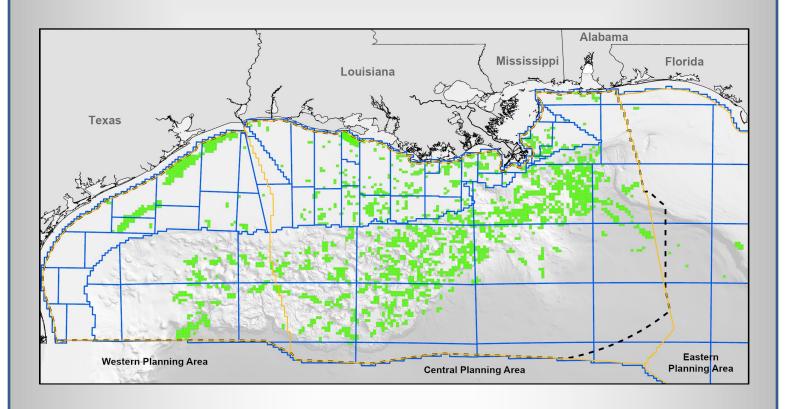
Top 40 Company Report

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2024 Report Overview

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM), Office of Resource Evaluation (RE), Geological and Geophysical (G&G) Section annually compiles a Top 40 Company Report (previously named Top 50 Company Report) to aid in the understanding in company activity and interest in geologic trends, short term changes in companies' ownership over time, company acquisitions and mergers, and assists in Fair Market Value (FMV) evaluation. The report graphically illustrates the top 40 oil and gas companies by lease ownership within the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). Lease ownership is determined by the company or companies listed as the Record Title Owner in the Serial Register. Leases owned by subsidiary companies are listed under their respective parent companies. For leases with multiple owners, lease acreages have been weighted according to each company's interest in the lease.

Corrections have been made to account for (1) leases that have been partitioned into aliquots by normalizing a lease owner's aliquot acreage to the total lease acreage and (2) leases that have more than one subsidiary company owning a percentage of the same lease by combining their individual leased acreages. Attempts have been made to accurately link subsidiary companies to their parent organization, but some errors may still exist.

This report has previously (before 2023) analyzed the fifty companies who own the most leased acreage in the Gulf of Mexico. The number of companies who own and operate leases has been steadily decreasing in the past ten years, mostly due to mergers, bankruptcies, and companies discontinuing their operations in the Gulf altogether. To refocus this report on the companies who have the significant or larger lease holdings, the number of companies listed has been reduced from fifty to forty.

All lease and ownership information in this report are static as of January 2, 2024.

Announced Discoveries: 2019 to 2023

Table 1 lists the announced deepwater (>400 m) discoveries that have been publicly published by a company's press release in the past five years.

Table 1. Gulf of Mexico announced discoveries in deepwater from 2019 to 2023 arranged by announced date.

Company	Prospect	Surface Block	Surface Lease	Announced Date	Spud Date
Kosmos	Tiberius	KC964	G36694	10/11/2023	7/11/2023
Hess	Pickerel	MC726	G24101	7/26/2023	6/1/2023
Talos	Sunspear	GC78	G36895	8/9/2023	5/29/2023
Talos	Venice	VK912	G06893	1/4/2023	11/25/2022
Talos	Lime Rock	VK1000	G36951	1/4/2023	10/19/2022
Hess	Huron	GC70	G35957	8/1/2022	2/1/2022
EnVen	Dothraki	GC166	G35655	2/1/2022	3/1/2020
Shell	Blacktip North	AC336	G36102	12/8/2021	7/29/2021
Shell	Leopard	AC691	G34771	5/11/2021	6/18/2020
Beacon	Tabasco	GC35	G36624	5/10/2021	7/8/2020
ВР	Puma West	GC821	G34561	4/13/2021	10/15/2019
LLOG	Dome Patrol	MC505	G35827	2/22/2021	6/6/2020
Beacon	Winterfell	GC943	G36060	1/19/2021	11/12/2020
LLOG	Spruance	EW877	G35295	10/26/2020	6/14/2019
Equinor	Monument	WR 316	G36084	4/6/2020	12/15/2019
Hess	Tubular Bells/Esox	MC726	G24101	10/29/2019	9/9/2019
Murphy	Hoffe Park 2	MC122	G34424	8/8/2019	7/1/2019
W & T	Gladden Deep	MC800	G18292	6/4/2019	3/19/2019
Shell	King Embayment	MC764	G33170	6/4/2019	10/19/2018
Shell	Blacktip	AC380	G32954	4/24/2019	2/10/2019
ВР	Nearly Headless Nick	MC387	G22873	1/8/2019	8/2/2018
ВР	Manuel	MC520	G09821	1/8/2019	6/29/2018

Part I: 2024 Lease Ownership

The following tables, graphs, and figures detail the top forty companies that hold leases in the Gulf of Mexico. The map figures breakdown a company's percentage of ownership by color. All companies' subsidiaries that have been included in the lease totals are also listed.

Table 2. The top 40 companies in the Gulf of Mexico ranked by companies' total area leased.

Rank	Company	Number of Leases Held	Acres Held	Rank	Company	Number of Leases Held	Acres Held
1	Shell	381	1,424,738	21	Total	36	112,058
2	Chevron	343	1,328,809	22	Walter	36	99,000
3	BP	274	1,173,446	23	Kosmos	44	95,318
4	ExxonMobil	192	905,749	24	Red Willow	65	91,996
5	Occidental	219	882,312	25	Ecopetrol	51	73,792
6	Talos	215	730,196	26	Eni	31	68,444
7	Cox	136	542,950	27	Petrobras	22	66,411
8	Equinor	171	525,599	28	DG	13	64,687
9	Arena	83	372,906	29	Focus	11	57,056
10	Woodside	114	327,692	30	Renaissance	16	56,272
11	W&T	92	318,643	31	Houston Energy	78	52,885
12	Murphy	99	314,874	32	Juneau	9	40,500
13	Fieldwood	93	288,031	33	Orinoco	16	38,182
14	Hess	70	267,956	34	Byron	7	31,935
15	LLOG	85	256,104	35	Petronas	24	28,224
16	Beacon	83	189,793	36	Navitas	18	24,892
17	QuarterNorth	56	187,325	37	Marubeni	10	23,520
18	Repsol	74	159,905	38	Superior	4	20,218
19	Cantium	45	135,050	39	Peregrine	5	20,000
20	Ridgewood	80	114,493	40	CNOOC	12	19,601

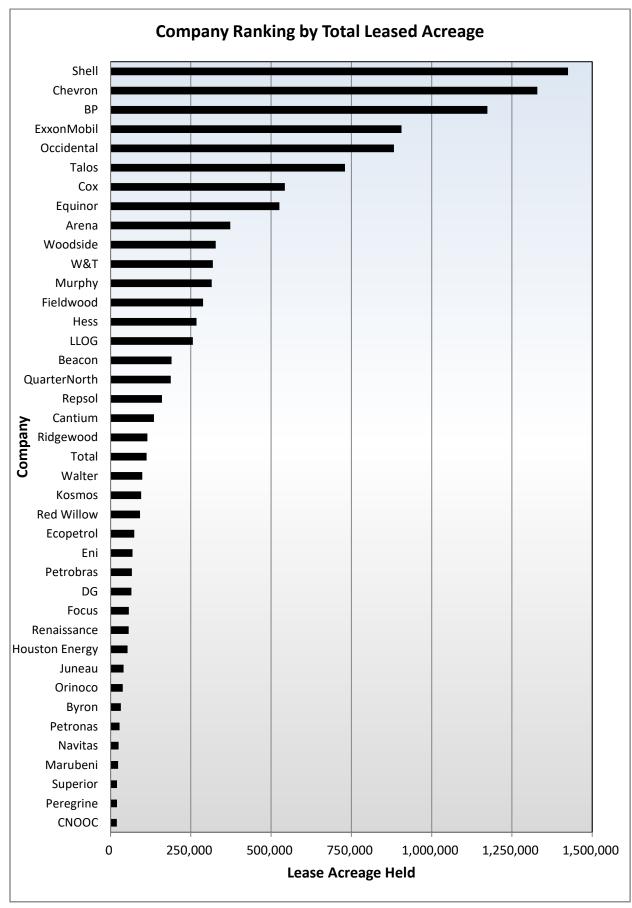


Figure 1. The top 40 companies by leased acreage in the Gulf of Mexico as of January 2, 2024.

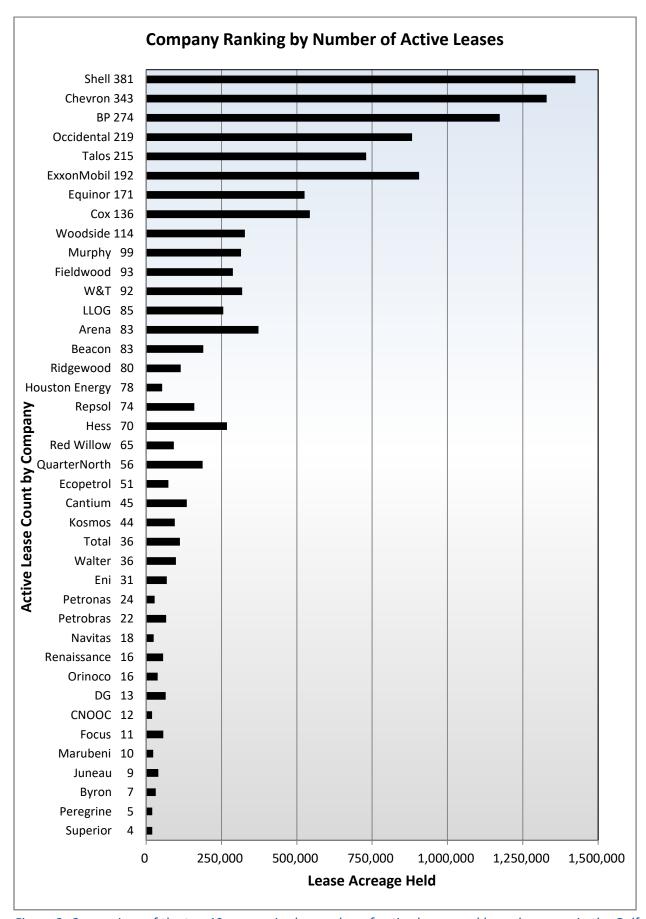
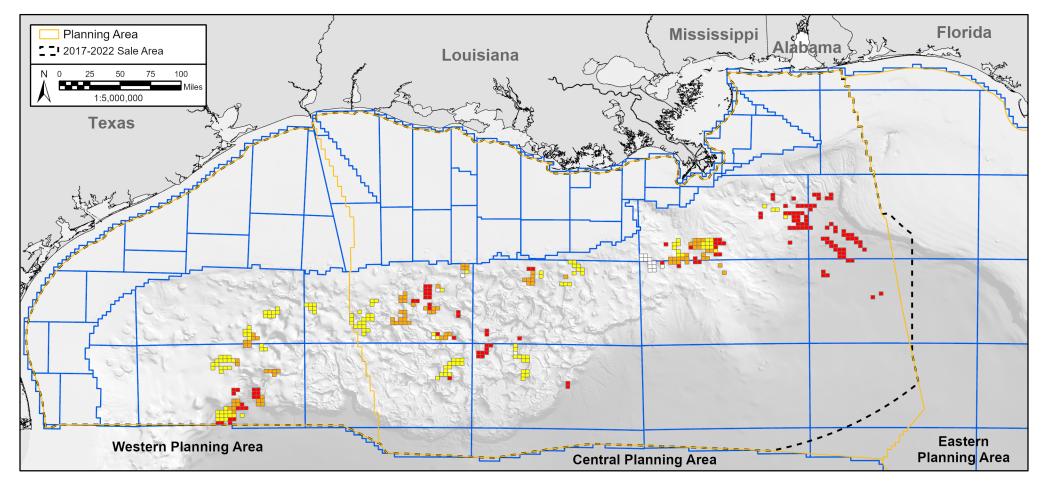
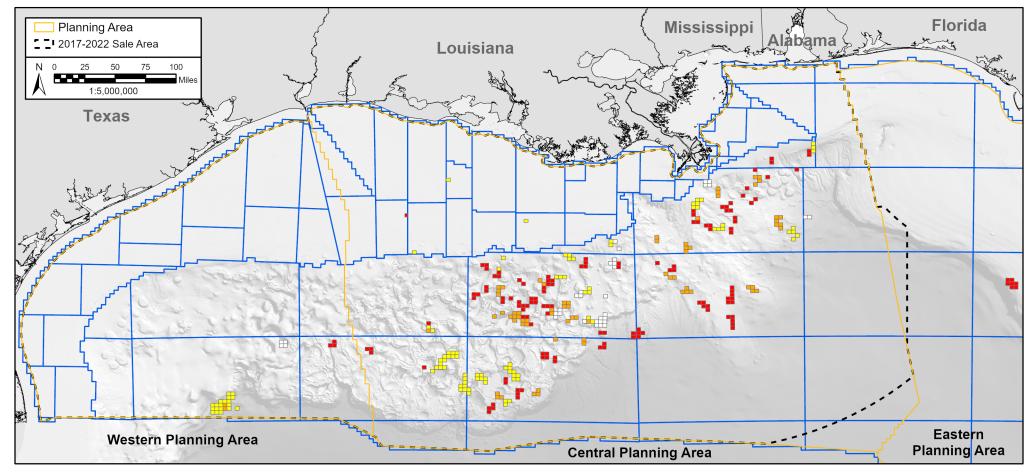
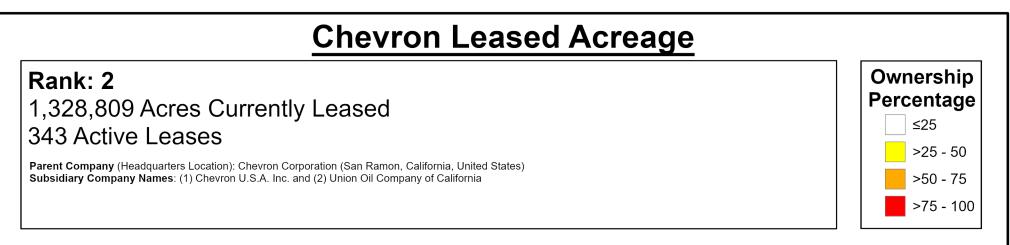


