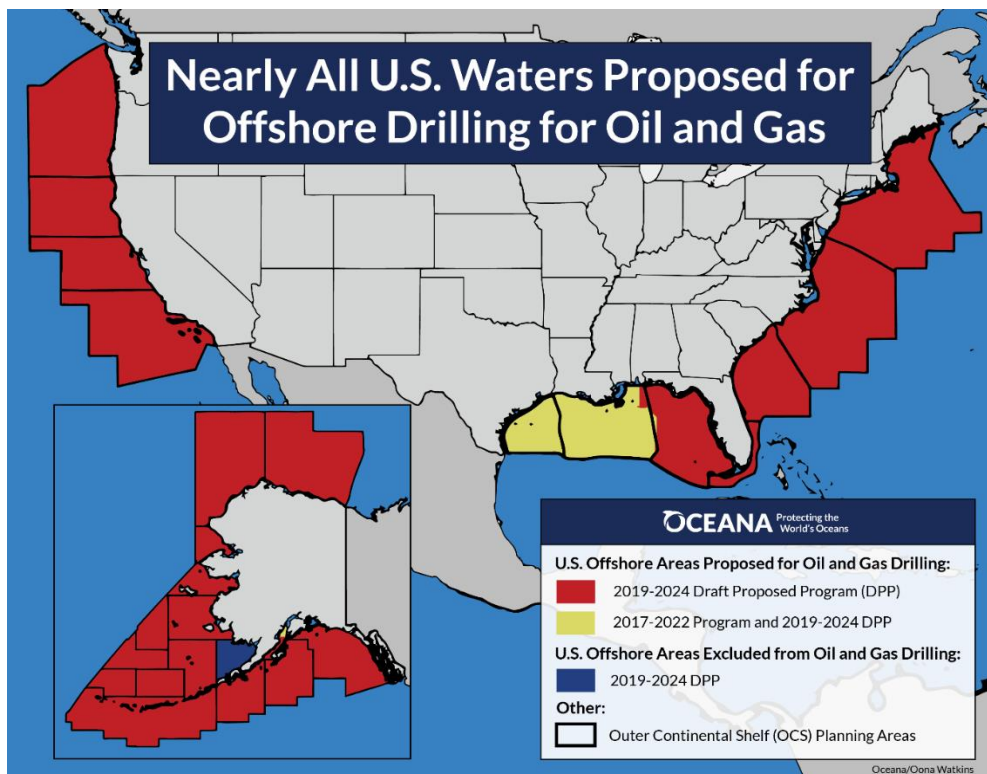


Trump Administration Proposed to Open Nearly All Federal Waters to Offshore Drilling

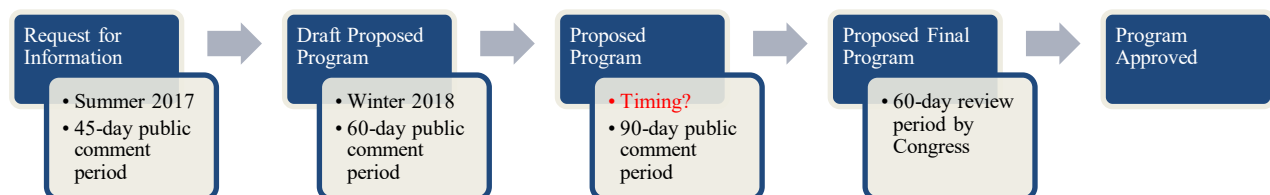
In January 2018, the Department of the Interior (DOI) released its draft [2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf \(OCS\) Oil and Gas Leasing Program](#). The five-year program governs when and where the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) can offer offshore drilling leases to the oil and gas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

The Trump administration proposed to open over 90% of total OCS acreage to dirty and dangerous offshore drilling which would open the Atlantic and Pacific to drilling for the first time in three decades. Specifically, the 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Program (DPP) outlined the largest number of potential offshore leases ever offered by any president – a sweeping expansion of oil and gas leasing to the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic oceans, as well as off Florida’s Gulf Coast.

Opening nearly all federal waters to offshore drilling is a direct threat to marine resources and the local communities that depend on a clean coast for their way of life and livelihoods.



