An aerial photograph of a sea with numerous ice floes of various sizes. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, shimmering reflection on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall scene is serene and captures the natural beauty of an Arctic or Antarctic environment.

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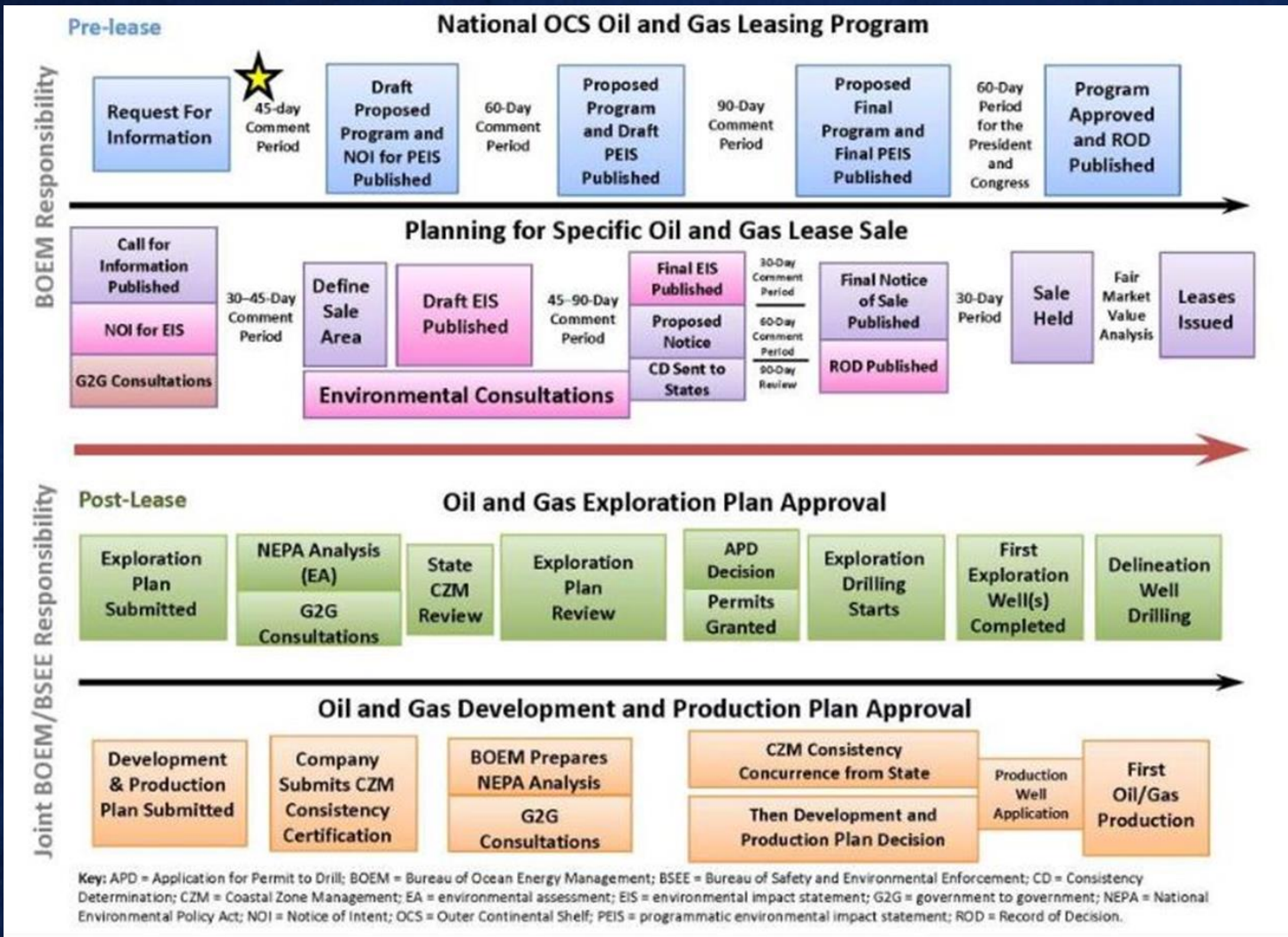


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## U.S. Outer Continental Shelf