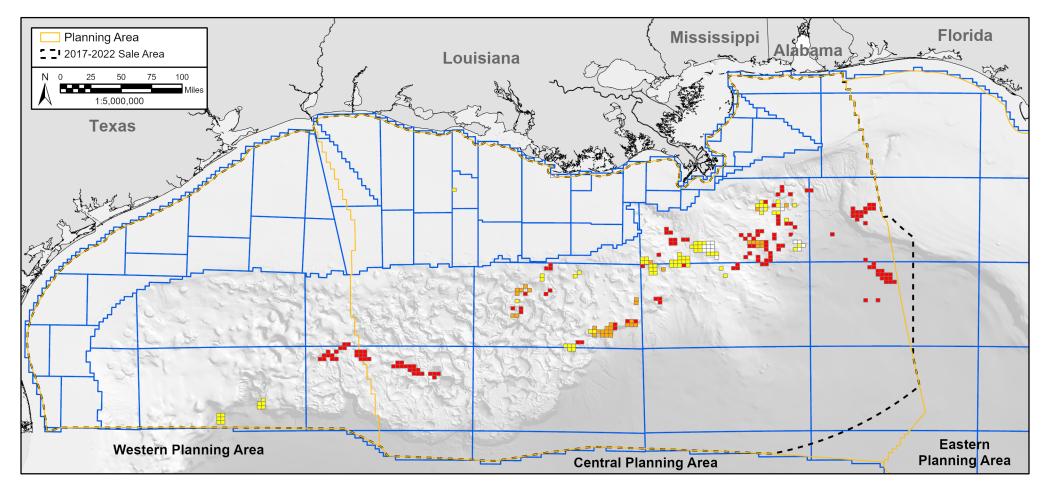
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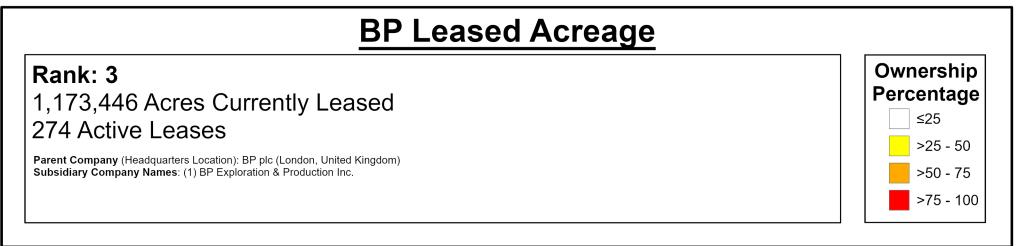


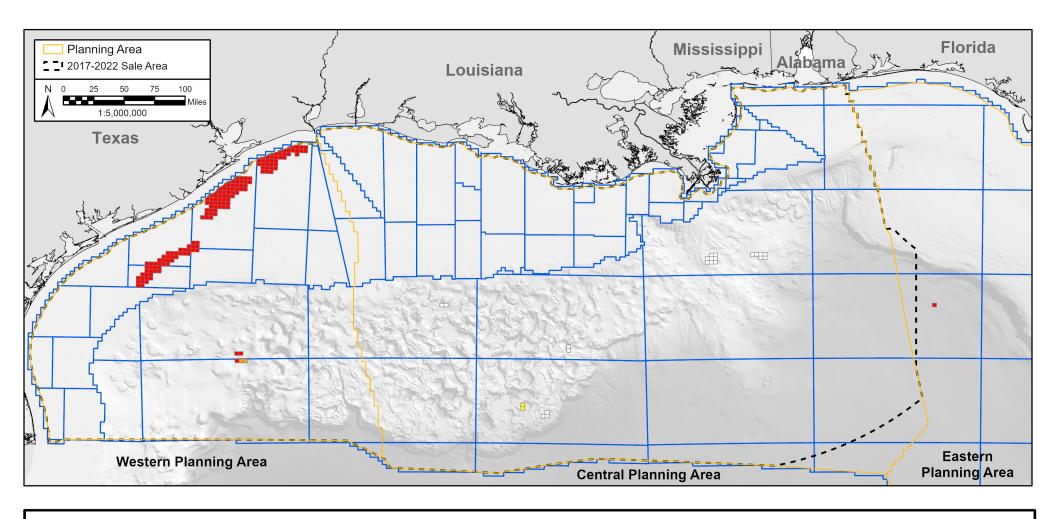












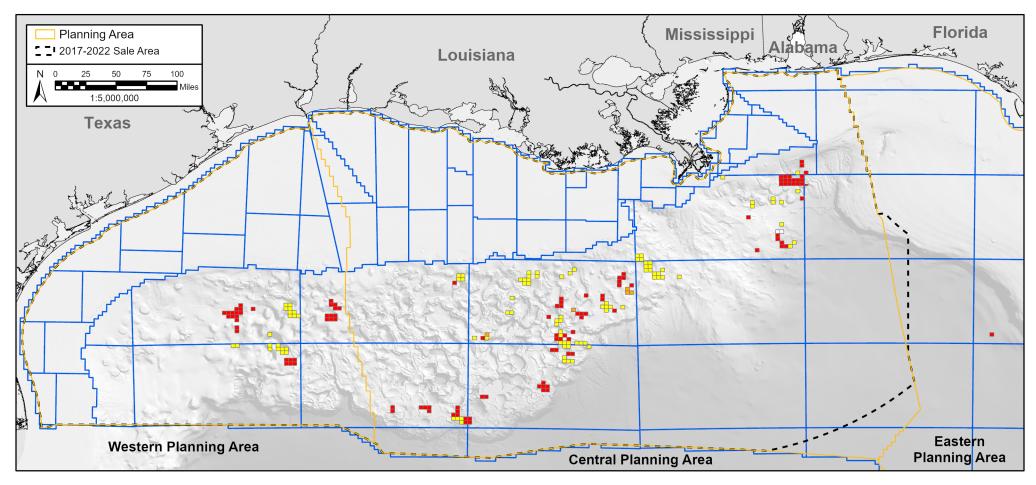


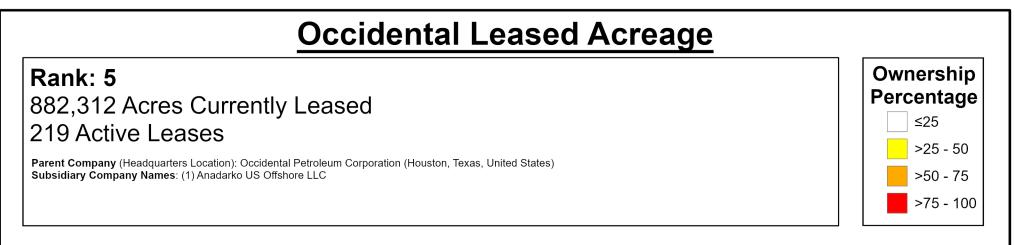


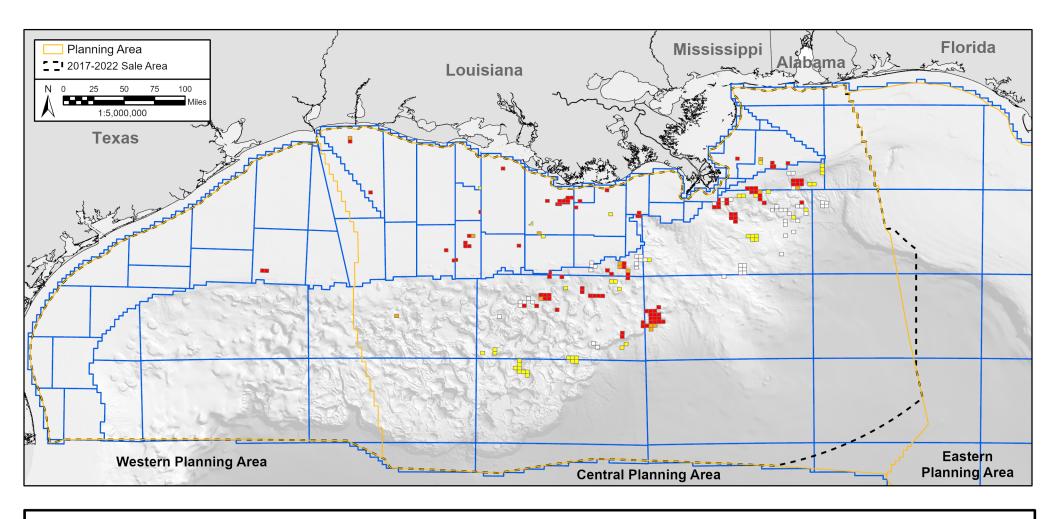
Parent Company (Headquarters Location): Exxon Mobil Corporation (Spring, Texas, United States)

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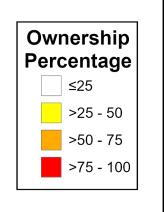


