

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) invites input and ideas for new environmental and socioeconomic studies to inform ongoing and future management of energy (i.e., conventional and renewable) and mineral resources (i.e., sand and critical minerals) in the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Region (offshore California, Oregon, Washington, and Hawaii).

BOEM has funded numerous studies related to Pacific OCS priorities. A list of current studies, list of recently completed studies, and documents providing overviews of selected renewable energy and decommissioning studies are available [here](#). Please briefly review this information prior to submitting new study ideas.

All interested stakeholders are welcome to submit study ideas related to BOEM's conventional energy, renewable energy, or marine minerals mission in the Pacific OCS. The following information highlights BOEM's current highest-priority mission areas for Pacific OCS environmental studies in Fiscal Year 2025 (October 2024–September 2025):

#### **Environmental Effects of Wind Energy Offshore California, Oregon, Washington, and Hawaii**

- BOEM issued five leases for commercial wind energy development offshore northern and central California in June 2023, and identified two Draft Wind Energy Areas offshore southern Oregon in August 2023. BOEM may also consider the potential for wind energy leasing offshore Washington and Hawaii.
- BOEM will strongly consider study ideas addressing data gaps relating to potential environmental effects of developing wind energy offshore California and Oregon. Particularly compelling ideas for studies addressing data gaps relating to wind energy offshore Washington and Hawaii will also be considered.

#### **Environmental Effects of Oil and Gas Decommissioning Offshore California**

- BOEM is planning for the shutdown and removal of oil and gas facilities offshore southern California, as several of the 23 OCS platforms are slated for decommissioning in the coming years.
- BOEM will consider study ideas addressing data gaps relating to potential environmental effects of decommissioning oil and gas facilities.

Those interested in submitting study ideas are welcome to contact the following BOEM Pacific OCS subject matter experts for further information about information needs and data gaps in different disciplines:

- Air Quality: [Katsumi Keeler](#)
- Benthic Ecology: [Lisa Gilbane](#)
- Birds & Bats: [David Pereksta](#)
- Fish: [Donna Schroeder](#)
- Fisheries: [Ingrid Biedron](#)
- Indigenous Knowledge & Cultures: [David Ball](#)
- Marine Archaeology: [Jeneva Wright](#)
- Marine Mammals & Sea Turtles: [Desray Reeb](#)
- Oceanography: [Alice Kojima-Clarke](#)
- Socioeconomics: [Jeremy Potter](#)

Funding is limited and will be allocated to ideas that best meet BOEM's highest-priority information needs in the Pacific OCS. Study ideas may be submitted at any time; however, they must be received by December 7, 2023, to ensure consideration for Fiscal Year 2025 funding. BOEM expects to make funding decisions in early Fiscal Year 2025.

Please note that this is not a proposal solicitation. Any submissions will be considered recommendations to BOEM and will become property of the federal government. Study ideas will be reviewed on a case-by-base basis and there is no guarantee that any idea will be funded. BOEM's use of an idea does not imply in any way that the submitter will receive funding.

To submit a Pacific OCS study idea, follow the guidance in [BOEM's November 9, 2023, Note to Stakeholders](#). If possible, please include objectives, geographic area, general methods, anticipated products, and how findings will inform BOEM's management of energy or mineral activities in the Pacific OCS.

For more information, contact [Jeremy Potter](#).

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