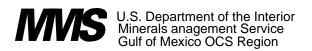
Leasing Activities Information



CENTRAL GULF OF MEXICO LEASE SALE 172 MARCH 17, 1999

UNLEASED SPLIT BLOCKS

<u>AND</u>

UNLEASED ACREAGE OF BLOCKS

WITH ALIQUOTS AND IRREGULAR

PORTIONS UNDER LEASE

For Oil and Gas Leases in the Gulf of Mexico

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INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

This package identifies the unleased Federal acreage along the offshore Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama/Federal boundary (split blocks) and unleased acreage of blocks with portions under lease. If a block is bid upon, all unleased acreage within that block must be bid upon.

Method of bidding - As described in paragraph 3 of the final Notice of Lease Sale 172.

Lists of available split blocks and blocks with portions under lease appear on pages 2 of 8 and 7 of 8.

Individual block diagrams are arranged in numerical sequence.

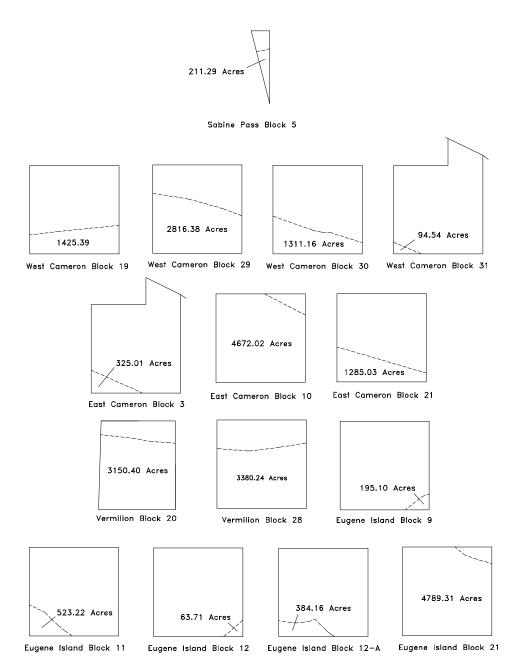
Split and irregular blocks leased as a result of the sale will be legally described by using X and Y coordinates. Any specific questions pertaining to the unleased split blocks or those with portions under lease should be referred to Mr. Wallace Williams (504) 736-2772.

