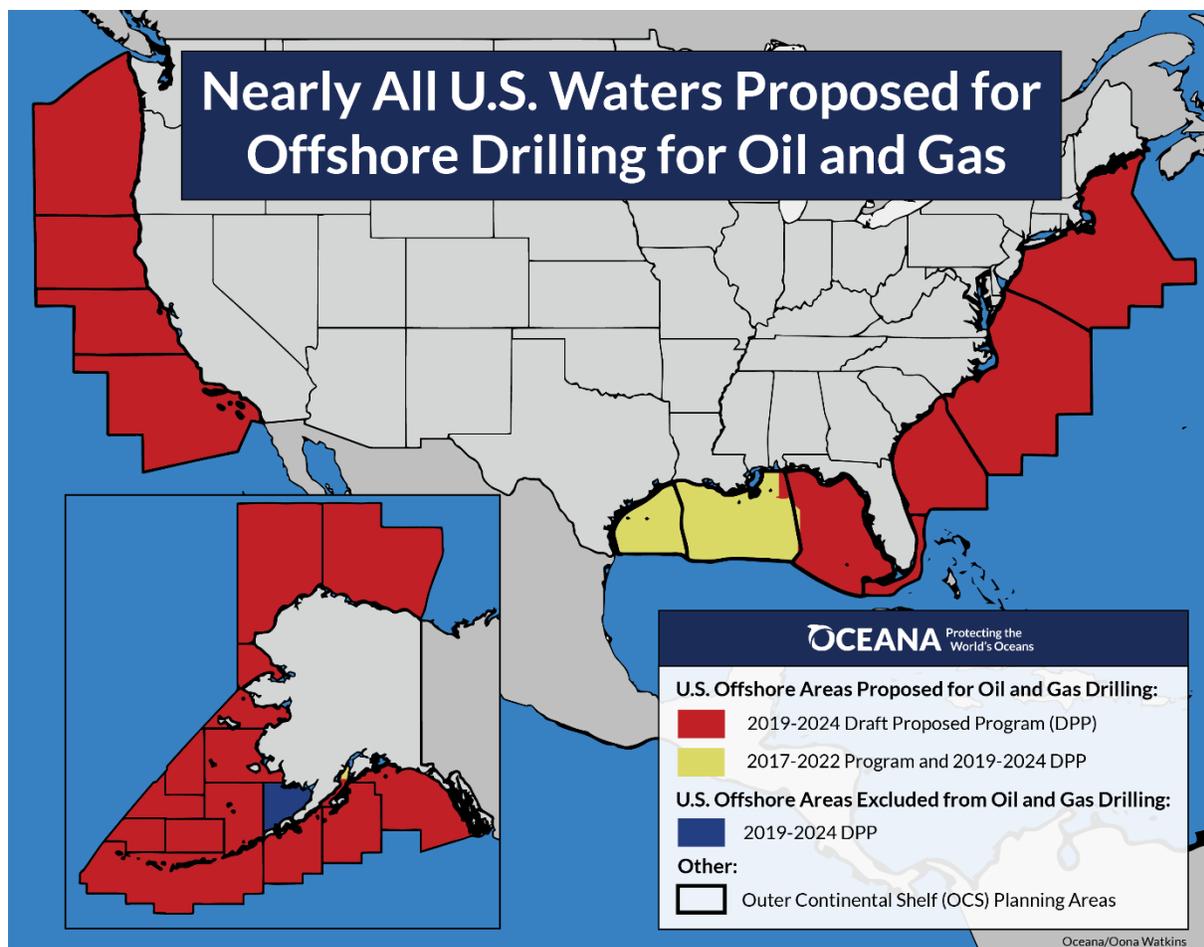


Trump Administration Proposes Offshore Drilling in Nearly All U.S. Waters

Overview of Draft “2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program”

In January 2018, the Department of the Interior (DOI) released its draft [2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf \(OCS\) Oil and Gas Leasing Program](#). The five-year program governs when and where the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) can offer offshore drilling leases to the oil and gas industry.

President Obama finalized the current 2017-2022 five-year program in 2016, which protected the Atlantic and Pacific from new offshore drilling, but the Trump administration has fast tracked the process to undo those protections. The Trump administration’s new 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Program (DPP) outlines radical plans to expand future oil and gas leasing to the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic oceans, as well as off Florida’s Gulf Coast.

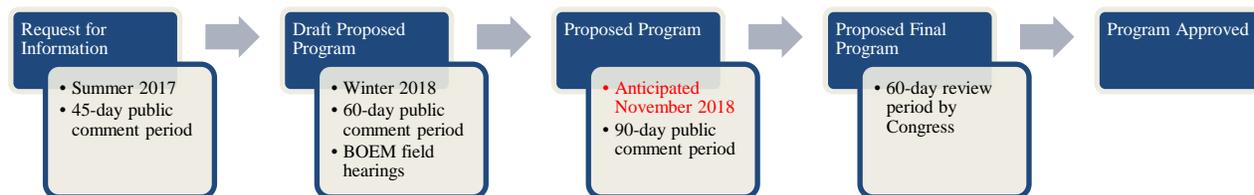


The plan proposes the largest number of potential offshore leases ever offered by any president, including:

- Over 90 percent of total OCS acreage
- 25 out of 26 OCS planning areas
- 47 lease sales:
 - 9 in the Atlantic
 - 7 in the Pacific
 - 19 in Alaska and the Arctic
 - 12 in the Gulf of Mexico, including one off Florida's Gulf Coast

Five-Year Program Process

The process to develop the five-year program is well defined and has a number of legally required opportunities for the public to provide input.



March 9, 2018 marked the close of the 60-day public comment period on the Draft Proposed Program which is the second stage of the federal government's decision-making process towards an approved 2019-2024 National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program. Now, BOEM must read, analyze and respond to all received comments prior to issuance of the Proposed Program. While timing is uncertain, we anticipate the next iteration will be released sometime in November 2018.

Protect our Coast and Stop Radical Expansion of Offshore Drilling

It is critical that coastal communities continue to be vocal and active in this interim stage, as BOEM develops the Proposed Program, to ensure the federal government remains aware of the strong and growing opposition along the coast.

This proposal is dangerous, unnecessary, and fails to acknowledge the devastating social, economic and environmental consequences associated with radically expanding offshore drilling. Opening nearly all U.S. waters to offshore drilling is a direct threat to marine resources and local communities that depend on a clean coast for their way of life and livelihoods.

Offshore drilling is a forever decision. If we don't act now, the fate of our coast could be decided by the oil and gas industry instead of all the businesses who rely on healthy oceans.