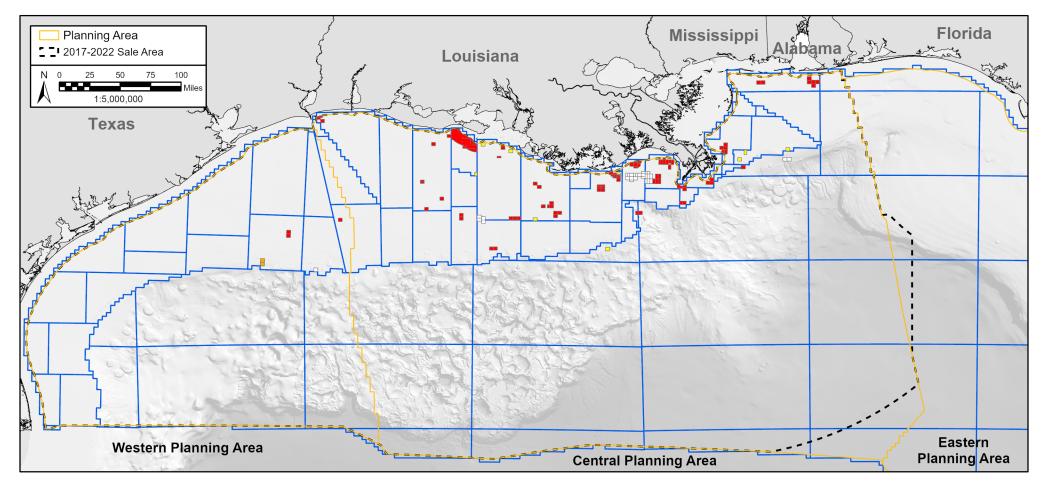


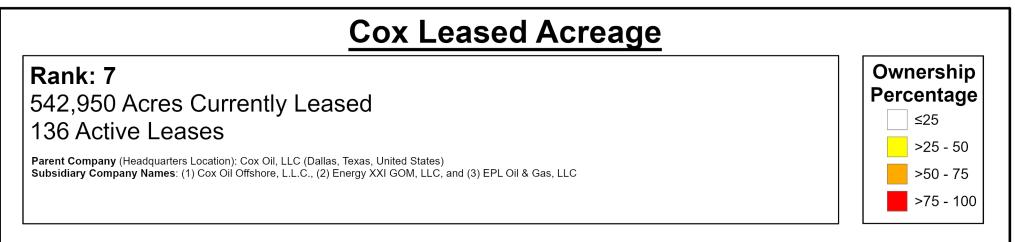
Rank: 6 730,196 Acres Currently Leased 215 Active Leases

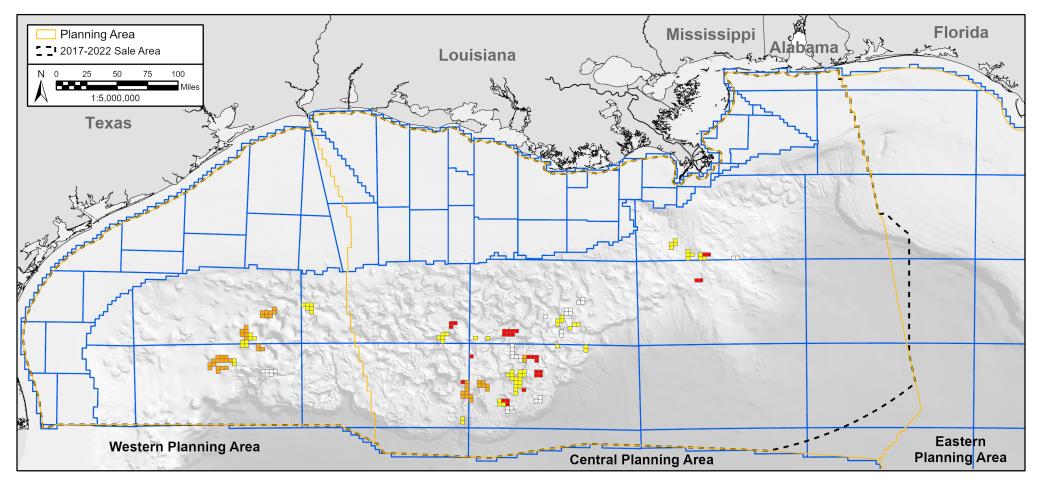
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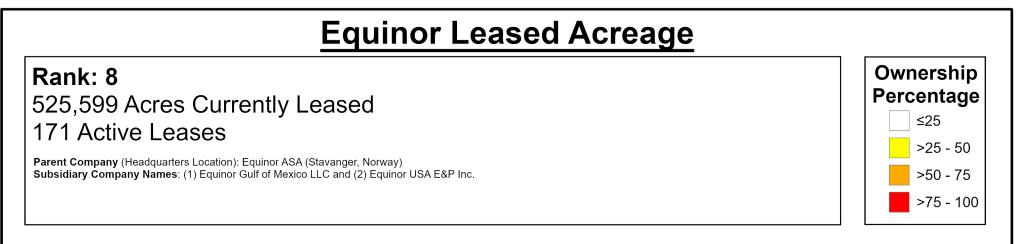
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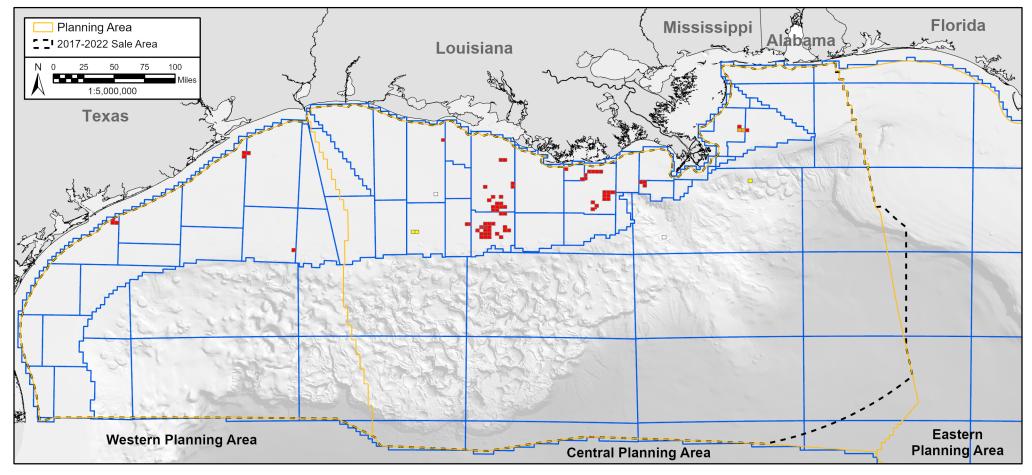


