fish (Atlantic sturgeon, shortnose sturgeon, and smalltooth sawfish) and marine birds (least and gull-billed terns, piping plover, and American oystercatcher).

In addition to coastal barrier islands and beaches, other habitats of concern include those protected or recognized under federal and/or State law, including Wassaw, Blackbeard, and Wolf Island National Wildlife Refuges; the State's protected "Bird Islands"; Ossabaw Island Heritage Preserve; Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary; Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve; Altamaha Biosphere Reserve, Cumberland Island National Seashore, and designated critical habitat for loggerhead sea turtles and right whale calving.

Socio-Economic Environment:
Concerns include potential impacts on the State's historical and cultural resources, as well as on present-day industries and initiatives. Georgia's coastal region is rich in cultural resources that represent a long history of habitation by man. Reflecting a rich maritime tradition, several known historical shipwrecks occur on the adjacent continental shelf, although it is likely that many more wrecks remain undocumented. These resources are largely protected through Georgia's Submerged Cultural Resources Act (O.C.G.A. §12-3-90 et seq.).

Georgia's coastal zone also supports industries vital to the State's economy, including and recreational fisheries, port traffic, and tourism. In 2016, Georgia's commercial fishermen landed

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7.1 million pounds of seafood with an ex-vessel value of $16.8 million. Georgia licensed 261 commercial shrimp trawlers that landed 2.12 million pounds of shrimp (tails) with an ex-vessel value of $9.16 million. Blue crab harvesters landed 3.69 million pounds of crabs with an ex-vessel value of 4.68 million and commercial shellfish leases yielded 329,152 pounds of meatstock with an ex-vessel value of $2.63 million. The commercial finfish catch for 2016 was 529,471 pounds with an ex-vessel value of $367,843. The most recent economic report, NOAA Fisheries Economics of the U.S. 2015, estimated that the economic impact of recreational saltwater fishing to Georgia's coastal community included $142.3 million in sales, $58.7 of income and $131.8 million in trip expenditures.

Recreational fishing harvested more than 1.4 million pounds of marine fish in 2016. Coastal tourism generates nearly $2 billion annually. Georgia's deepwater ports and inland barge terminals support more than 339,000 jobs throughout the state annually and contribute $84.1 billion in revenue to Georgia's economy.

In summary, Georgia supports the preparation of a 5-year Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing plan provided that all relevant environmental and societal issues are fully addressed. Given the current need for greater energy security in the United States, Georgia supports an effective State and Federal partnership that explores options for new energy resources. If you have questions concerning these comments, please contact Spud Woodward (912-264-7218), Director of the Coastal Resources Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Enclosure

cc: Office of the Governor
Richard Dunn, EPD Director
Spud Woodward, CRD Director
Rusty Garrison, WRD Director
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TECHNICAL ADDENDUM

Georgia's Concerns Regarding Development of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management 2019-2024 Five-Year Leasing Plan for the Outer Continental Shelf.

1.0 Physical Environment

1.1 Groundwater

The major concern involving groundwater is the integrity and water quality of the Floridan Aquifer. The Floridan aquifer is the primary source of water for public, domestic, agricultural, and industrial users throughout southeast Georgia. Approximately 700 million gallons of water per day were withdrawn from the Floridan aquifer in Georgia during 1995. Drilling in the early 1980's demonstrated that the aquifer extends for at least 55 miles under the continental shelf.

Recent drilling on the shelf shows that a groundwater cone of depression in the Savannah area extends eastward at least 15 miles from the shoreline. This cone of depression allows groundwater under the continental shelf to migrate towards Savannah. The offshore portion of the aquifer is protected from saltwater intrusion by a Miocene aquitard. Recent studies have shown that this aquitard is of variable thickness on the continental shelf (ranging from 0 to 160 feet thick) and is susceptible to local erosion. Exploratory drilling should be designed to prevent potential breaching of this confining unit separating the Floridan aquifer from the ocean.

