

We Want to Hear from You

Information from the public is critical to our mission. That is why we publish important regulatory actions and environmental analyses for public comment.

We also try to be as accessible and transparent as possible by:

- Sending announcements on our programs to the public and media.
- Holding meetings with the public, industry, non-governmental organizations, scientists and others to learn from them and share information about our programs.
- Keeping our website updated.

Our goal is to make sure that you are informed of our actions in pursuit of responsible development of our nation's ocean energy and mineral assets.

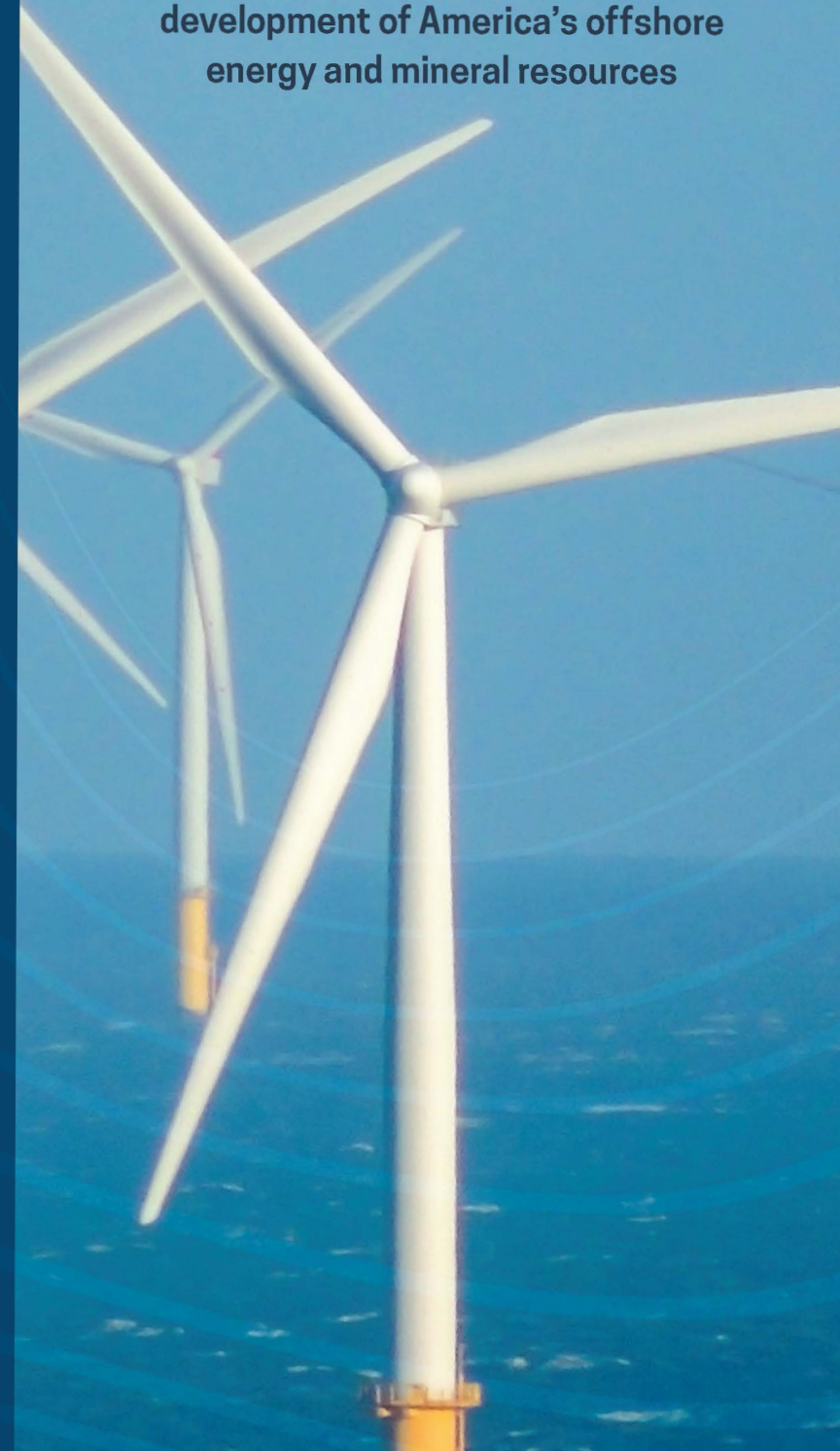
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Managing responsible
development of America's offshore
energy and mineral resources



Science and Environment

Our approach to the development of ocean energy and minerals comes with our unwavering dedication to responsible stewardship. BOEM's geoscientists, engineers, oceanographers, physical scientists, ecologists, marine biologists, social scientists (anthropologists, economists, archaeologists), policy analysts and other specialists are dedicated to making sure America's ocean environment and marine life are protected when planning and leasing for energy and marine mineral development.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) promotes energy independence, environmental protection and economic development through responsible, science-based management of energy and mineral resources on the nation's Outer Continental Shelf.