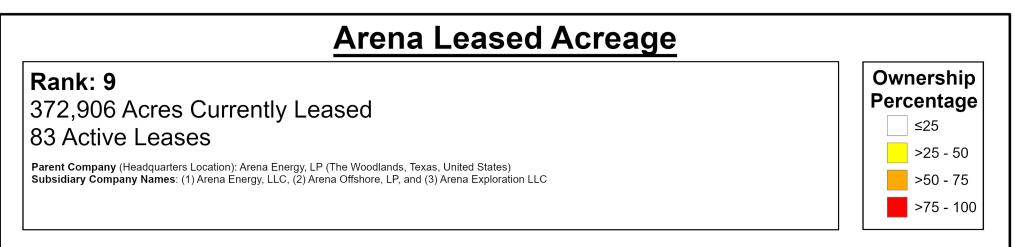


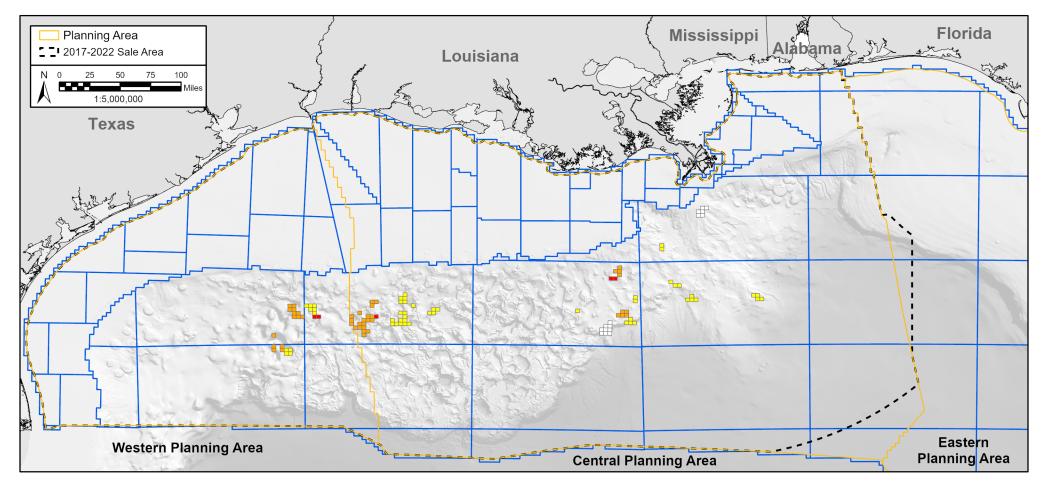




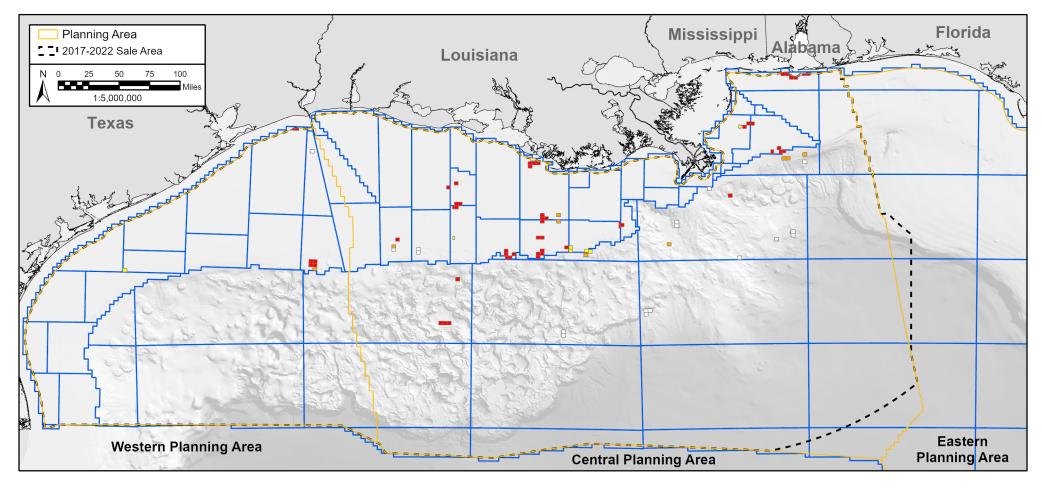


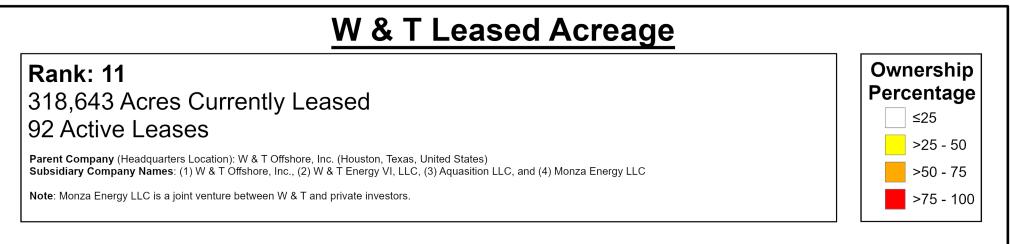


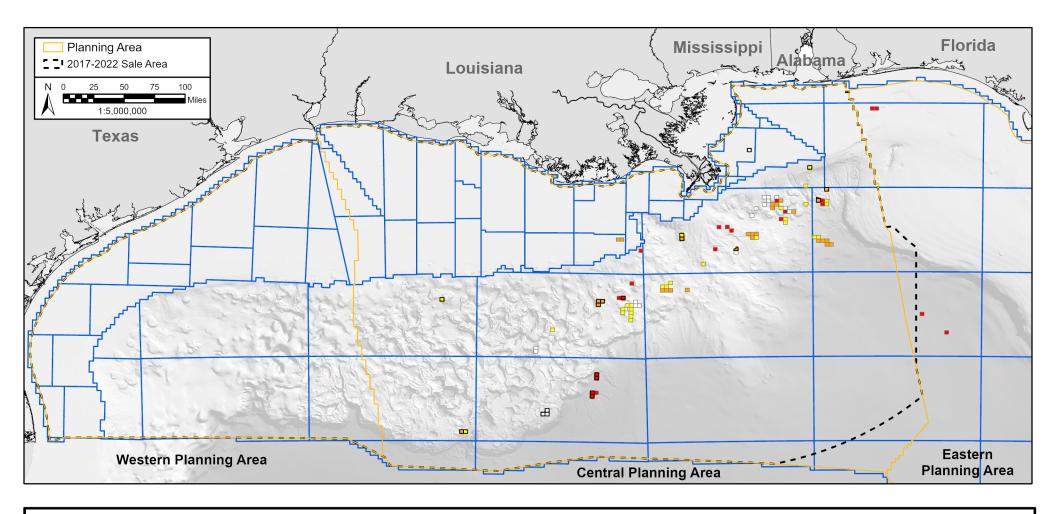














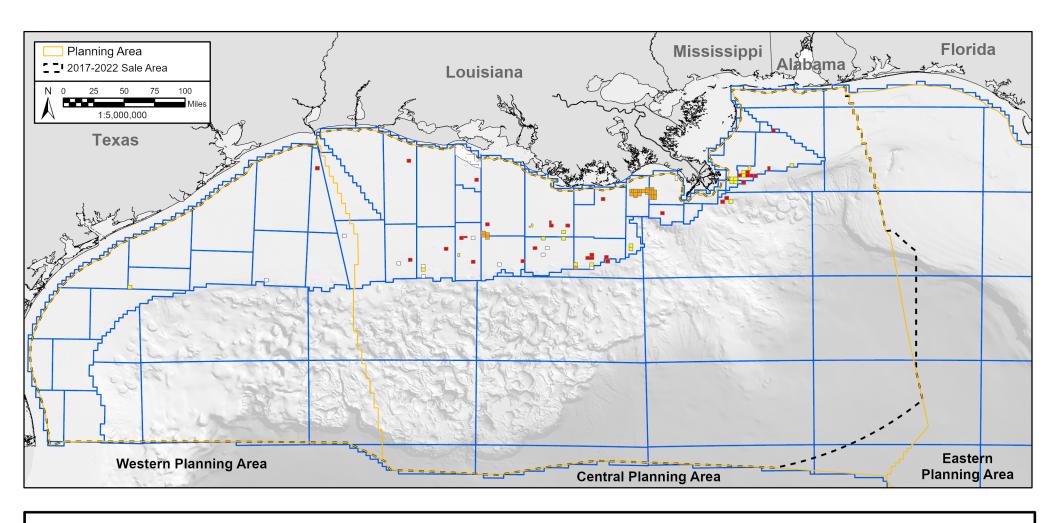
Rank: 12 314,874 Acres Currently Leased 99 Active Leases

Parent Company (Headquarters Location): Murphy Oil Corporation (Houston, Texas, United States)

Subsidiary Company Names: (1) Murphy Exploration & Production Company - USA and (2) MP Gulf of Mexico, LLC

Note: MP Gulf of Mexico, LLC is a joint venture between Murphy Exploration & Production Company - USA and Petrobras America Inc. and is listed as a subsidiary for both Murphy and Petrobras. MP Gulf of Mexico, LLC leases are outlined in black.





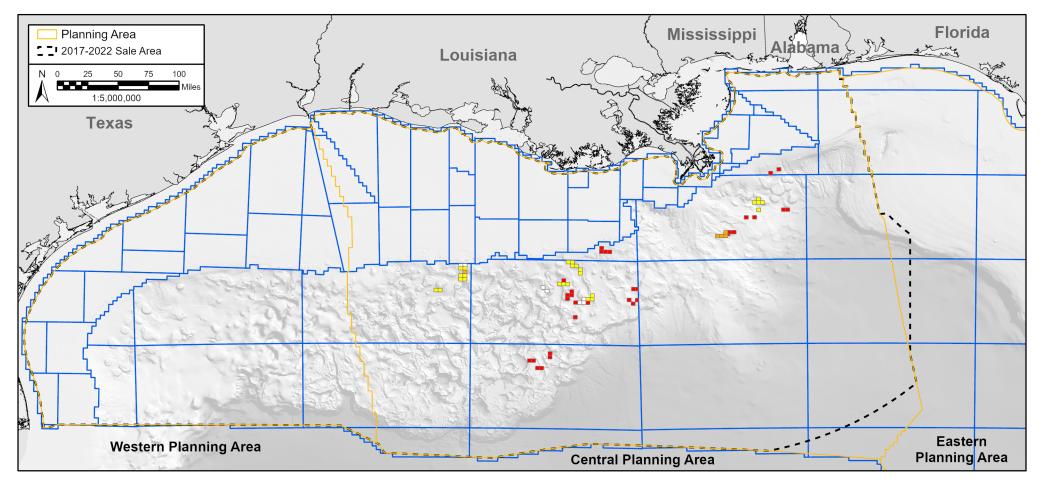


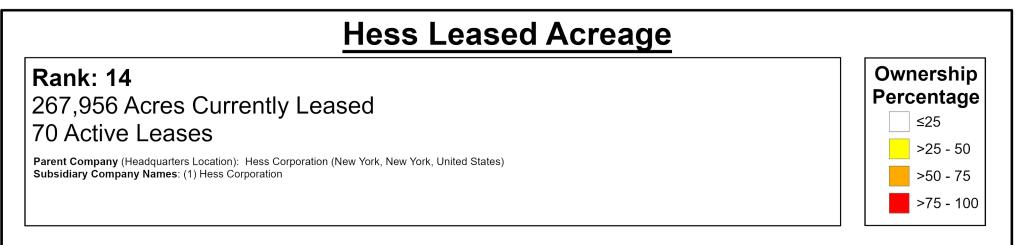
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93 Active Leases

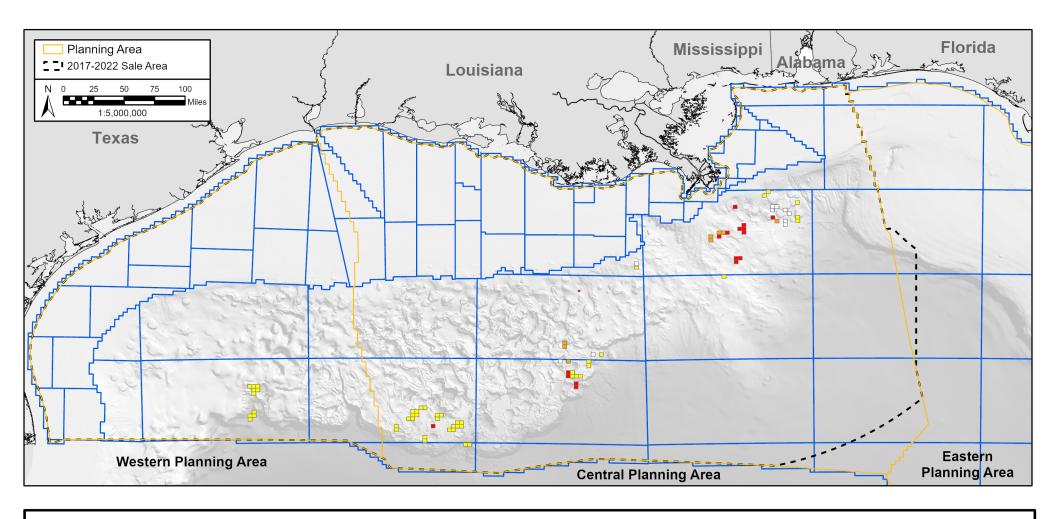
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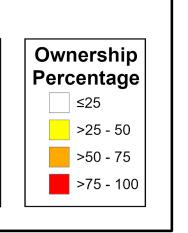


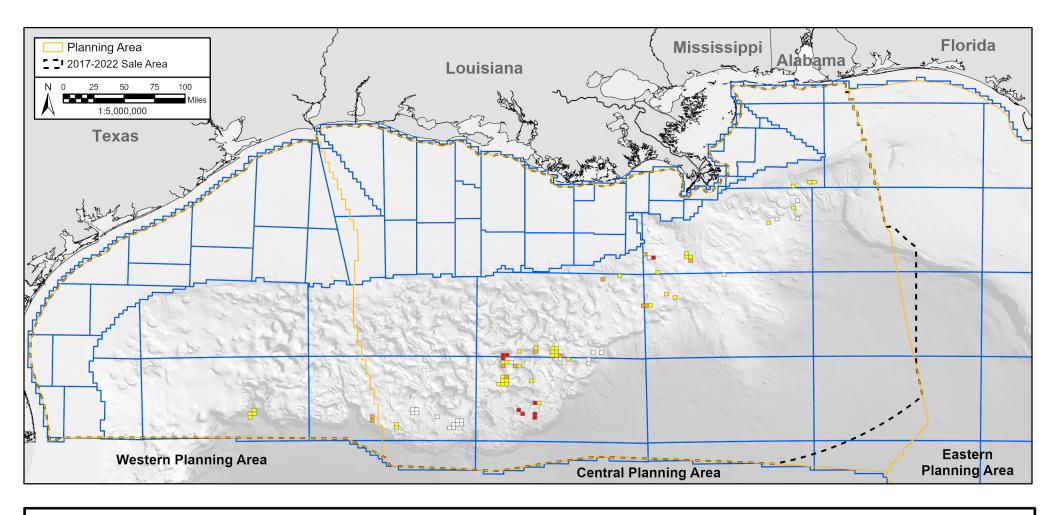
LLOG Leased Acreage

Rank: 15 256,104 Acres Currently Leased 85 Active Leases

Parent Company (Headquarters Location): LLOG Exploration Company, L.L.C. (Covington, Louisiana, United States)

Subsidiary Company Names: (1) LLOG Exploration Offshore, L.L.C., (2) LLOG Deepwater Development Company IV, L.L.C., (3) LLOG Deepwater Development Company VI, L.L.C., (4) LLOG Leon Development Company, L.L.C., (5) Crux1, LLC, (6) Buckstone Development Company, L.L.C., (7) LLOG Omega Holdings, L.L.C., (8) LLOG Deepwater Development Company II, L.L.C., (9) Deepwater Development Company LLC, (10) LLOG Castile Development Company, L.L.C., and (11) LLOG Deepwater Development Company I, L.L.C.





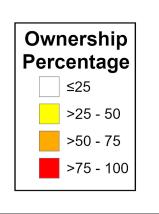
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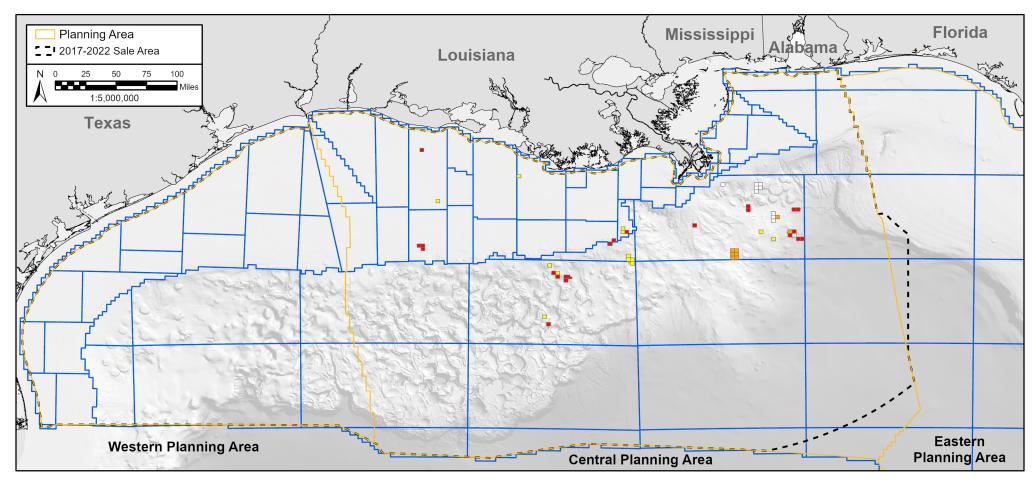
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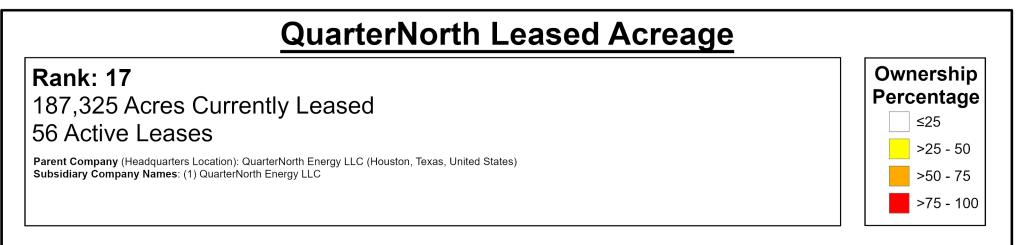
189,793 Acres Currently Leased 83 Active Leases