1.2 Hard Grounds

Although most of the Georgia continental shelf is covered with Pleistocene and Holocene unconsolidated sands, consolidated carbonate rocks crop out across the entire width of the shelf from a depth of 30 feet out to the shelf edge. These outcrops are referred to as hard grounds, hard-bottoms, or live-bottoms, and form unique, stable substrate for marine communities. More than 100 such hard grounds have been identified on the Georgia continental shelf. Hard grounds are "hotspots" of biological diversity on the continental shelf and provide natural habitat for many commercially and recreationally important fish species including black sea bass, porgies, snapper, and groupers and habitat for some species of shrimp. The hard grounds also provide habitat for endangered species of sea turtles.

1.3 Mineral Resources

Exploration or development of oil and gas on the Georgia continental shelf must take into account the presence of other mineral resources on the shelf including phosphates, gas hydrates, and heavy mineral sands. Studies in the late 1980's and early 1990's suggest that there may be 21 billion tons of phosphatic rock within 60 miles of the Georgia shoreline. Studies of offshore surficial sediments suggest that, although the heavy mineral resource potential of the Georgia continental shelf is limited, there may be titanium-bearing placer deposits offshore of the Altamaha River. Extensive gas hydrates have been discovered on the continental slope off of Georgia. These gas hydrates represent both a significant resource and a geologic hazard. The hydrates could produce instability in sediments, creating engineering problems for oil and gas exploration and development.

2.0 Biological Environment

2.1 Marine Mammals

One species of manatee, 7 species of baleen whales and at least 22 species of toothed whales and dolphins occur in the South Atlantic Planning Area. Of these, 6 species are listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA): blue whale (*Bolaenoptera musculus*), fin whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*), North Atlantic right whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*), sei whale (*Balaenoptera*

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borealis), sperm whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*) and West Indian manatee (*Trichecus manatus*). Three of these species also occur in Georgia state waters and are listed as endangered under the Georgia Endangered Wildlife Act: humpback whale, North Atlantic right whale and West Indian manatee. Potential lethal impacts to marine mammals from oil and gas exploration and development include vessel strikes, entanglement in debris, ingestion of debris and oil, and sound from high-energy active acoustic sources (e.g., airguns used for seismic surveys). Harassment and habitat degradation may result from vessel movements, low altitude aerial overflights, geophysical and geotechnical surveys, construction and extraction activities, and oil spills. While all marine mammal species could be affected by these activities, North Atlantic right whales and West Indian manatee are the species of greatest concern in Georgia state waters and adjacent federal waters.

2.1.1 North Atlantic Right Whale

The North Atlantic right whale is among the most endangered whale species with a population numbering approximately 450 whales. Waters along the Southeast U.S. coast are the primary wintering ground and only known calving ground for the species. Protection of the whales and their calving habitat is critical to the species' recovery. Spatially, right whales are most frequently found in waters 10-25 m deep within 25 km of the South Carolina, Georgia and northeast Florida coastline. Temporally, right whales are present from November to April annually. Little survey effort has been conducted for right whales >55 km from shore, so the extent to which right whales may inhabit deeper waters along the continental shelf and waters east of the shelf break is uncertain.

Distribution and timing of right whale movements along the North Carolina coast and northward into the Mid-Atlantic are also poorly understood. Vessel collisions and entanglement in fishing gear are the primary causes of right whale mortality. Other threats include habitat degradation, anthropogenic sound sources, contaminants and climate change. Whenever practical, activities with the potential to impact right whales should be conducted at locations and times that right whales are not present. Activities that must occur when right whales are present, or activities that impact right whale habitat, should be adequately mitigated to minimize impacts.

Additional data on right whale distribution and abundance are needed to assess potential impact of oil and gas exploration along the North Carolina coast, Mid-Atlantic coast, and at locations >55 km east of the South Carolina, Georgia and northeast Florida coast. If oil and gas development and prospecting leads to increased vessel traffic, debris and noise within 55 km of shore, right whales could be impacted accordingly. An oil spill during the calving season could have species-level consequences because Southeast U.S. waters are the only calving grounds, calving females remain on the calving grounds for 2-3 months, and there are only approximately 100 calving females.