Energy

Safe, reliable and affordable domestic energy production powers our economy, promotes jobs and is critical to our nation's security.

Oil and Natural Gas

Offshore oil and gas play an important role in our national energy portfolio. BOEM estimates that the entire Outer Continental Shelf contains vast amounts of oil and natural gas that is yet to be found.

Wind

Offshore wind is capable of supplying a significant portion of the energy our nation needs. There is also tremendous energy available by harnessing ocean waves and currents.



Marine Minerals

Sand and Gravel

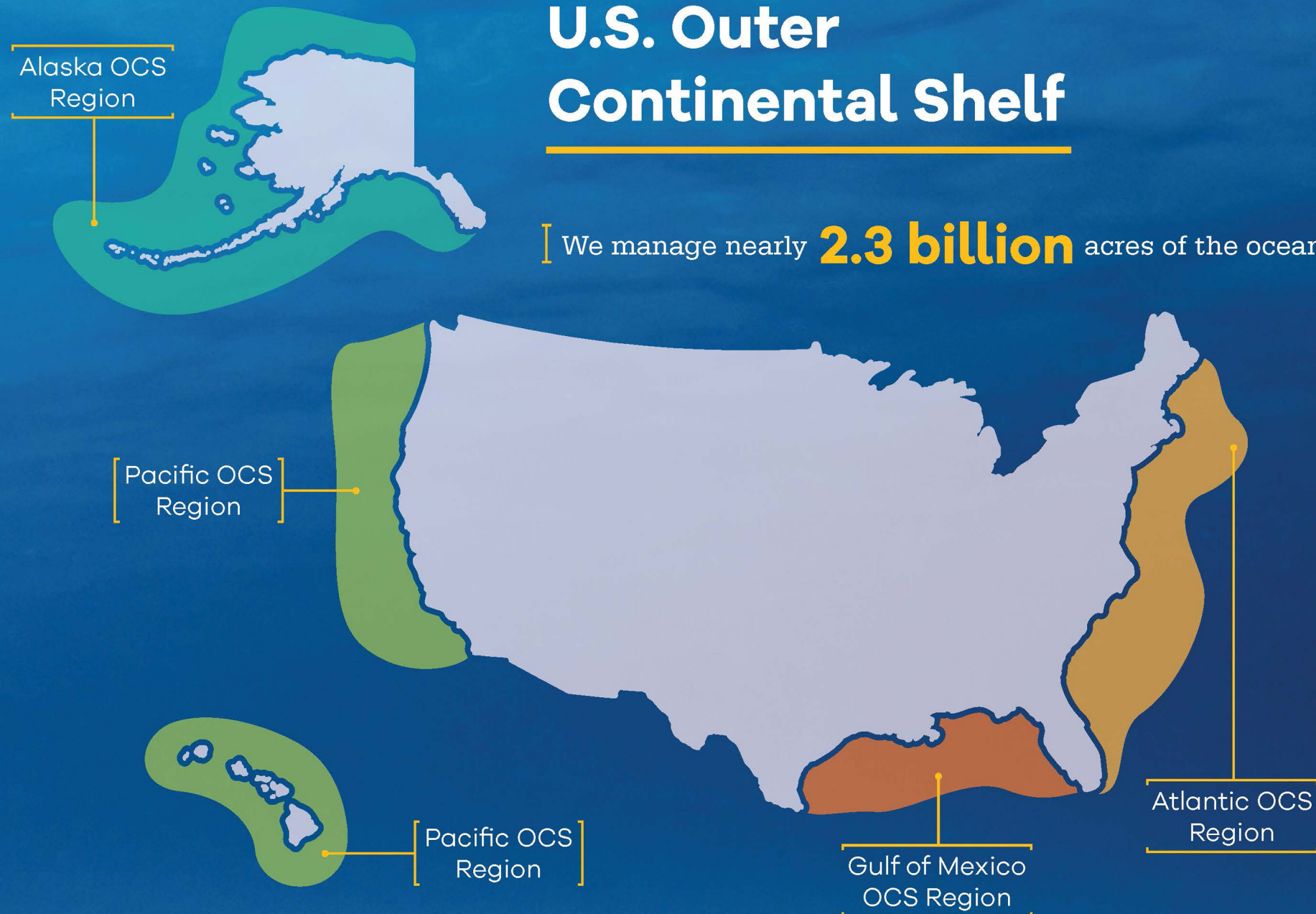
Erosion affects natural resources, tourism, energy, defense and public infrastructure. BOEM manages sand to address erosion along U.S. coastal beaches, dunes, barrier island and wetlands.

Critical Minerals

The evaluation and management of critical minerals located on the Outer Continental Shelf is an important mission for BOEM in support of our national security and our economy.

U.S. Outer Continental Shelf

We manage nearly **2.3 billion** acres of the ocean.



Nearly one-fifth of our **nation's oil** comes from federal waters.

Almost half of the U.S. population lives near coastal areas, where **offshore winds** are typically stronger and more consistent than onshore.

Marine minerals can rebuild shorelines, reduce coastal erosion and provide protection from natural disasters.