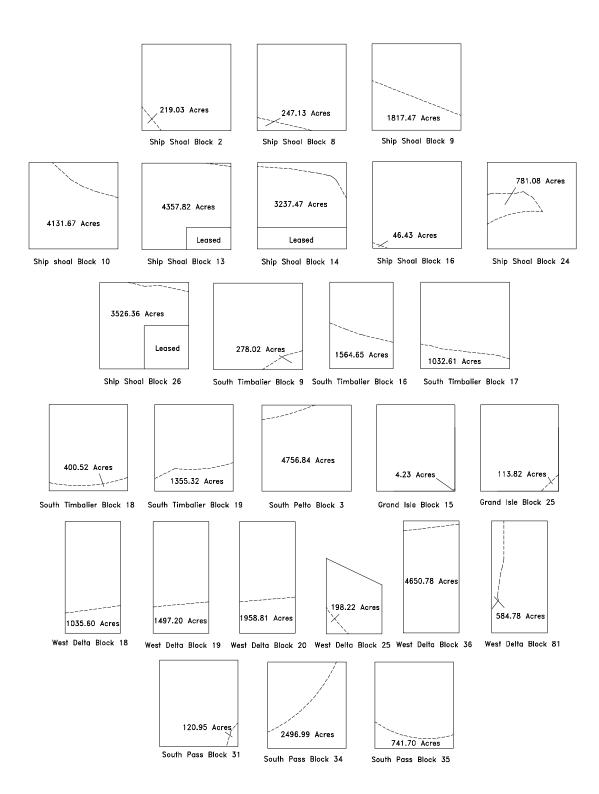
SPLIT BLOCKS LIST BY MAP AREA AND BLOCK NUMBER SEQUENCE FOR SALE 172

Sabine Pass	Ship Shoal	South Pass	Chandeleur
5	2	31	1
-	8	34	3
West Cameron	9	35	5
	10	39	8
19	13	42	14
29	14	43	15
30	16	57	16
31	24		
	26	South Pass	Mobile
East Cameron		South & East	
	South Timbalier	Addition	814
3			815
10	9	66	816
21	16		817
	17	Main Pass	818
Vermilion	18		829
	19	7	853
20		17	897
28	South Pelto	18	898
		44	942
Eugene Island	3	55	943
_		74	
9	Grand Isle		
11		Breton Sound	
12	15	0.4	
12-A	25	24	
21	West Delta	25 39	
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	18	40 42	
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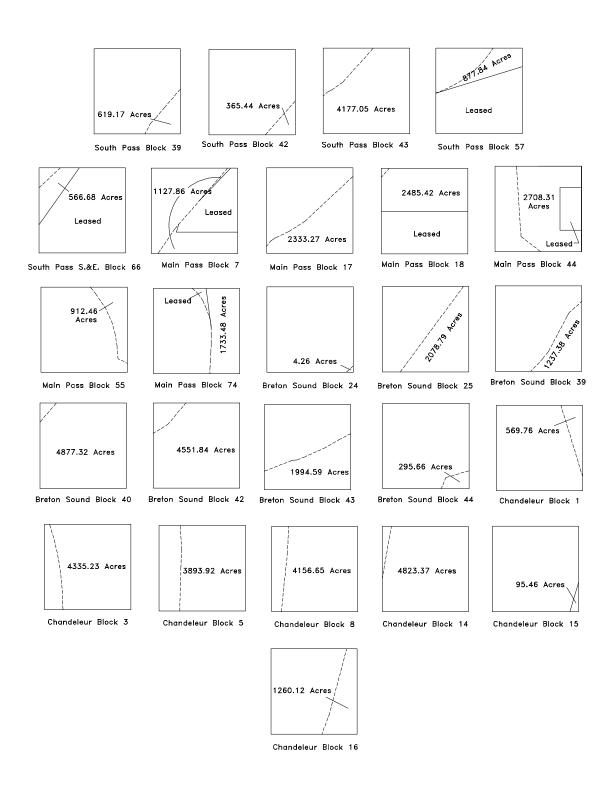
Note: Diagrams are in numerical order.

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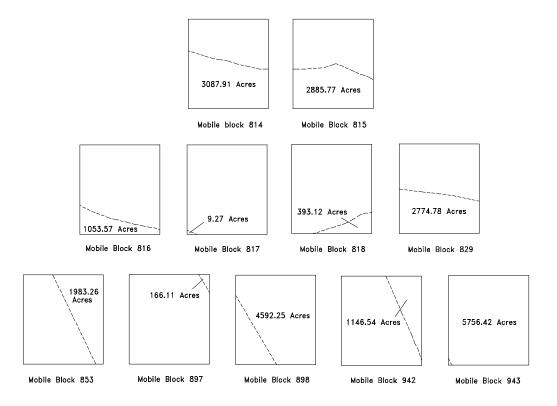




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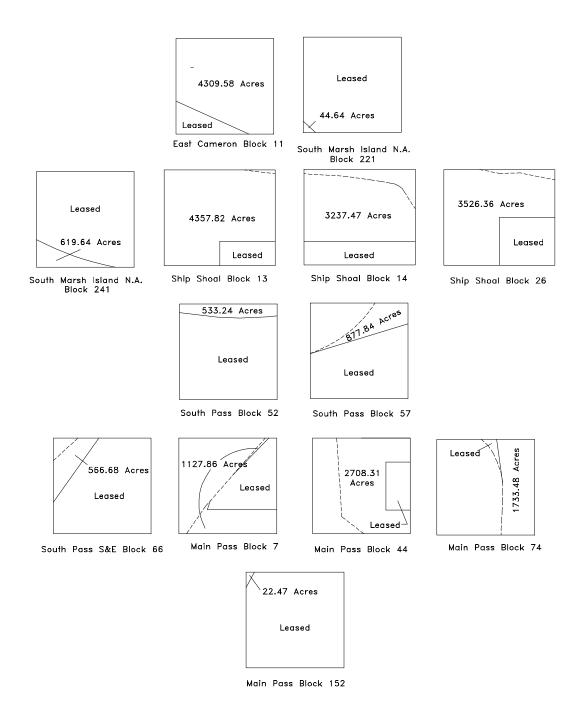


ACREAGE OF BLOCKS WITH ALIQUOTS AND IRREGULAR PORTIONS UNDER LEASE

West Cameron	South Timbalier	South Pass South & East
56 (2500.00 Ac.) 111 (3750.00 Ac.)	188 (3750.00 Ac.)	
(,	Grand Isle	* 66 (566.68 Ac.)
East Cameron		
	21 (1794.00 Ac.)	Main Pass
* 11 (4309.58 Ac.)	49 (2269.945 Ac.)	
204 (3750.00 Ac.)	52 (2500.00 Ac.)	* 7 (1127.86 Ac.)
		18 (2485.42 Ac.)
Vermilion	West Delta	43 (2029.03 Ac.)
	South Addition	* 44 (2708.31 Ac.)
34 (4375.000 Ac.)		58 (2497.275 Ac.)
218 (4140.625 Ac.)	111 (3749.977 Ac.)	
		106 (2731.39 Ac.)
South Marsh Island	South Pass	127 (2497.275 Ac.)
North Addition		*152 (22.47 Ac.)
	* 52 (533.24 Ac.)	_
*221 (44.64 Ac.)	,	Breton Sound
*241 (619.64 Ac.)	* 57 (877.84 Ac.)	E4 (4440 OF 7)
T		54 (4448.27 Ac.)
Eugene Island		Mah 41 a
00 (3750 00 3~)		Mobile
90 (3750.00 Ac.) 93 (2500.00 Ac.)		911 (2880.00 Ac.)
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Ship Shoal		Mississippi Canyon
* 13 (4357.82 Ac.)		128 (4320.00 Ac.)
* 14 (3237.47 Ac.)		,
* 26 (3526.36 Ac.)		

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^{*} Blocks with irregular portions under lease (See page 8).



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