2.1.2 West Indian Manatee

West Indian Manatees are threatened with over 6,000 animals inhabiting coastal and riverine habitats in the Southeast U.S, primarily in peninsular Florida. Each spring and summer an unknown number of manatees migrate north into coastal Georgia and the Carolinas. They feed on marsh grass and other vegetation, primarily in estuarine and riverine habitats, although they venture into ocean waters, particularly during migration. The maximum distance manatees travel into Atlantic Ocean waters is unknown, but movements >5 km from shore are probably rare. Manatees prefer water temperatures above 20°C and must migrate south back to Florida each fall as water temperatures cool. Vessel collision, fishery entanglements, crushing in water control structures and habitat degradation are the primary anthropogenic impacts to manatees. It is unlikely that manatees would be impacted directly by normal offshore oil and gas exploration and development activities, but they could be impacted by

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increased vessel traffic and construction at shore-side facilities. Oil spills could negatively impact manatees and their coastal habitats.

2.2 Sea Turtles

Five species of sea turtles occur in Georgia's coastal waters year round including the loggerhead, Kemp's ridley, green, leatherback and hawksbill. All five species are listed under the Federal Endangered Species Act as threatened or endangered and under Georgia's Endangered Wildlife Act.

2.2.1 Juvenile Foraging Aggregations

The composition and abundance of sea turtles varies seasonally based on water temperature and migratory patterns. The shallow continental shelf waters off the Georgia coast are important developmental foraging habitat for juvenile loggerhead, Kemp's Ridley, and green sea turtles. Juvenile sea turtles are commonly found in the estuaries and offshore waters foraging on crabs and other invertebrate species. In-water trawl surveys conducted by South Carolina DNR suggest that juvenile foraging sea turtle abundance in the nearshore waters of Georgia is higher than coastal waters of South Carolina, and the southern portion of the North Carolina coast. Loggerheads are the most common species foraging in coastal waters followed by Kemp's ridley and green turtles. Juvenile sea turtles are generally less abundant in winter when they move offshore to warmer waters near the edge of the Gulf Stream. Post-hatchling sea turtles are commonly found in sargassum weed lines found off Georgia out to the Gulf Stream. Juvenile hawksbill turtles are generally associated with coral reef habitat and are rare in Georgia's coastal waters. Potential lethal effects of gas and oil development activities on sea turtles include vessels strikes, entanglements in debris, ingestion of oil or debris (particularly juveniles using sargassum weed lines), and sound from high-energy acoustic sources. Anthropogenic activities resulting in harassment (disruption of foraging activity) and/or habitat degradation include construction activities, increased vessel traffic, habitat contamination, and oil spills.

2.2.2 Leatherback Sea Turtle

Leatherback turtles are found in Georgia's coastal waters during the winter months foraging on jellyfish. High leatherback densities have been documented within 30 miles of shore during right whale aerial surveys conducted from mid-December through the end of March. Leatherback densities are also known to be high in late spring (April-May) from strandings and dedicated leatherback aerial surveys conducted by Georgia DNR. Leatherbacks seen during late spring are presumed to be migrating along the Georgia coast on their way to feed in the north Atlantic during the summer. Adult leatherbacks are found nesting on Georgia beaches in the spring and summer although nesting densities are generally low with less than 10 nests statewide annually. Potential lethal effects of gas and oil development activities on sea turtles include vessels strikes, entanglements in debris, ingestion of oil or debris, and sound from high-energy acoustic sources. Anthropogenic activities resulting in harassment and/or habitat degradation include construction activities, increased vessel traffic, habitat contamination, and oil spills.