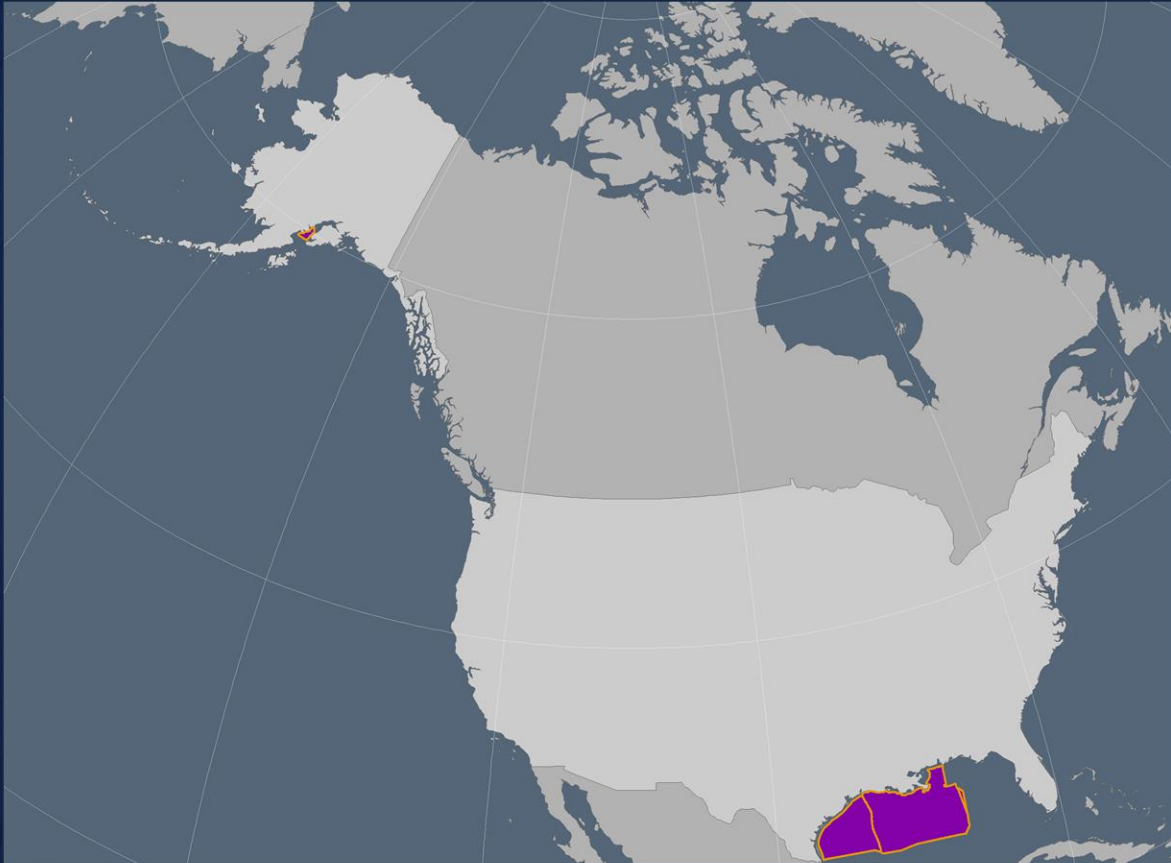


Figure 1. Federal Outer Continental Shelf areas of the United States



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2017-2022 Five-Year Program Areas



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**Table S-1: 2017–2022 Proposed Final Program Lease Sale Schedule**

	<b>Year</b>	<b>Program Area</b>	<b>Sale Number</b>
<b>1.</b>	2017	Gulf of Mexico	249
<b>2.</b>	2018	Gulf of Mexico	250
<b>3.</b>	2018	Gulf of Mexico	251
<b>4.</b>	2019	Gulf of Mexico	252
<b>5.</b>	2019	Gulf of Mexico	253
<b>6.</b>	2020	Gulf of Mexico	254
<b>7.</b>	2020	Gulf of Mexico	256
<b>8.</b>	2021	Gulf of Mexico	257
<b>9.</b>	2021	Cook Inlet	258
<b>10.</b>	2021	Gulf of Mexico	259
<b>11.</b>	2022	Gulf of Mexico	261

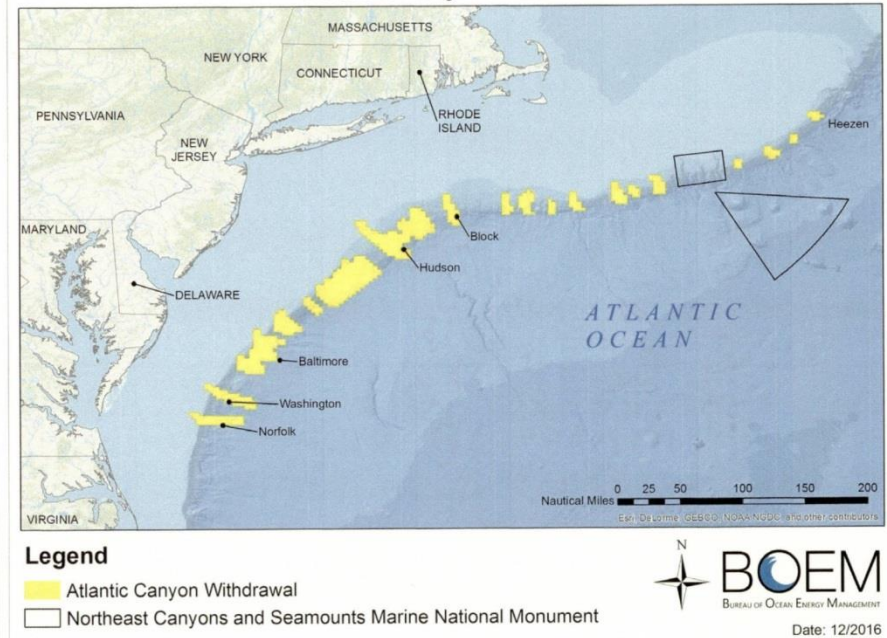


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## Arctic Withdrawal



## Atlantic Canyon Withdrawal



Under the authority granted to me in section 12(a) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1341(a), I hereby withdraw from disposition by leasing for a time period without specific expiration the following areas of the Outer Continental Shelf: (1) the area designated by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management as the Chukchi Sea Planning Area that is not currently withdrawn; and (2) the area designated by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management as the Beaufort Sea Planning Area that is not currently withdrawn except for those Outer Continental Shelf nearshore lease blocks identified in the attached table.





