

Invitation for Stakeholder Input & Study Ideas for BOEM-Funded Research in the Pacific OCS Region Fiscal Year 2026

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, Hawaii, and U.S. Pacific Island Territories).

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 2026 (October 2025–September 2026):

Environmental Effects of Wind Energy Offshore California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii & U.S. Pacific Island Territories

- ◆ BOEM issued five leases for commercial wind energy development offshore California in 2023; planning for an additional lease sale offshore California is underway. BOEM is also considering the potential for wind energy leasing offshore Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, and Pacific Island Territories.
- ◆ BOEM will strongly consider study ideas addressing data gaps relating to potential environmental effects of developing wind energy in the Pacific OCS Region. The highest-priority information needs are in areas offshore California, Hawaii, and Pacific Island Territories. However, particularly compelling ideas for studies addressing data gaps offshore Oregon and Washington will also be considered.

Environmental Effects of Oil & 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: [Jeremy Potter](#)
- ◆ Benthic Ecology: [Jen Le](#)
- ◆ Birds & Bats: [David Pereksta](#)
- ◆ Fish: [Donna Schroeder](#)
- ◆ Fisheries: [Ellen Willis-Norton](#)
- ◆ Indigenous Knowledge & Cultures: [David Ball](#)
- ◆ Marine Archaeology: [Jeneva Wright](#)
- ◆ Marine Mammals & Sea Turtles: [Ingrid Biedron](#)
- ◆ Oceanography: [Alice Kojima-Clarke](#)
- ◆ Socioeconomics: [Marina Chaji](#)

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 9, 2024, to ensure consideration for Fiscal Year 2026 funding. BOEM expects to make funding decisions in early Fiscal Year 2026.

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 7, 2024, 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](#) (Environmental Sciences Section, BOEM Pacific Regional Office).

For information about research funded by BOEM's Environmental Studies Program:

- ◆ [ESP Home Page](#) (How We Do Research)
- ◆ [ESP Hub](#) (an ArcGIS Online tool to explore information about ESP studies)
- ◆ [BOEM Environmental Studies on GovInfo.gov](#) (a searchable repository of reports and other documents from ESP studies)



For information about BOEM-funded research in Pacific OCS Region:

- ◆ [Pacific Studies Home Page](#) (environmental & technical studies managed by BOEM's Pacific Regional Office)
- ◆ [Current Pacific Studies](#) (a list of ongoing and recently awarded Pacific studies, with links to study profiles)
- ◆ [Recently Completed Pacific Studies](#) (a list of Pacific studies completed since 2008, with links to study reports)
- ◆ *Research by Activity & Area:*
 - [Selected BOEM-Funded Research Informing Renewable Energy Offshore California](#)
 - [Selected BOEM-Funded Research Informing Renewable Energy Offshore Oregon](#)
 - [Selected BOEM-Funded Research Informing Renewable Energy Offshore Washington](#)
 - [Selected BOEM-Funded Research Informing Renewable Energy Offshore Hawaii & U.S. Pacific Territories](#)
 - [Selected BOEM & BSEE-Funded Research Informing Oil & Gas Decommissioning Offshore California](#)

For information about BOEM's renewable energy activities in Pacific OCS Region:

- ◆ [California Activities](#)
- ◆ [Oregon Activities](#)
- ◆ [Hawai'i Activities](#)
- ◆ [Guam Activities](#)

For information about oil & gas decommissioning in Pacific OCS Region:

- ◆ [Decommissioning – Pacific \(BOEM\)](#)
- ◆ [Pacific Region Federal OCS Decommissioning](#) (Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement [BSEE])