2.2.3 Loggerhead Sea Turtle

Loggerhead turtles are abundant along the Georgia coast during the nesting season (April through August). During the inter-nesting period, adult loggerheads are concentrated within 3 miles of shore. Loggerheads nest an average of 4.5 times per season on a 9-13day cycle. Loggerhead turtles are relatively sedentary during the inter-nesting period while they prepare for each nesting cycle (ovulate and shell eggs, return to nesting beach). Hatchling loggerheads disperse from nesting beaches and are found in offshore convergence zones associated with sargassum weed lines. Potential lethal effects of gas and oil development activities on sea turtles include vessels strikes, entanglements in debris, nest loss due to oil contamination, ingestion of oil or debris, and sound from high-energy acoustic sources.

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Anthropogenic activities resulting in harassment (disruption of nesting activity) and/or habitat degradation include construction activities, increased vessel traffic, habitat contamination, oil spills, and acoustic surveys.

2.3 Birds

2.3.1 Beach Nesting Birds

Approximately 12 species of birds nest on the beaches and dunes in coastal Georgia. Five state listed species nest on our beaches. These species are Wilson's Plover (*Charadrius wilsonia*), American Oystercatcher (*Haematopus palliatus*), Gull-billed Tern (*Geochelidon nilotica*), Black Skimmer (*Rynchops niger*) and Least Tern (*Sternula antillarum*). All of these species are protected by the Georgia Endangered Wildlife Act. Other beach nesting birds of concern include Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*), Royal Tern (*Thallasius maximus*), Sandwich Tern (*Thallasius sandvicensis*), and Laughing Gull (*Leucophaeus atricilla*). Direct impacts could include oiling and death, and the most damage would occur at colonial seabird colonies where up to six thousand nesting pairs can occur. Impacts could include direct oiling of nesting sites, as well as oiling of foraging areas and indirect impacts to prey populations.

2.3.2 Saltmarsh Nesting Birds

Approximately 12 species of birds nest low in saltmarsh vegetation, or along the ground on the edges of saltmarsh. Two of these species are listed in the Georgia State Wildlife Action Plan as species of conservation concern. These species are Least Bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*) and Tricolored heron (*Egretta tricolor*). Two additional species represent subspecies that are range limited to the southeastern United States, including the Seaside Sparrow (*Ammodramus maritimus macgillivrai*) and Worthington's Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus palustris griseus*). Several other species that can nest low in saltmarsh vegetation include Clapper Rail (*Rallus longirostris*) White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*), Glossy Ibis (*Plegadisfalcinellus*), Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*), and Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*). The Saltmarsh Sparrow (*Ammodramus caudacutus*) is a rapidly declining species that winters on the Georgia coast in saltmarsh habitat and is a SWAP listed species. It is currently under review by USFWS to determine if it merits listing under the Endangered Species Act due to annual 9% declines. For all of these species any spill would potentially impact nesting colonies and/or foraging sites. The construction of any supporting infrastructure through the marsh would clearly impact many of these species.

2.3.3 Coastal Foraging Species

Many species from several taxa forage along our shores and marshes and would be impacted by any spill. There are approximately 17 species of shorebirds and 14 species of wading birds that regularly use our coastal habitats. The federally listed Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) forages along much of the Georgia coast in all seasons except summer. The state hosts more that 30% of the critically endangered Great Lakes subspecies of Piping Plover (*C. m. circumcinctus*). The Federally listed Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana)* regularly forages in the intertidal marshes along our coast, particularly in the vicinity of coastal breeding colonies. Roughly 1000 pairs of Wood Stork (half of the state's nesting population) nest within a short foraging flight of the intertidal zone. The Federally listed Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*) also forages in large numbers along our outer beaches in fall, winter and spring. Over 50% of the population of rufa knots were documented on the Georgia coast during a single fall migration, making this the only known fall staging area for the subspecies. Other SWAP listed species that would be impacted by any spill along our beaches and marshes include Marbled Godwit (*Limos fedoa*), Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*) and Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucochephalus*). A number of other species of migratory shorebirds would also be potentially impacted with any spill in their foraging and roosting areas. Many of our beach nesting/foraging birds depend on low-lying near-shore sand bars and spits for

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nesting, and intertidal flats for foraging. These sites could potentially be impacted by any sand mining in the near vicinity. Any sand mining should be conducted either far offshore, or far enough from key nesting sites that there is no direct impact on them.