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Executive Order 13795 of April 28, 2017

Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy





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**Sec. 3. *Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy.*** To carry out the policy set forth in section 2 of this order, the Secretary of the Interior shall:

(a) as appropriate and consistent with applicable law, including the procedures set forth in section 1344 of title 43, United States Code, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, give full consideration to revising the schedule of proposed oil and gas lease sales, as described in that section, so that it includes, but is not limited to, annual lease sales, to the maximum extent permitted by law, in each of the following Outer Continental Shelf Planning Areas, as designated by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) (Planning Areas): Western Gulf of Mexico, Central Gulf of Mexico, Chukchi Sea, Beaufort Sea, Cook Inlet, Mid-Atlantic, and South Atlantic;

**Sec. 5. *Modification of the Withdrawal of Areas of the Outer Continental Shelf from Leasing Disposition.*** The body text in each of the memoranda of withdrawal from disposition by leasing of the United States Outer Continental Shelf issued on December 20, 2016, January 27, 2015, and July 14, 2008, is modified to read, in its entirety, as follows:

“Under the authority vested in me as President of the United States, including section 12(a) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1341(a), I hereby withdraw from disposition by leasing, for a time period without specific expiration, those areas of the Outer Continental Shelf designated as of July 14, 2008, as Marine Sanctuaries under the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, 16 U.S.C. 1431–1434, 33 U.S.C. 1401 *et seq.*”