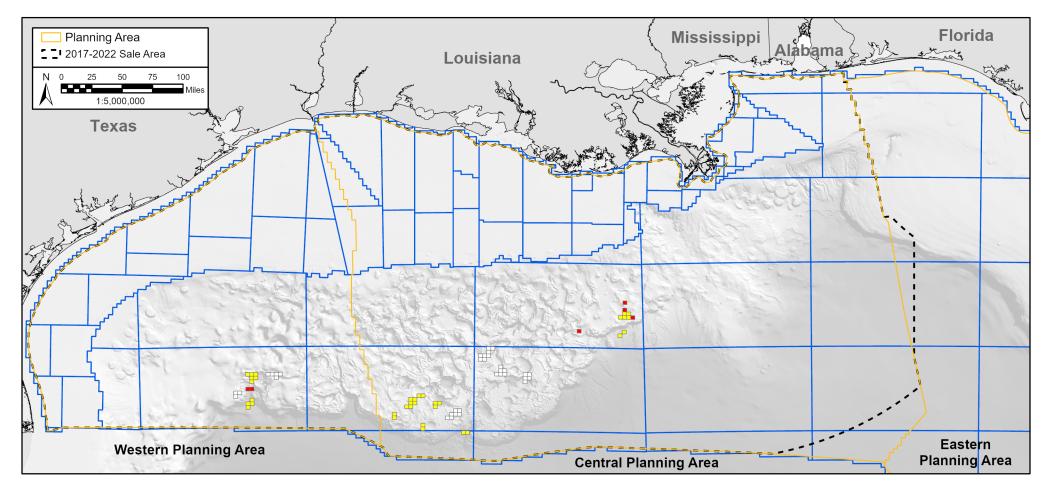
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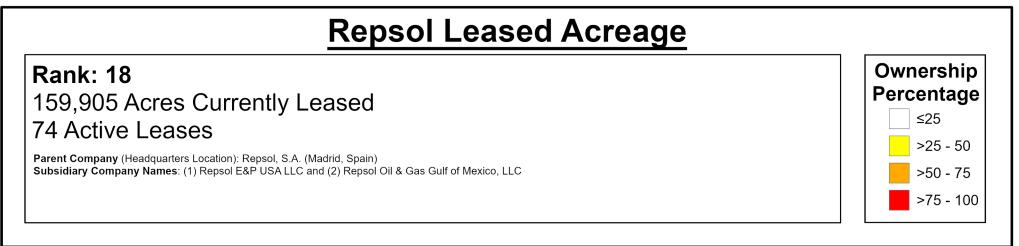
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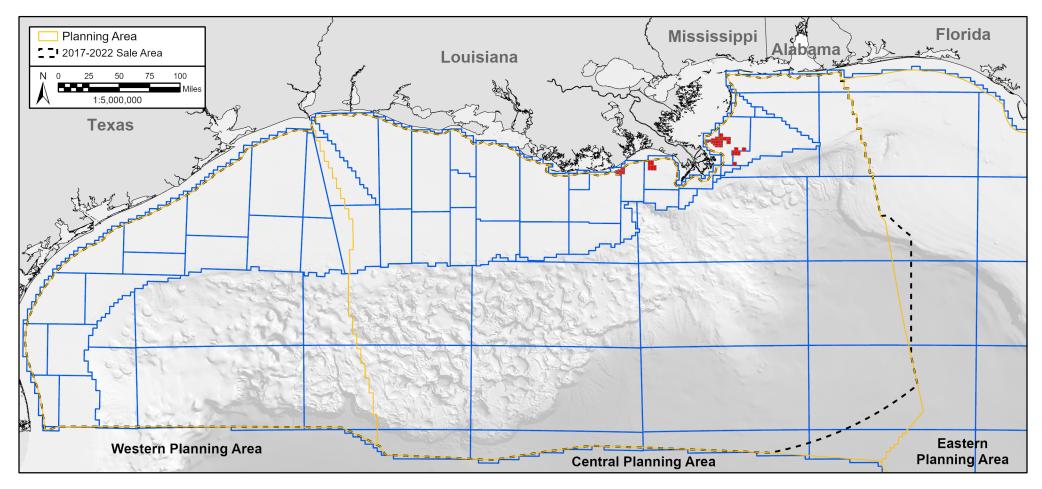




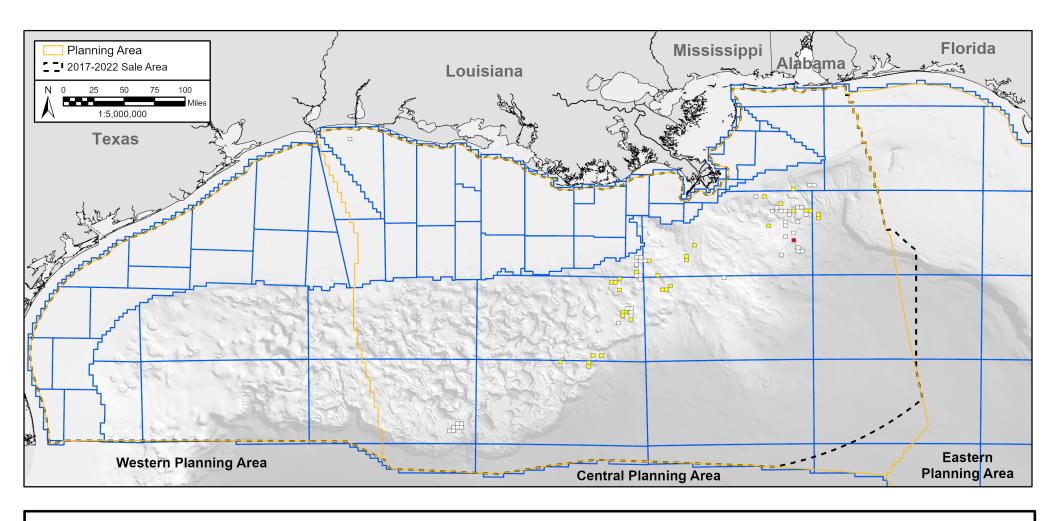












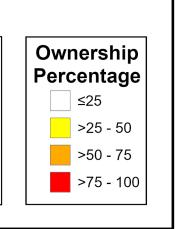


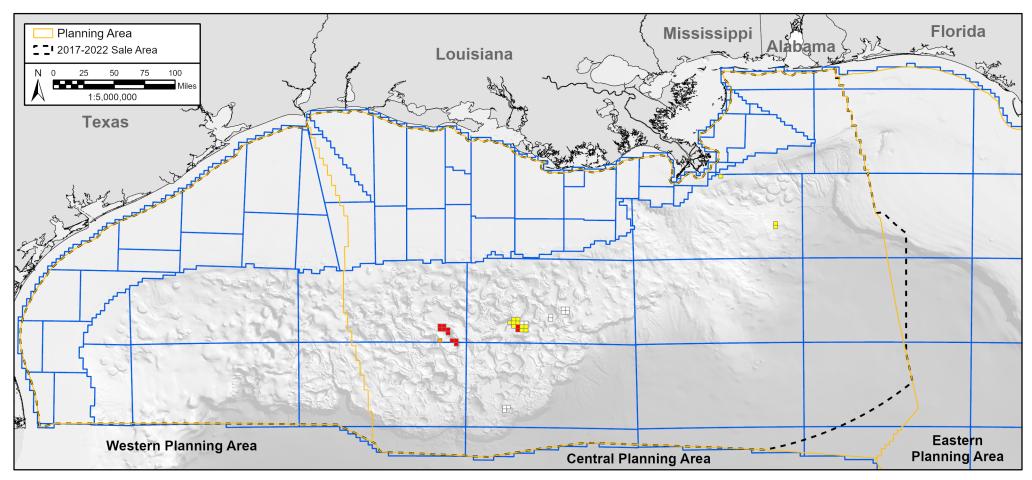
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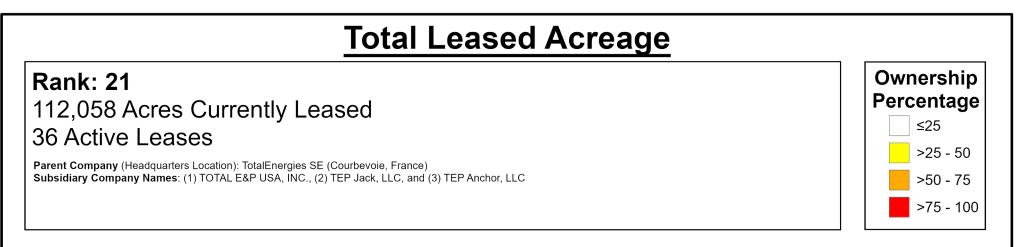
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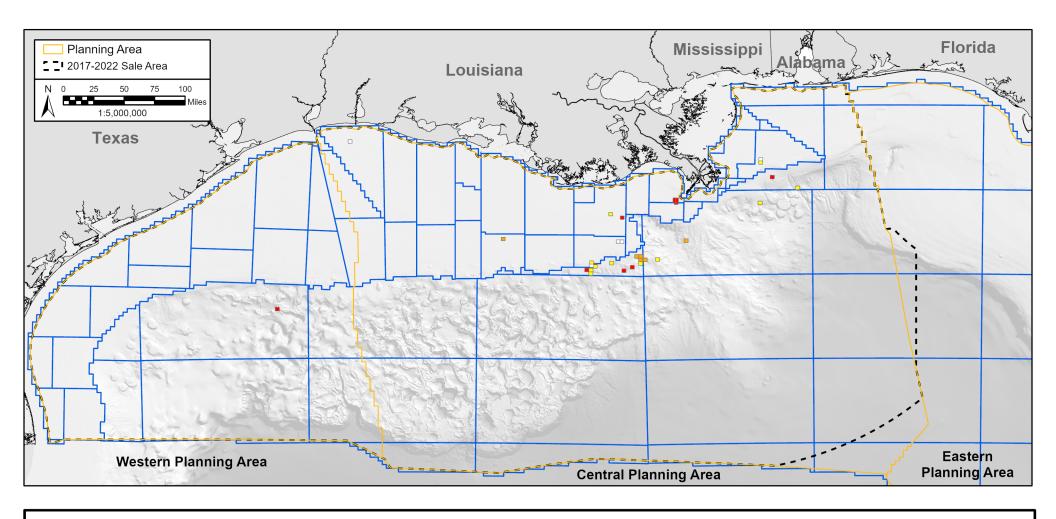
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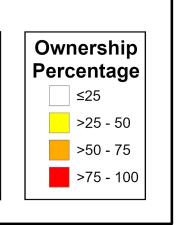