2.3.4 Pelagic Species

A number of species winter or are passage migrants in the near-shore and off-shore environments. There are potential impacts of unknown magnitude to these species with the construction of off-shore infrastructure and associated lighting. Large numbers of Northern Gannet (*Morus bassanus*), Common Loon (*Gavia immer*), and a variety of seaducks (primarily Black Seater (*Melanitta nigra*) and Lesser Scaup (*Aythya maria*)) winter in waters adjacent to Georgia. There is the potential for feeding habitat displacement of wintering waterfowl if multiple structures are placed in fairly shallow water where diving ducks forage. Many other species occur in lower numbers further off-shore, including several Procellarids (shearwater and petrel) Hydrobatids (storm petrel) and Scolopacids (phalarope).

2.4 Marine and Anadromous Fishes

2.4.1 Shortnose Sturgeon[1]

The Shortnose Sturgeon, (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) occur in nearly every major river system along the U.S. eastern seaboard and range from the St. John River (New Brunswick) in Canada to the St. Johns River (Florida) in Florida. It was exploited throughout its range until the 1950's and has been listed as endangered thoughout its range since March 11, 1967. Shortnose inhabit slow moving riverine waters or nearshore marine waters, and migrating periodically into faster moving fresh water areas to spawn. In Georgia, they have been documented in Altamaha, Ogeechee, and Savannah Rivers. Threats include construction of dams resulting in loss of suitable habitat, pollution of northeastern river systems, habitat alterations from discharges, dredging or disposal of material into rivers, and related development activities involving estuarine/ riverine mudflats and marshes.

2.4.2 Atlantic Sturgeon[2]

The Atlantic Sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*) is a long-lived (60 years}, estuarine dependent, anadromous species. Adults spawn in freshwater in the spring and early summer and spend most of their lives in estuarine and marine waters, at depths of 10-50 m, on gravel and sand substrates. Atlantic sturgeon was historically present in 38 U.S. rivers from St. Croix, ME to the Saint Johns River, FL. Presently the species is present in 32 of these rivers, and spawning in 20 of them. The Altamaha River (GA) has one of the healthiest and most stable populations on the East Coast. Overfishing from the 1950's through 1990's have reduced the populations of this long-lived species, resulting in a harvest moratorium in 1998, and a ESA listing of endangered for all distinct population segments, including the South Atlantic, by 2012.

2.5 Protected Habitats

2.5.1 Gray's Reef

Gray's Reef is one of the largest live bottom/hard ground areas on the southeastern continental shelf. In January 1981Gray's Reef was designated as a National Marine Sanctuary. The Sanctuary is located 17.5 miles east of Sapelo Island and comprises 17 square nautical miles of sea-floor. Gray's reef contains extensive, discontinuous outcroppings of Pliocene-age limestone, which provide a substrate for the attachment of algae, sponges, barnacles, sea fans, hard coral, and bryozoa. Other important

[1] *NOM Fisheries, Office of Protected Species-Shortnose Sturgeon. August 19, 2014.* *http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/fish/shortnosesturqeon.htm*
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invertebrates on the reef include sea stars, crabs, lobsters, gastropods, and shrimp. The diverse physical environments on the reef and the invertebrate fauna attract numerous species of fish including black sea bass, snapper, grouper, and mackerel. Loggerhead sea turtles use the reef for feeding and resting. A Presidential Directive, issued in 1998, permanently withdrew all areas of the outer continental shelf within existing marine sanctuaries (specifically including Gray's Reef) from oil and gas leasing.