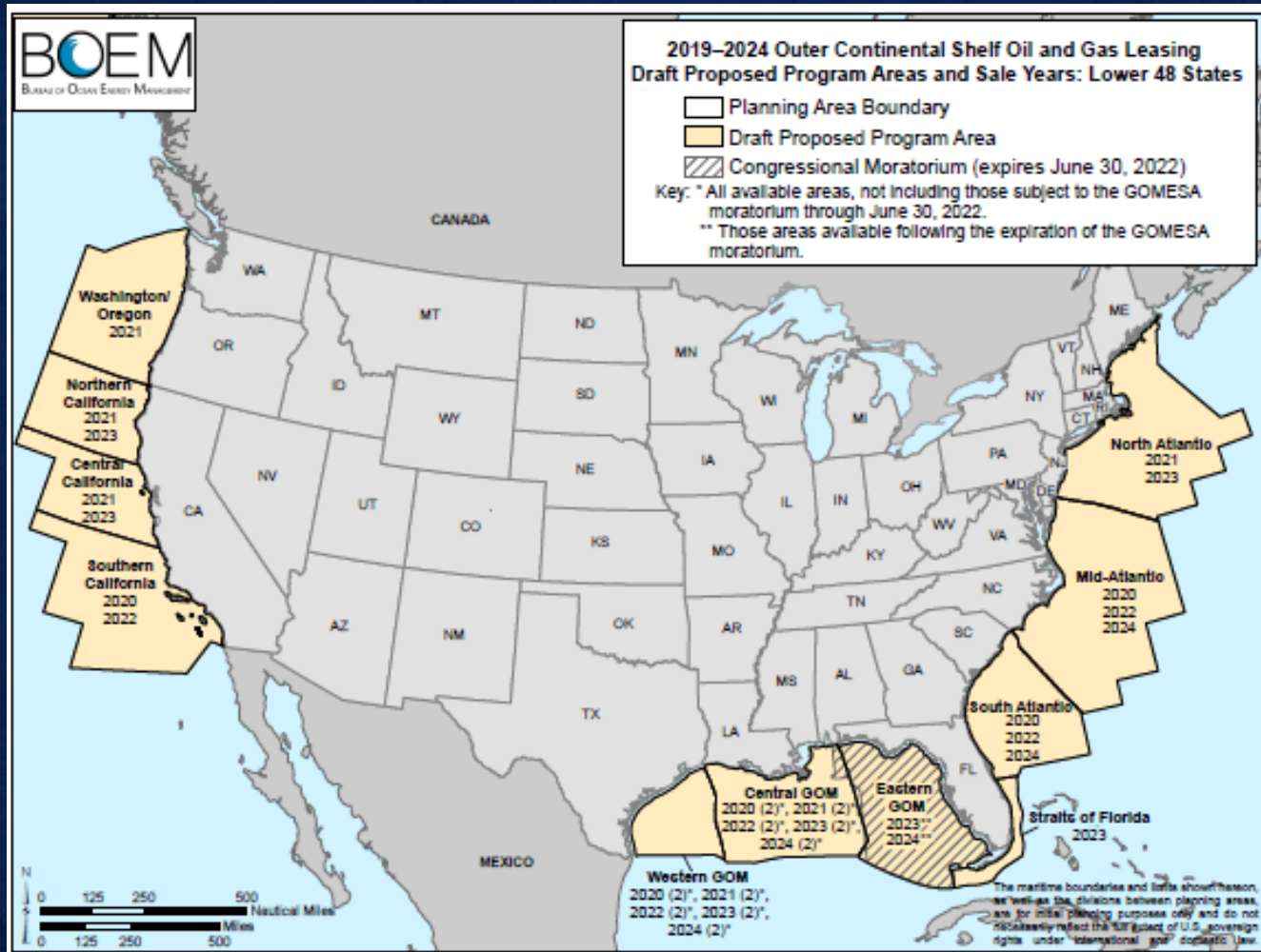
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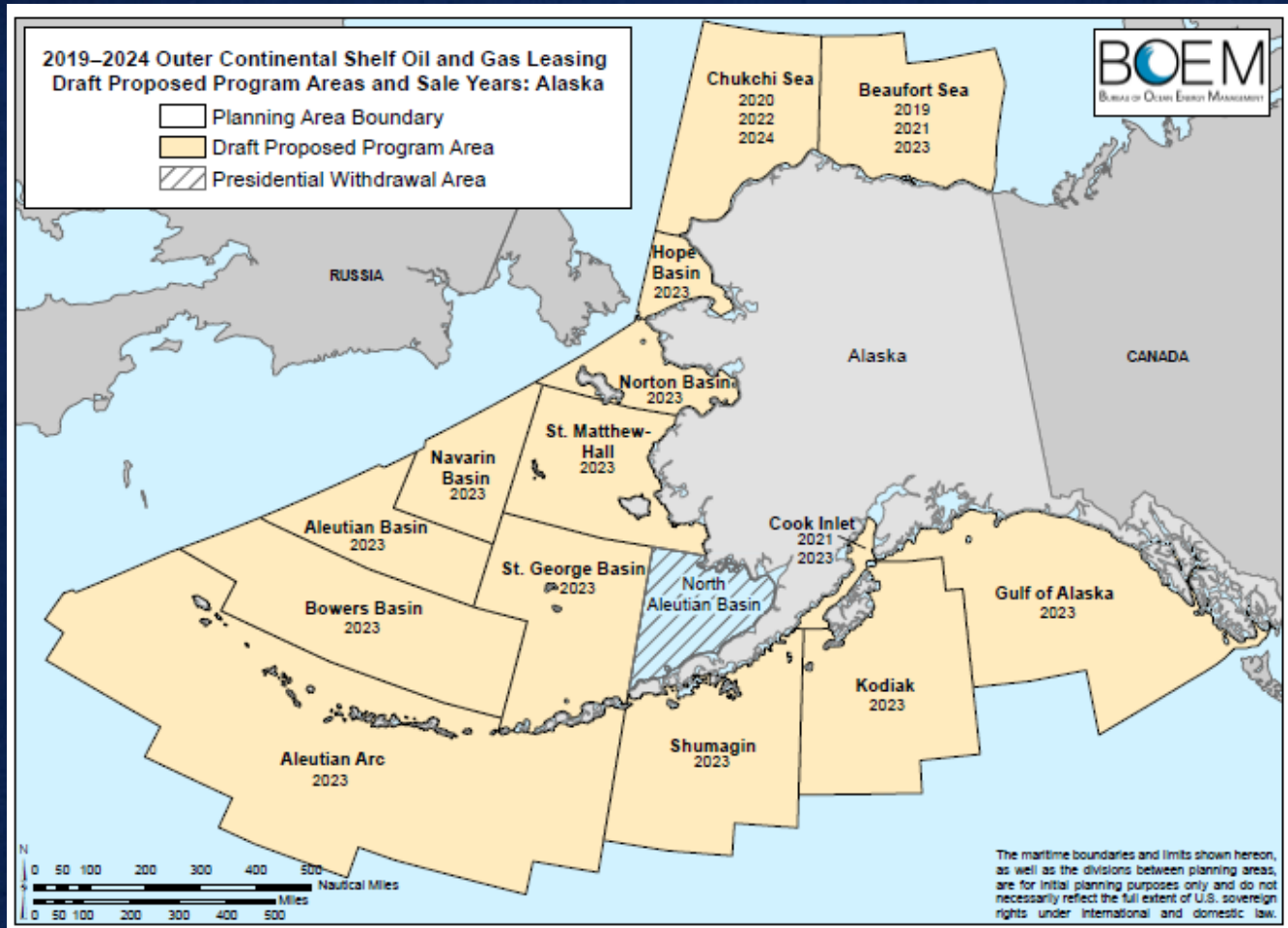
## 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Program





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## 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Program





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2019–2024 Draft Proposed Program Lease Sale Schedule