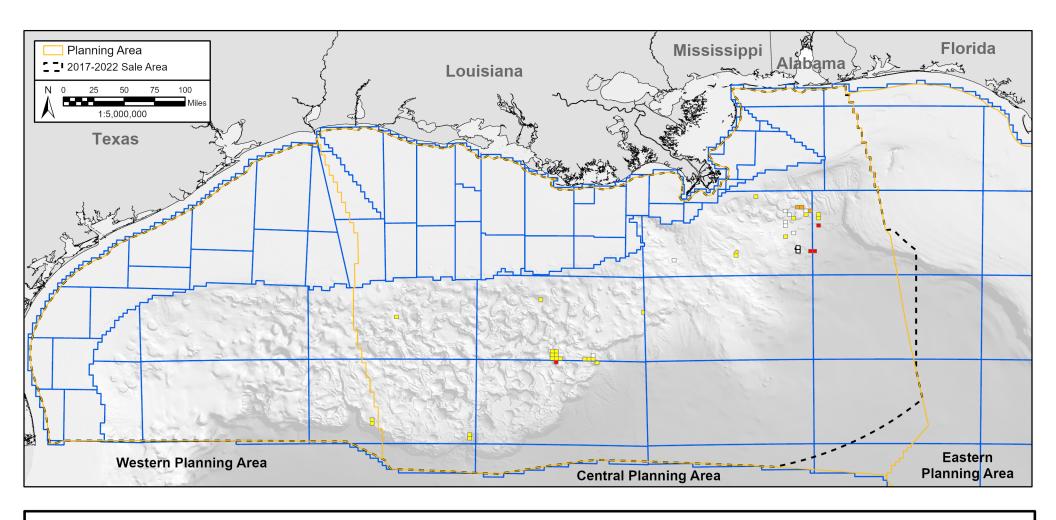


Rank: 22 99,000 Acres Currently Leased 36 Active Leases

Parent Company (Headquarters Location): Walter Oil & Gas Corporation (Houston, Texas, United States)

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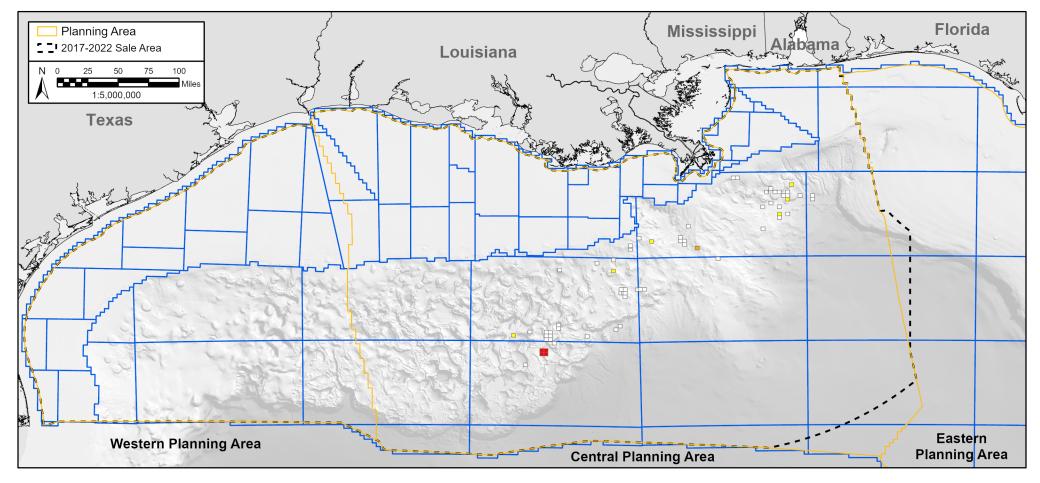
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95,318 Acres Currently Leased
44 Active Leases

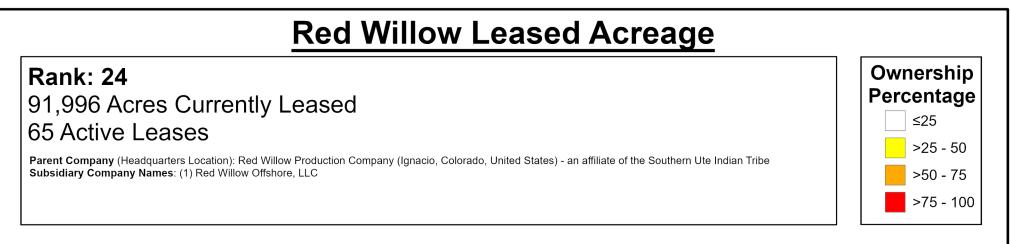
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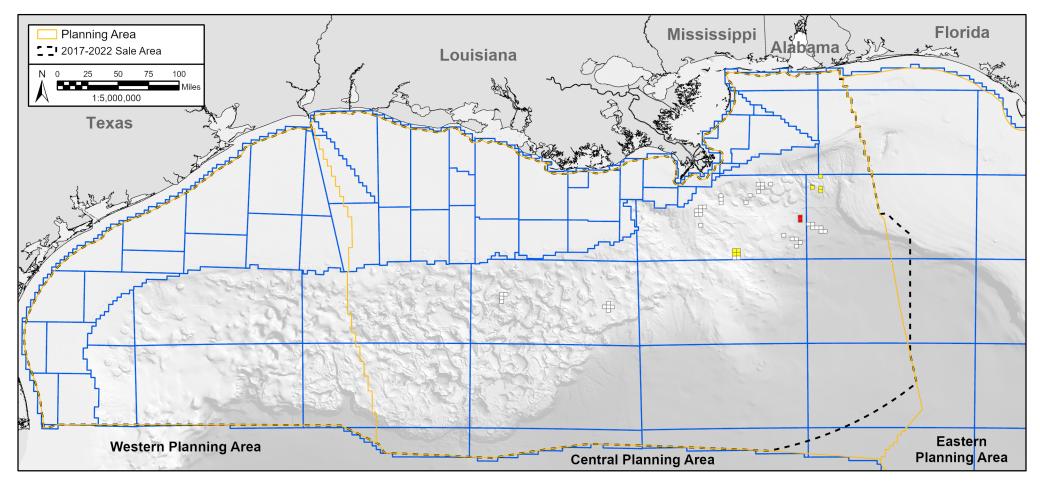
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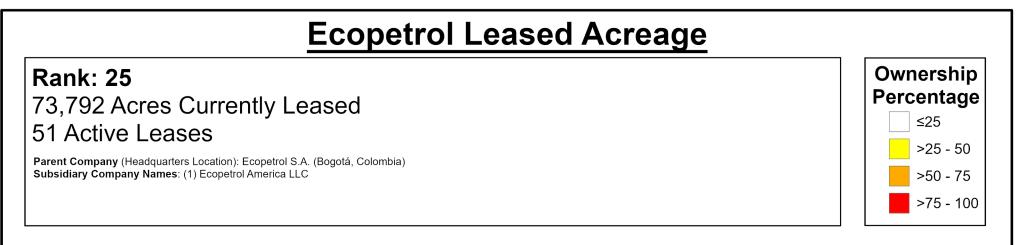
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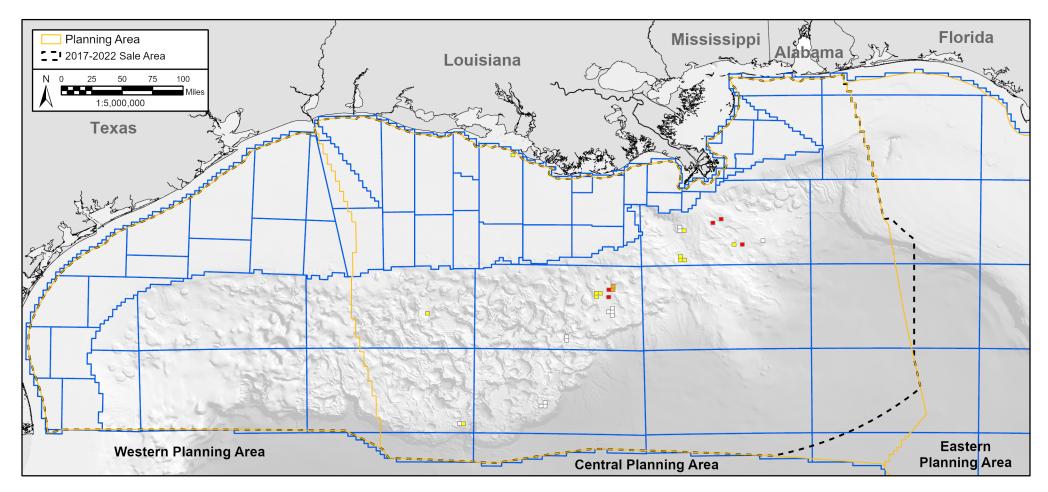