2.5.2 Cumberland Island National Seashore

Cumberland Island is the southernmost barrier island along the Georgia coast. Congress established the Cumberland Island National Seashore as a unit of the National Park System in October 1972. Cumberland Island is 17.5 miles long and 36,415 acres in area, including 16,850 acres of marsh, mud flats, and tidal creeks. The northern half of the island was designated as a wilderness or potential wilderness area in 1982. In 2004, the island had 42,265 recreational visitors.

2.5.3 Right Whale Critical Habitat

A portion of the right whale wintering grounds located within 9 to 28 km of the Florida and Georgia coast is currently designated as right whale critical habitat (SOCFR §226.203). These boundaries were established in 1994 and under-represent the actual distribution of right whales in the Southeast U.S. NMFS is in the process of revising critical habitat accordingly. While the exact forthcoming boundaries are not known at this time, two studies (Keller et al. 2012, Gowan and Ortega-Ortiz 2014) have shown that right whale occurrence in the Southeast U.S. is strongly associated with water depth and sea surface temperature. As such, we anticipate the revised Southeast U.S. critical habitat boundaries will be expanded significantly, and may include all coastal waters along the South Carolina, Georgia and northeast Florida coast from shore to a depth of 25m (approximately 25-30 nautical miles east from shore off Georgia and South Carolina; approximately 10-25 nautical miles east of shore off northeast Florida).

2.5.4 Loggerhead Sea Turtle Critical Habitat

A portion of the Georgia coast is currently designated as loggerhead sea turtle critical habitat. The designated habitat includes coastal waters from the beach out to one nautical mile seaward of important nesting beaches including Little Tybee, Wassaw, Ossabaw, St Catherines, Blackbeard, Sapelo, Little Cumberland, and Cumberland Islands. In addition, critical habitat is designated for areas off the Georgia coast from the western edge of the Gulf Stream to the eastern boarder of the EEZ where sargassum weed occurs. Oil and gas exploration and development projects have the potential to disrupt critical habitat through construction activities, increased vessel traffic, habitat contamination, and oil spills

2.5.5 Piping Plover Critical Habitat

The National Fish and Wildlife Service designated 16 distinct areas of the Georgia coast as critical habitat for migrant and overwintering Piping Plover. This includes the federally endangered Great Lakes breeding population which consists of >100 nesting pairs, and the Federally Threatened Atlantic breeding population which consists of roughly 2,000 pairs.

2.5.6 Other Protected Coastal Areas

Other Protected areas on the Georgia coast include the following:

Tybee National Wildlife Refuge
Wassaw National Wildlife Refuge
Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge

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Blackbeard Island National Wildlife Refuge and Wilderness Area Wolf Island National Wildlife Refuge and Wilderness Area Ossabaw Island Heritage Preserve
Sapelo Island National Estuarine Sanctuary
Jekyll Island State Park
Little Tybee/Cabbage Island Natural Area
Designated Bird Islands

3.0 Socio-Economic

3.1 Commercial Jellyfish Fishery

The Cannonball jellyfish (Stomolophus meleagris) represents one of Georgia's most profitable fisheries, however, due to confidentiality concerns volume and value data are not available. In 2016, seven vessels made 68 fishing trips to harvest jellyfish in state and federal waters off Georgia.

3.2 Commercial Shrimp Fishery

In 2016, shrimpers landed 2,147,720 pounds of food shrimp worth $9,161,651, and 54,637 pounds of bait shrimp, worth $767,848. Georgia issued licenses to 261 commercial shrimp trawlers in 2016. Species taken include white shrimp *(Litopenaeus setiferus),* brown shrimp *(Farfantepenaeus aztecus),* pink shrimp *(Farfantepenaeus duorarum),* rock shrimp *(Sicyonia brevirotris)* and royal red shrimp *(Hymenopenaeus robustus).* White shrimp are found at depths of 20 to 295 feet. Brown shrimp are most abundant in water depths of 89 to 177 feet, but may occur in commercial quantities in water depths as great as 361 feet. Pink shrimp are most abundant in water depths of 36 to 118 feet. Rock shrimp are most abundant at depths of 111 to 180 feet. Royal red shrimp are most common at depths of 840 to 1800 feet.