	Sale Year	OCS Region	Program Area
1.	2019	Alaska	Beaufort Sea
2.	2020	Alaska	Chukchi Sea
3.	2020	Pacific	Southern California
4.	2020	Gulf of Mexico	Western, Central, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico*
5.	2020	Gulf of Mexico	Western, Central, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico*
6.	2020	Atlantic	South Atlantic
7.	2020	Atlantic	Mid-Atlantic
8.	2021	Alaska	Beaufort Sea
9.	2021	Alaska	Cook Inlet
10.	2021	Pacific	Washington/Oregon
11.	2021	Pacific	Northern California
12.	2021	Pacific	Central California
13.	2021	Atlantic	North Atlantic
14.	2021	Gulf of Mexico	Western, Central, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico*
15.	2021	Gulf of Mexico	Western, Central, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico*
16.	2022	Alaska	Chukchi Sea
17.	2022	Pacific	Southern California
18.	2022	Atlantic	Mid-Atlantic
19.	2022	Atlantic	South Atlantic
20.	2022	Gulf of Mexico	Western, Central, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico*
21.	2022	Gulf of Mexico	Western, Central, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico*
22.	2023	Alaska	Beaufort Sea
23.	2023	Alaska	Cook Inlet
24.	2023	Alaska	Hope Basin
25.	2023	Alaska	Norton Basin
26.	2023	Alaska	St. Matthew-Hall
27.	2023	Alaska	Navarin Basin
28.	2023	Alaska	Aleutian Basin
29.	2023	Alaska	St. George Basin
30.	2023	Alaska	Bowers Basin
31.	2023	Alaska	Aleutian Arc
32.	2023	Alaska	Shumagin
33.	2023	Alaska	Kodiak
34.	2023	Alaska	Gulf of Alaska
35.	2023	Pacific	Central California
36.	2023	Pacific	Northern California
37.	2023	Gulf of Mexico	Western, Central, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico*
38.	2023	Gulf of Mexico	Western, Central, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico*
39.	2023	Gulf of Mexico	Eastern and Central Gulf of Mexico**
40.	2023	Atlantic	Straits of Florida
41.	2023	Atlantic	North Atlantic
42.	2024	Alaska	Chukchi Sea
43.	2024	Gulf of Mexico	Western, Central, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico*
44.	2024	Gulf of Mexico	Western, Central, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico*
45.	2024	Gulf of Mexico	Eastern and Central Gulf of Mexico**
46.	2024	Atlantic	South Atlantic
47.	2024	Atlantic	Mid-Atlantic

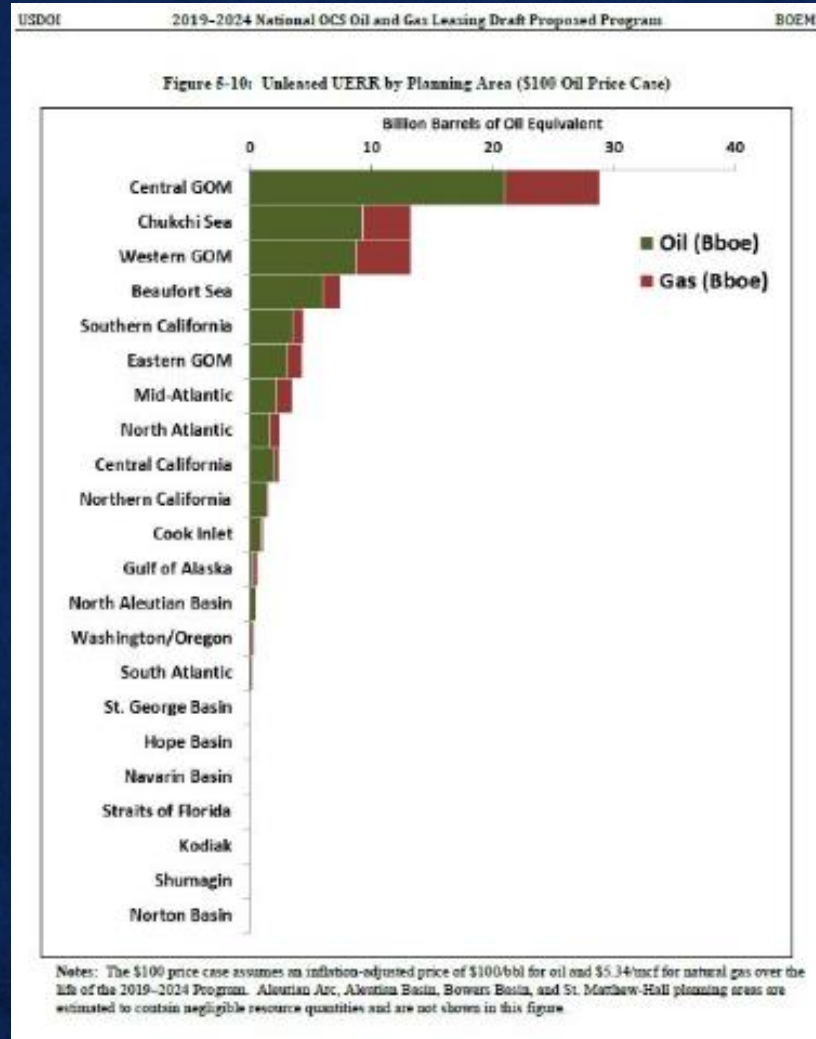
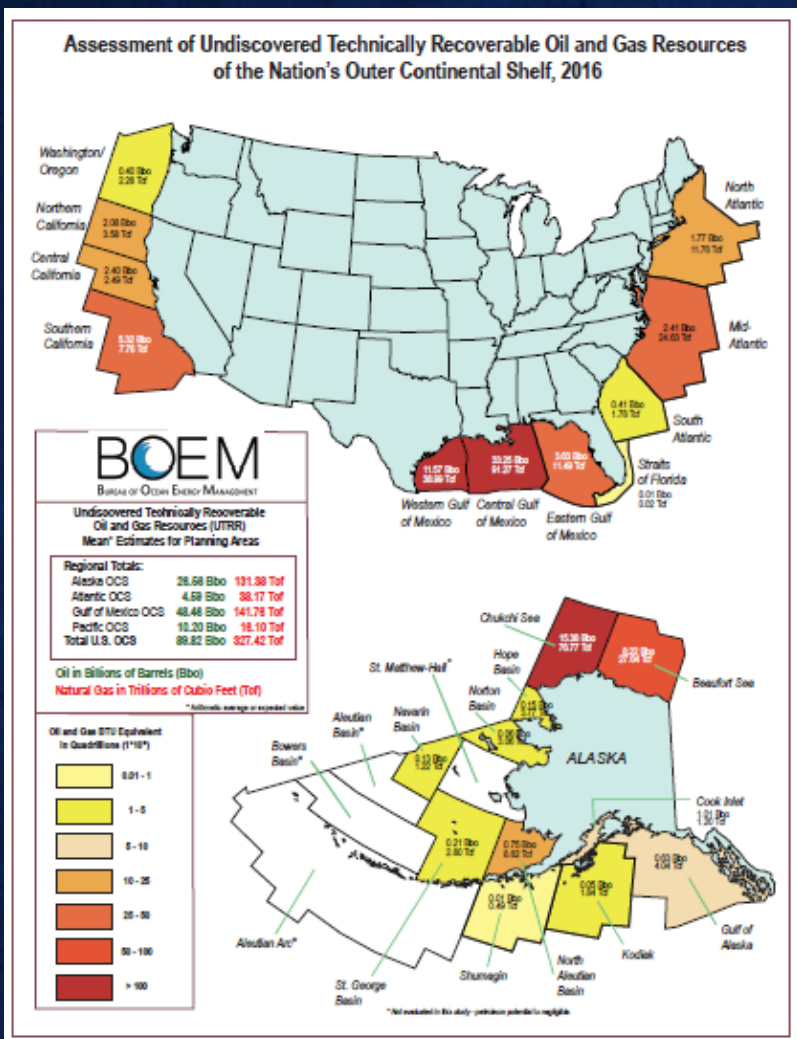
Notes:

\* All available areas, not including those subject to the GOMESA moratorium through June 30, 2022.

\*\* Those areas available following the expiration of the GOMESA moratorium.



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## Nearly every governor with ocean coastline opposes Trump's drilling proposal

Because of the substantial risk to the sustainable management of Alaska's fisheries, and the potential economic and ecological impacts that attend oil and gas exploration and development, we strongly support the recommendation from Alaska's congressional delegation, Kawerak, Inc., the Bering Sea Elders Group, and many others to remove the Hope Basin, Norton Sound Basin, St. Matthew-Hall, Navarin Basin, Aleutian Basin, Bowers Basin, Aleutian Arc, St. George Basin, Shumagin, Kodiak, and Gulf of Alaska from the Draft Proposed Program.

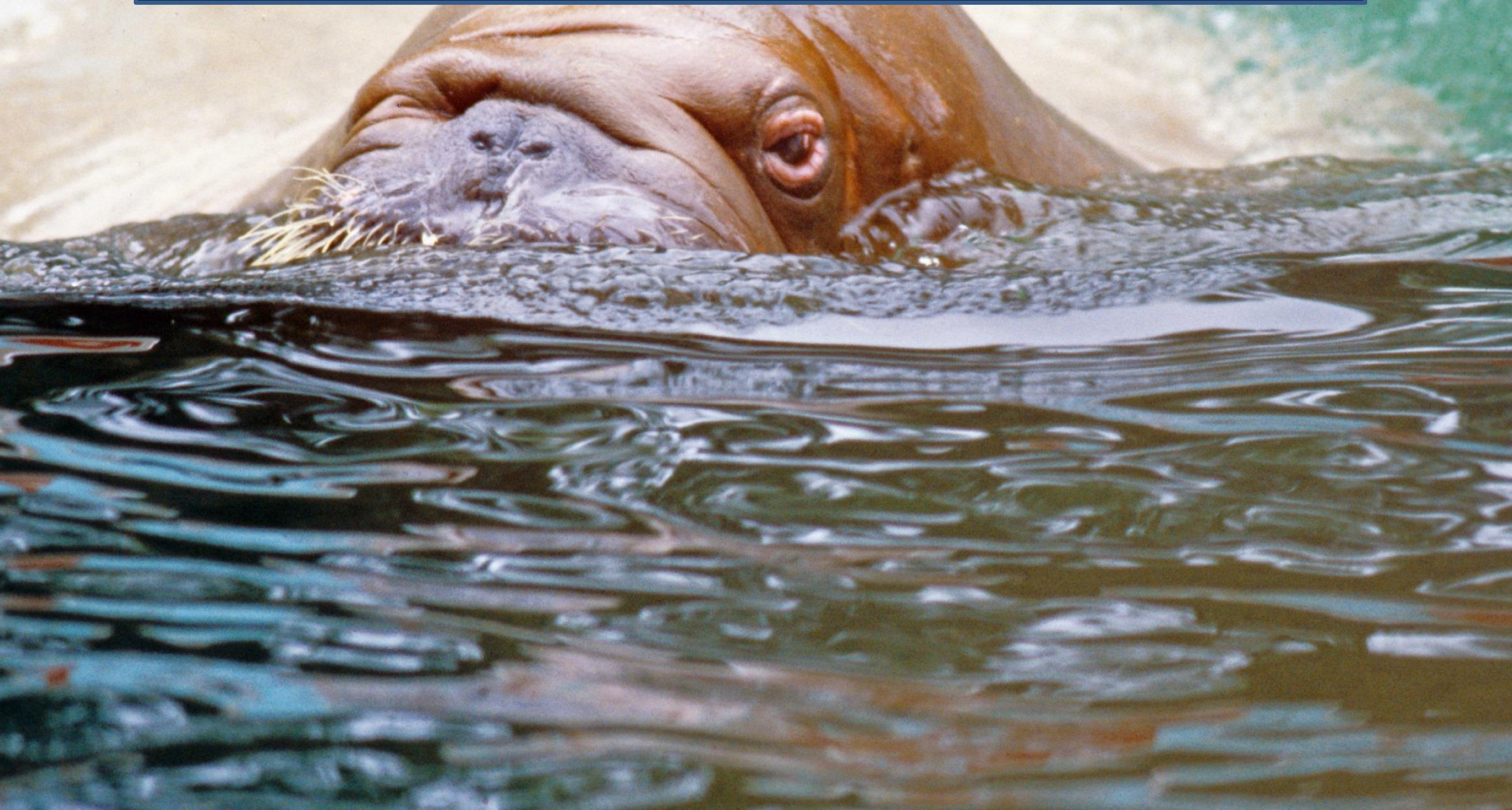


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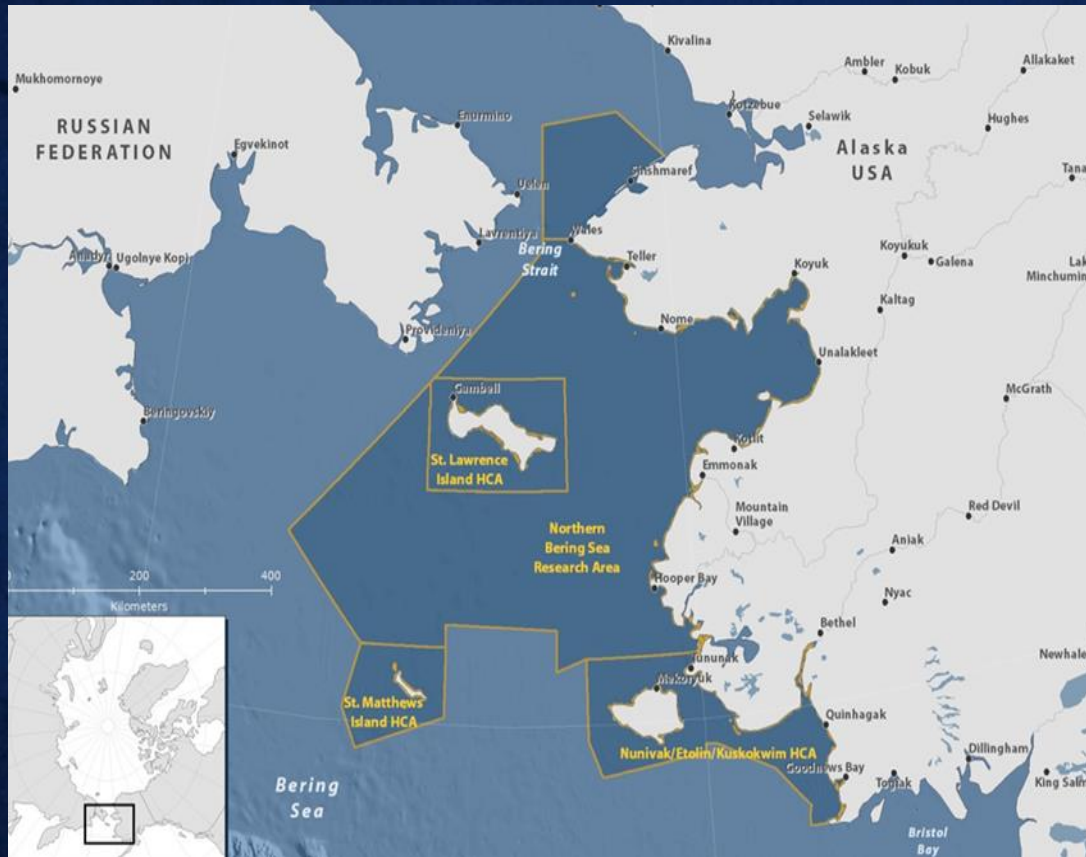