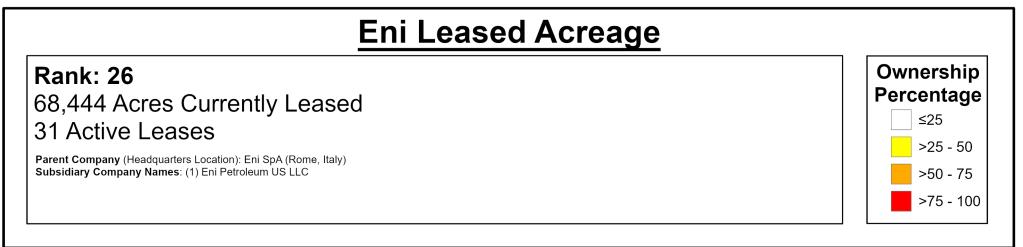


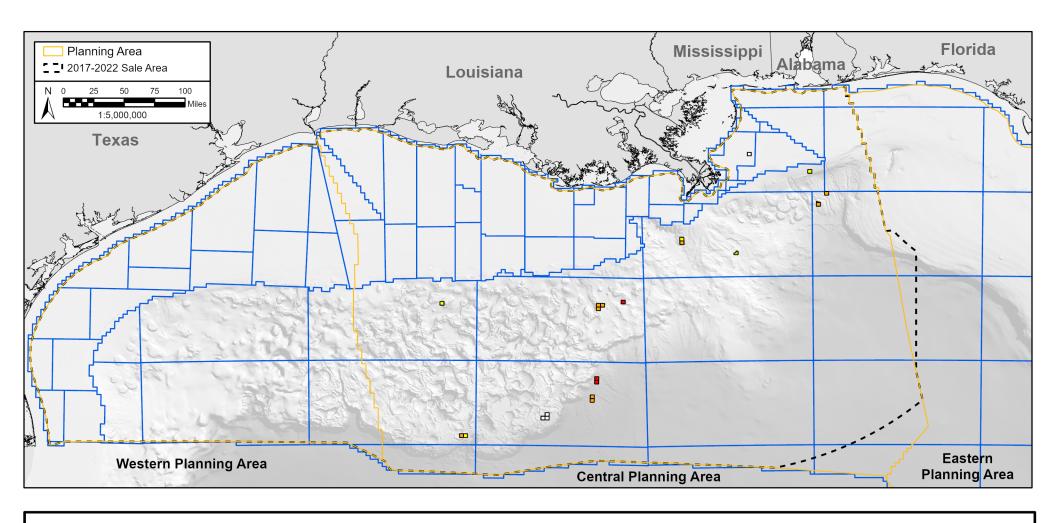














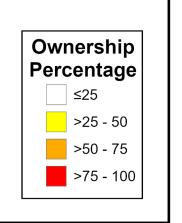
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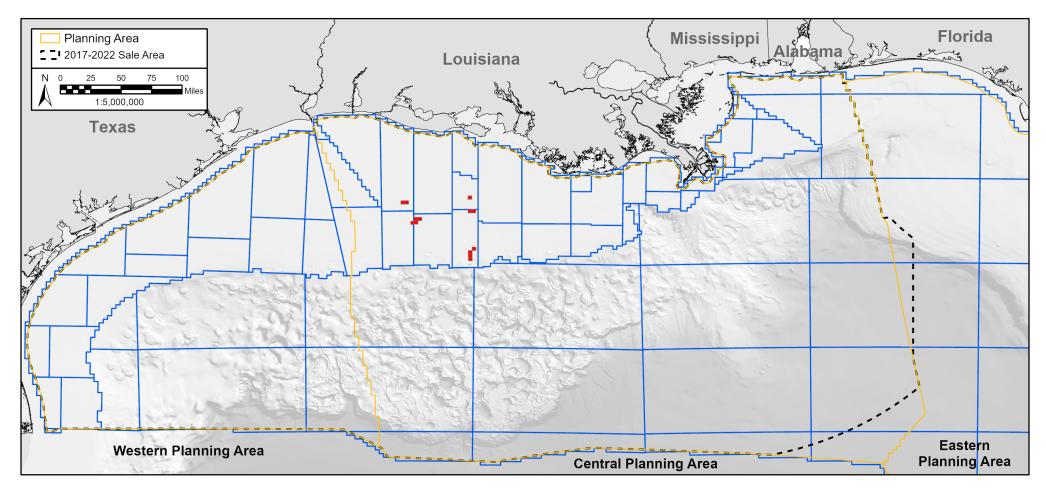
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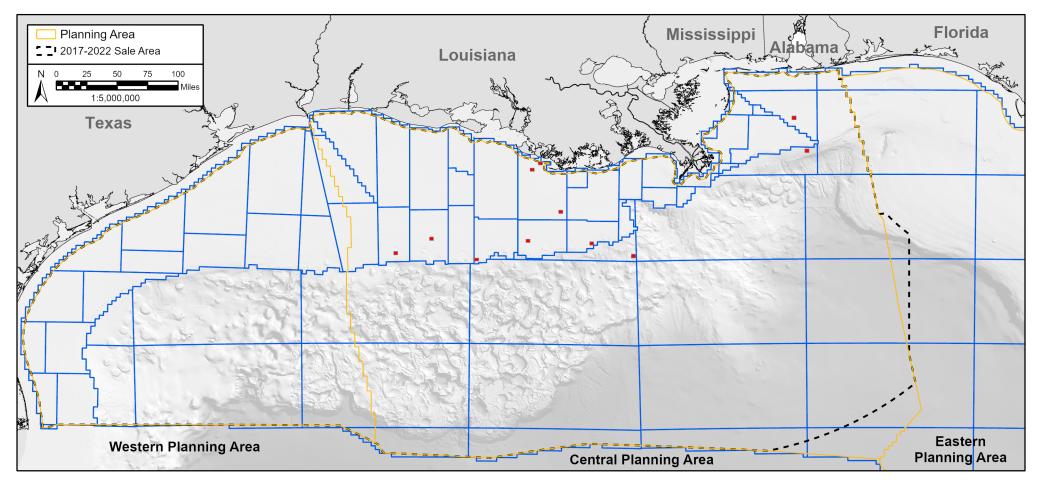
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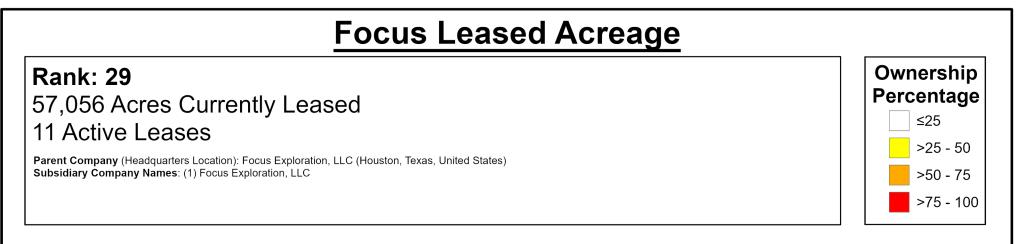
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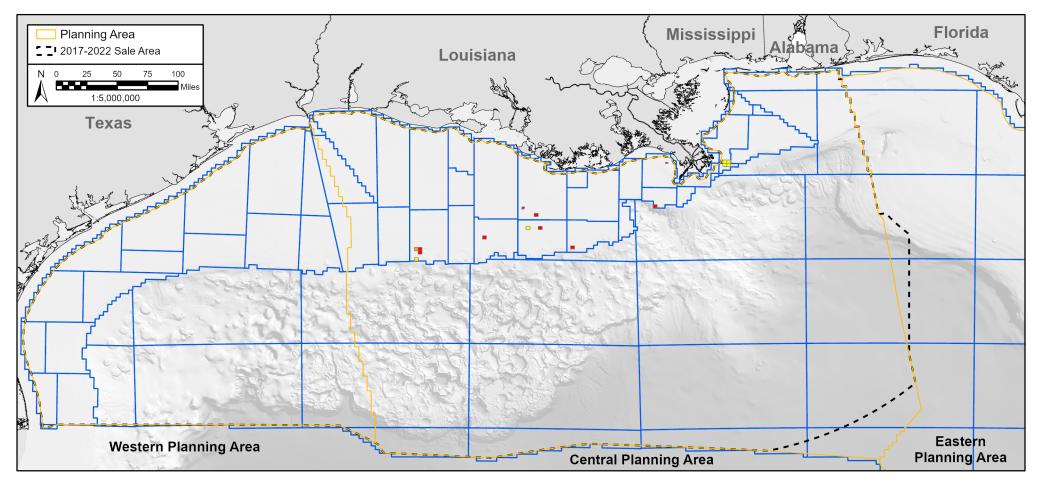


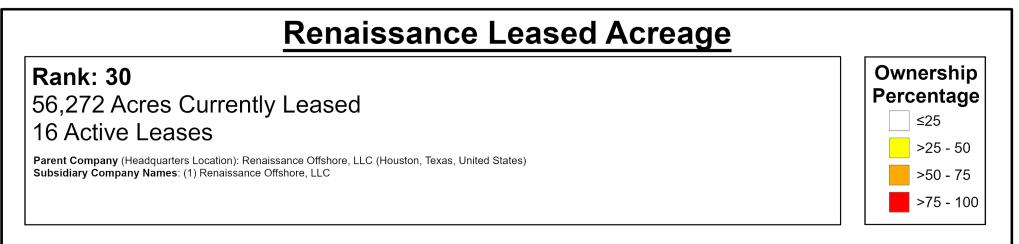


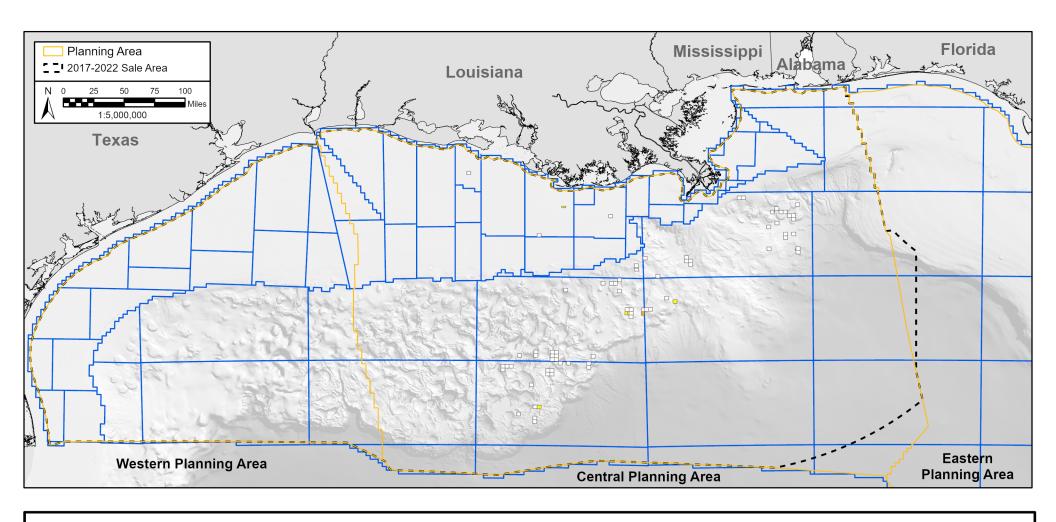










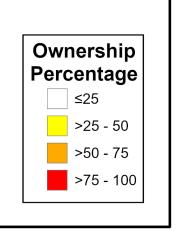


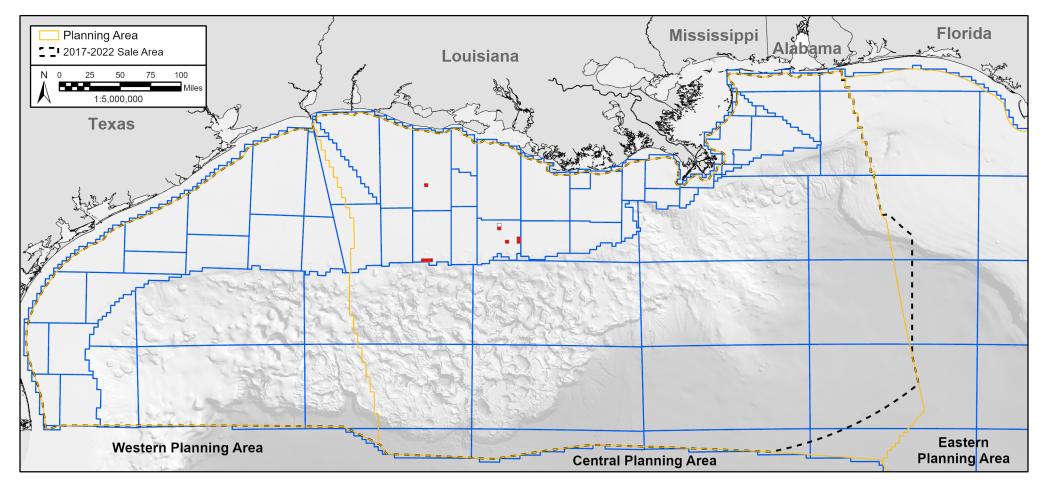


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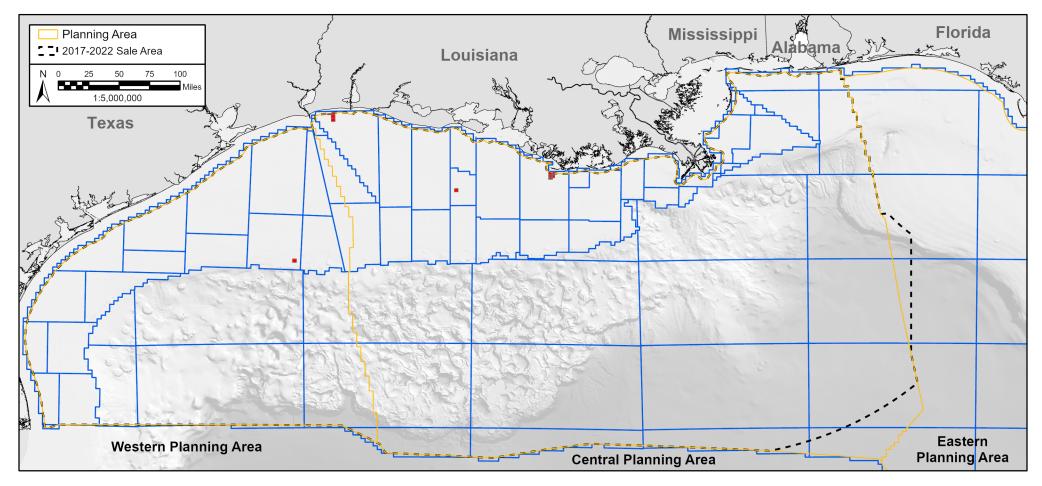
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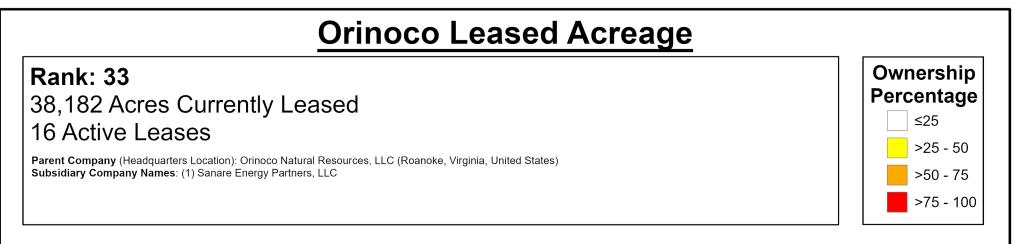
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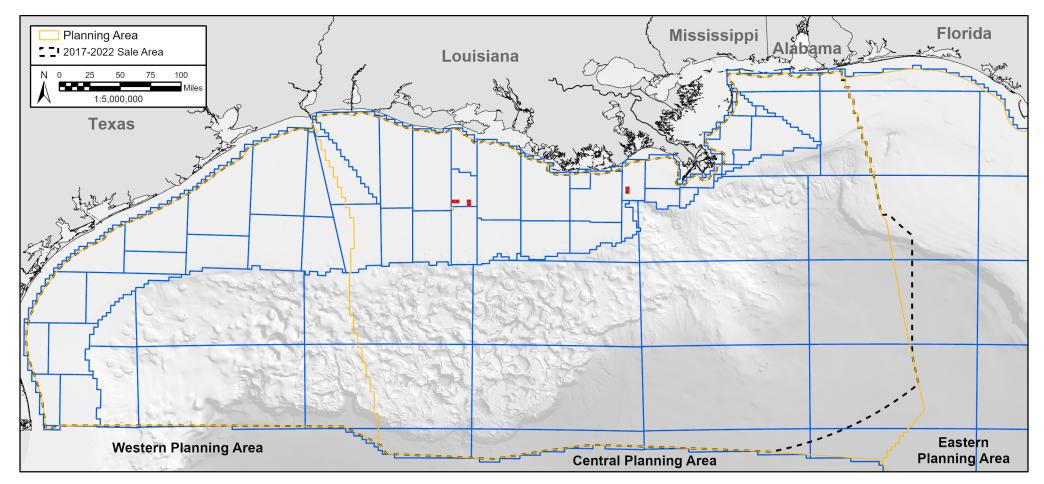