3.3 Commercial Finfish Fisheries

In 2016, the commercial finfish catch in Georgia was 529,471 pounds, worth $367,843. Finfish landings were dominated by the snapper/grouper management complex of fish, which includes sea basses, snappers, groupers, jacks, tilefish, porgies, grunts, triggerfishes, wrasses, spadefish, and wreckfish.

3.4 Recreational Fishing

Recreational saltwater fishing is an important component of the Georgia coastal economy. Areas with hard structures are essential sites for marine recreational fishing. NOAA Fisheries Economics of the U.S. 2015 estimated that the economic impact of recreational saltwater fishing to Georgia's coastal community included $142.3 million in sales, $58.7 of income and $131.8 million in trip expenditures. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) estimates that recreational anglers landed more than 1.4 million pounds of marine fish in 2016. This NMFS survey also estimates that there were 198,345 resident saltwater anglers in 2016.

3.5 Ports[3]

The Georgia Ports Authority owns and operates deepwater ports in Savannah and Brunswick, Georgia. The Port of Savannah is the fourth largest container port by volume in the United States and handled more than 10 percent of all U.S. containerized exports in FY17. The Port moved 33.4 million tons of cargo across all terminals in FY17. The Port of Brunswick is the second busiest RO/RO port in the United

[3] *Georgia Ports Authority. July 21, 2017. http://www.gaports.com/Media/PressReleases/TabId/379/ArtMID/3569/ArticleID/133/GPA-marks-busiest-June-record-year.aspx*

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States. Together and including two inland barge terminals, Georgia ports support more than 369,000 jobs throughout the state annually and contribute $20.4 billion in income, $84.1 billion in revenue and $2.3 billion in state and local taxes to Georgia's economy.

4.0 Site Selection Tools

4.1 Georgia Coastal and Marine Planner (GCAMP)

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources Coastal Resources Division partnered with the Georgia Institute of Technology to develop and implement the Georgia Coastal and Marine Planner, an online mapper that consolidates existing state and federal data sets for the purposes of managing coastal and ocean activities. The GCAMP viewer currently holds over 70 datasets focused on the biological resources, physical characteristics, and human (recreational, commercial, legislative) activities for state and federal offshore waters. Currently under development are data layers that reflect recreational usage of the project area (fishing, boating, eco-tours, etc.). GCAMP is a site selection and evaluation tool for coastal and offshore activities. GCAMP web address: http://geospatial.gatech.edu/GCAMP/.

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The Honorable Ryan Zinke
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Dear Secretary Zinke:

We write to you today regarding your recent decision to remove Florida from inclusion in the Trump Administration's new proposal to open up the vast majority of the outer continental shelf to oil and gas drilling. We request that our states also be immediately exempted from any new oil or gas leases as a part of this plan.

In the statement on your decision to remove Florida, you indicated that President Trump had directed you to reestablish our country's offshore oil and gas leasing program in a way that "takes into consideration the local and state voice." In addition to Florida, the states of Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, New Hampshire, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Connecticut, California, Oregon, and Washington have all opposed this plan for new leases off their coasts. Coastal cities and towns across the country have also passed resolutions in opposition while local residents, businesses, scientists, the military, and others have publicly raised serious concerns.

Just like Florida, our states are unique with vibrant coastal economies. Providing all of our states with the same exemption from dangerous offshore oil and gas drilling would ensure that vital industries from tourism to recreation to fishing are not needlessly placed in harm's way.

We urge you to honor the commitment of this Administration by listening to the local and state voices that we represent and to respect their overwhelming opposition to oil and gas drilling off our coasts. Instead of focusing on short term benefits for oil and gas companies, our country should be looking toward a clean energy future. We hope we work can work with you to protect our natural resources, our environment, and the livelihoods of coastal residents so that they remain for future generations.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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