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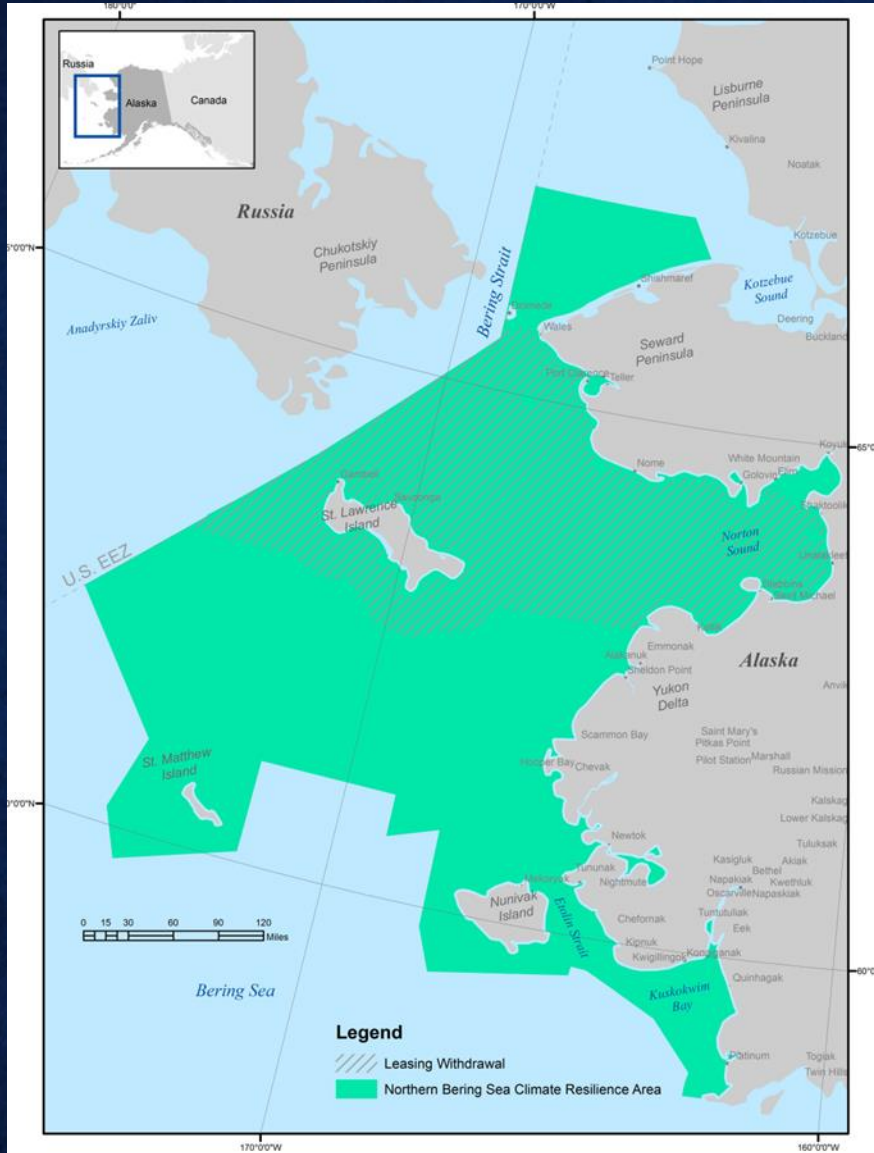
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## EXECUTIVE ORDER

### NORTHERN BERING SEA CLIMATE RESILIENCE

By the authority vested in me as the President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq., it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1. Purpose.** As recognized in Executive Order 13659 of January 21, 2015, (Enhancing Coordination of National Efforts in the Arctic), Arctic environmental stewardship is in the national interest. In furtherance of this principle, and as articulated in the March 10, 2016, U.S.-Canada Joint Statement on Climate, Energy, and Arctic Leadership, the United States has resolved to confront the challenges of a changing Arctic by working to conserve Arctic biodiversity; support and engage Alaska Native tribes; incorporate traditional knowledge into decisionmaking; and build a sustainable Arctic economy that relies on the highest safety and environmental standards, including adherence to national climate goals. The United States is committed to achieving these goals in partnership with indigenous communities and through science-based decisionmaking. This order carries forth that vision in the northern Bering Sea region.

The Bering Sea and Bering Strait are home to numerous subsistence communities, rich indigenous cultures, and unique marine ecosystems, each of which plays an important role in maintaining regional resilience. The changing climate and rising average temperatures are reducing the occurrence of sea ice; changing the conditions for fishing, hunting, and subsistence whaling; and opening new navigable routes to increased ship traffic. The preservation of a healthy and resilient Bering ecosystem, including its migratory pathways, habitat, and breeding grounds, is essential for the survival of marine mammals, fish, seabirds, other wildlife, and the subsistence communities that depend on them. These communities possess a unique understanding of the Arctic ecosystem, and their traditional knowledge should serve as an important resource to inform Federal decisionmaking.

**Sec. 2. Policy.** It shall be the policy of the United States to enhance the resilience of the northern Bering Sea region by conserving the region's ecosystems, including those natural resources that provide important cultural and subsistence value and services to the people of the region. For the purpose of carrying out the specific directives provided herein, this order delineates an area hereafter referred to as the "Northern Bering Sea Climate Resilience Area," in which the exercise of relevant authorities shall be coordinated among all executive departments and agencies (agencies). All agencies charged with regulating, overseeing, or conducting activities in the Northern Bering Sea Climate Resilience Area shall do so with





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(c) To further streamline existing regulatory authorities, Executive Order 13754 of December 9, 2016 (Northern Bering Sea Climate Resilience), is hereby revoked.

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“Sen. Murkowski is working to restore parts of an Obama executive order on the Bering Sea that Trump overturned”

Arctic Now, October 31, 2017





**Questions?**