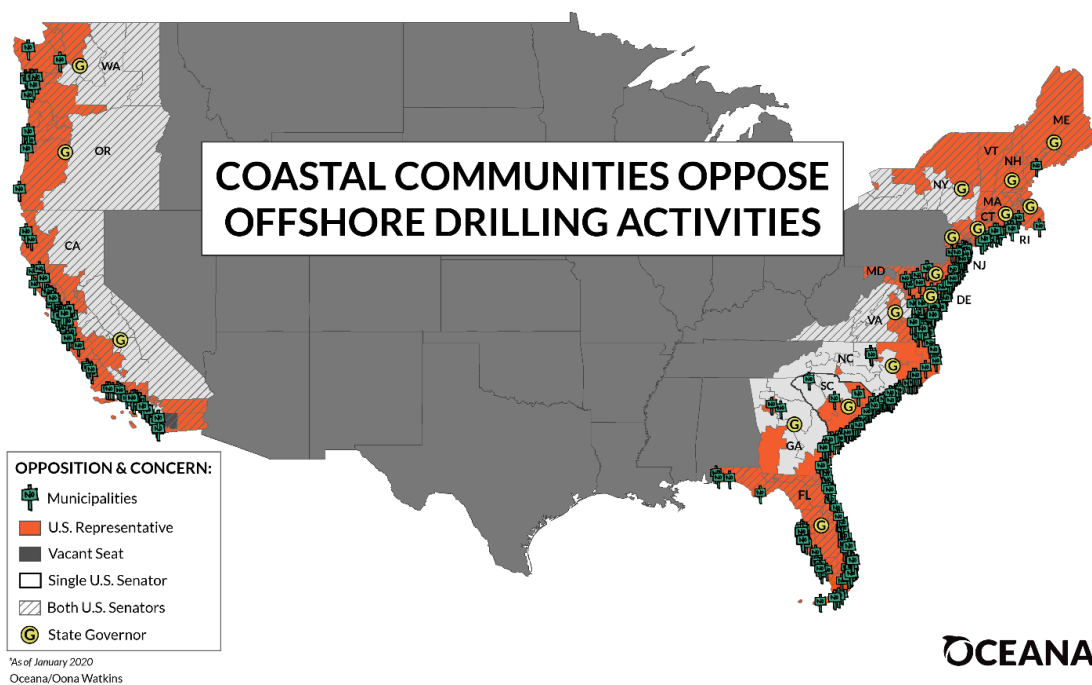
The process to develop the five-year program is well defined and has a number of legally required opportunities for the public to provide input:



March 9, 2018 marked the close of the 60-day public comment period on the DPP, which is the second stage of the federal government’s decision-making process toward an approved 2019-2024 National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program. BOEM must read, analyze and respond to all received comments prior to issuing the proposed program. It is critical that coastal communities continue to be vocal and active as BOEM develops the proposed program, to ensure the federal government remains aware of the strong and growing opposition along the coast.

Strong Bipartisan Opposition to Offshore Oil Drilling

Communities up and down the coast strongly oppose offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration, including seismic airgun blasting. Offshore drilling proposals threaten the continued prosperity of coastal communities and states whose economies are inextricably linked to clean, oil-free shorelines. In fact, from Florida to Maine and California to Washington, over 42,000 miles of shoreline have been untainted by new offshore drilling for decades. The Trump administration’s radical actions to expand offshore drilling activities ignore expansive opposition, threats to coastal economies, dangers to marine life and past disasters.



As of today, opposition and concern over offshore drilling activities has been expressed by:

- Every East and West Coast governor, from Florida to Maine and California to Washington.
- Roughly 385 municipalities from East and West Coast States
- Bipartisan opposition from more than 2,300 local, state and federal elected officials
- Alliances representing more than 56,000 businesses and 500,000 fishing families
- Department of Defense, Air Force, NASA and the Florida Defense Support Task Force
- New England, South Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic and Pacific Fishery Management Councils
- Commercial and recreational fishing interests such as Southeastern Fisheries Association, Snook and Gamefish Foundation, Fisheries Survival Fund, Southern Shrimp Alliance, North Atlantic Marine Alliance, Billfish Foundation and International Game Fish Association