



Mission of BOEM's Marine Minerals Program

The mission of BOEM's Marine Minerals Program is to facilitate access to and manage the Nation's Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) non-energy marine minerals, particularly sand and gravel, through environmentally responsible stewardship of resources, prudent assessments of exploration and leasing activities, coordination with governmental partners, engagement of stakeholders, strategic planning, and mission-focused scientific research to improve decision-making and risk management.



Vision of BOEM's Marine Minerals Program

The vision of the Marine Minerals Program is to serve as the lead federal agency and liaison in support of the Nation's current and long-term interests in OCS non-energy marine minerals. This vision is realized through the following core values:

- The MMP will act as the Nation's steward and scientific expert for OCS non-energy marine mineral resources, particularly sand and gravel used to foster coastal resiliency.
- The MMP will proactively identify, assess, and sustainably manage resources to ensure future availability.
- The MMP will promote strategic stakeholder engagements to facilitate planning and information sharing.
- The MMP will develop forward-looking science strategies to fulfill data needs.
- The MMP will foster ecosystem health and restoration while supporting the Nation's evolving marine mineral resource needs.
- The MMP will prepare comprehensive marine resource impact assessments, adopt integrated adaptive resource management principles, and develop practicable mitigations to avoid and/or minimize impacts.