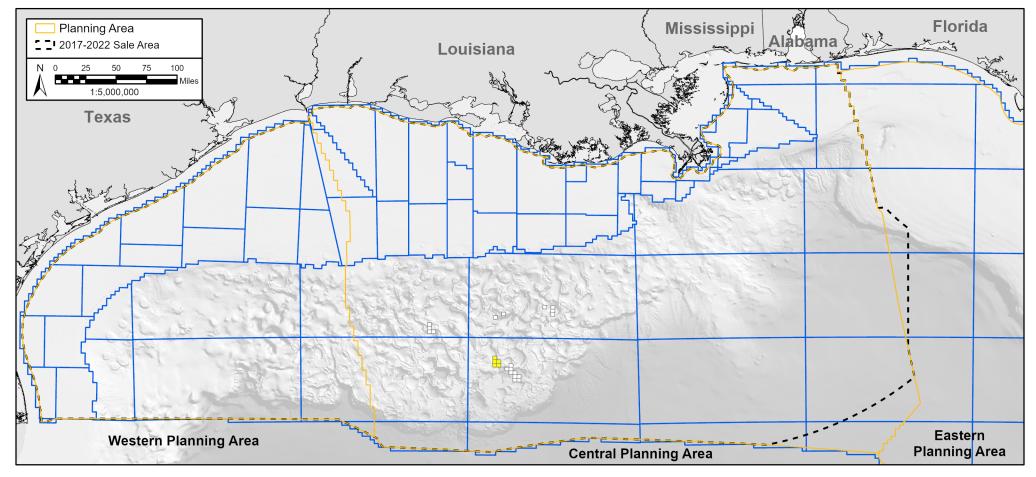




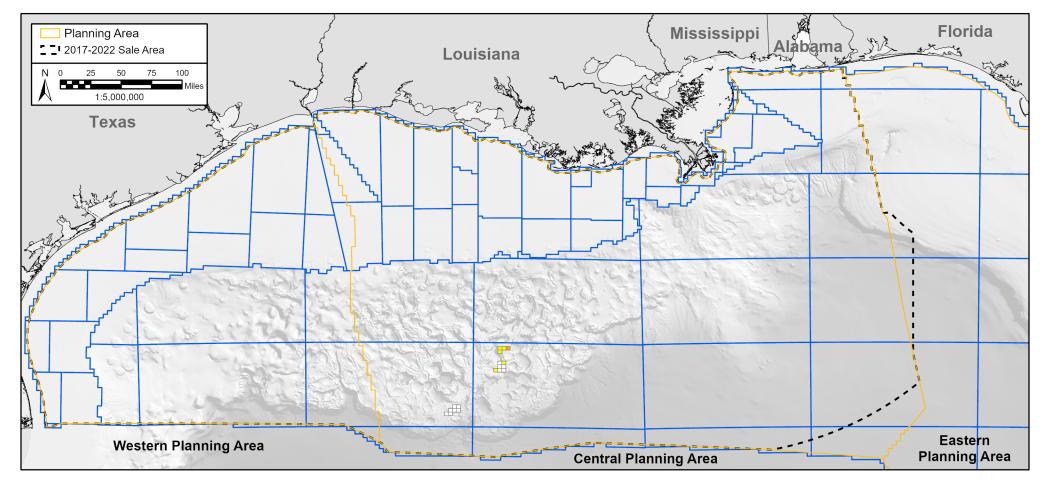


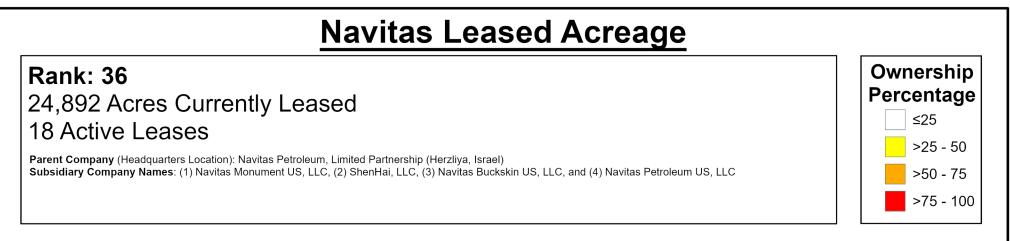


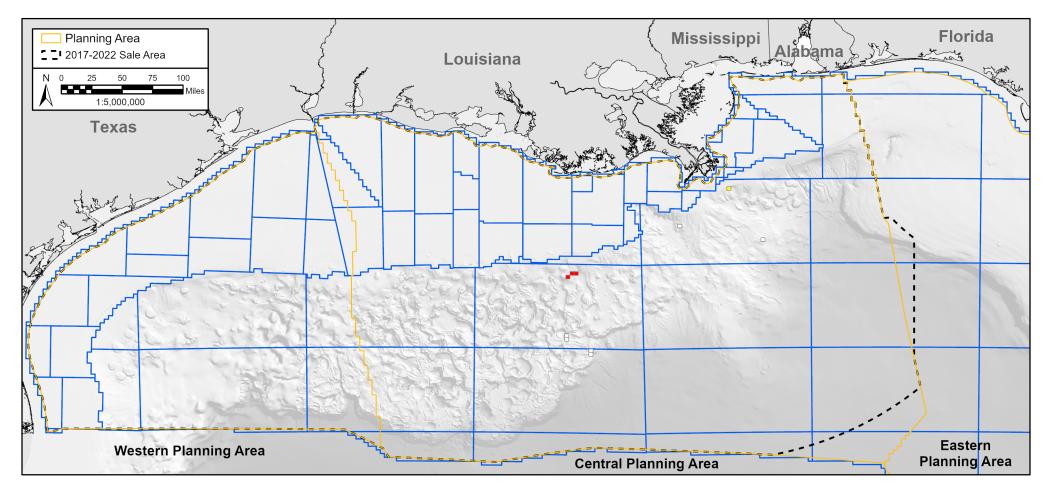


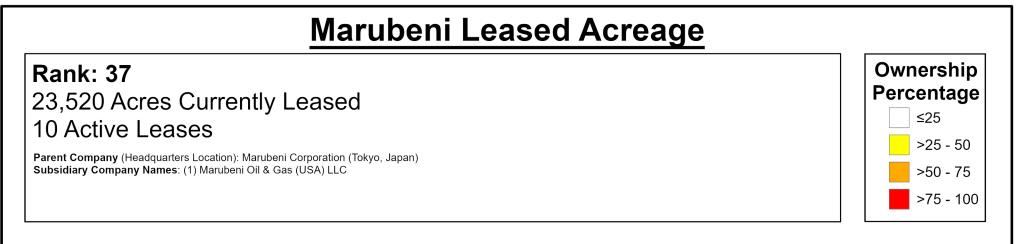


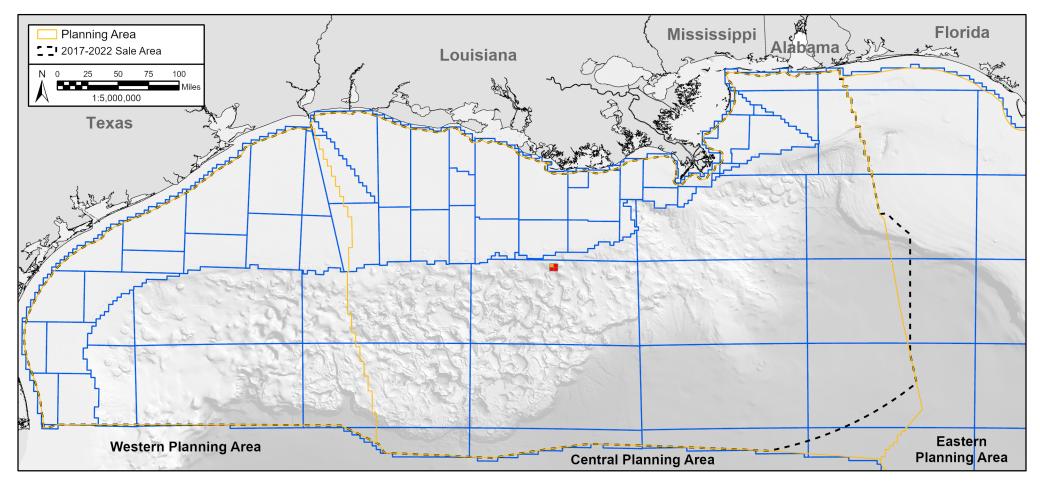




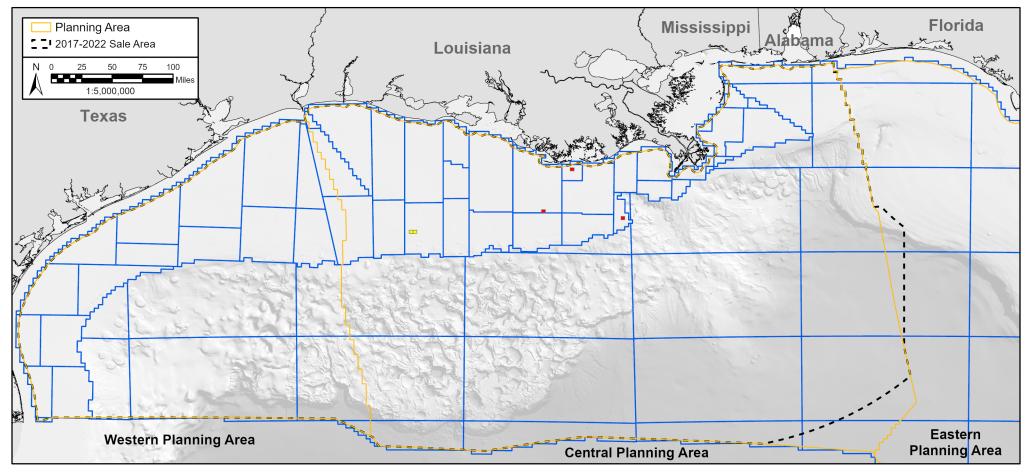


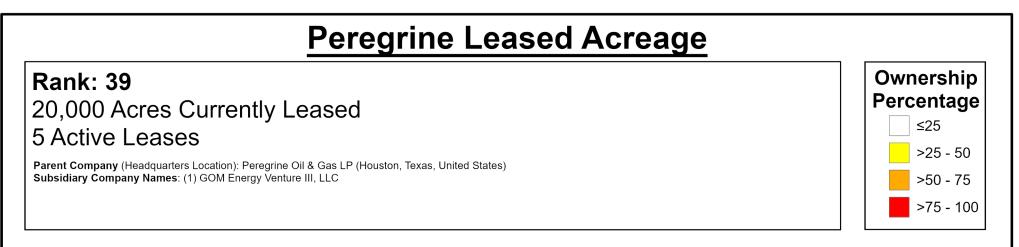


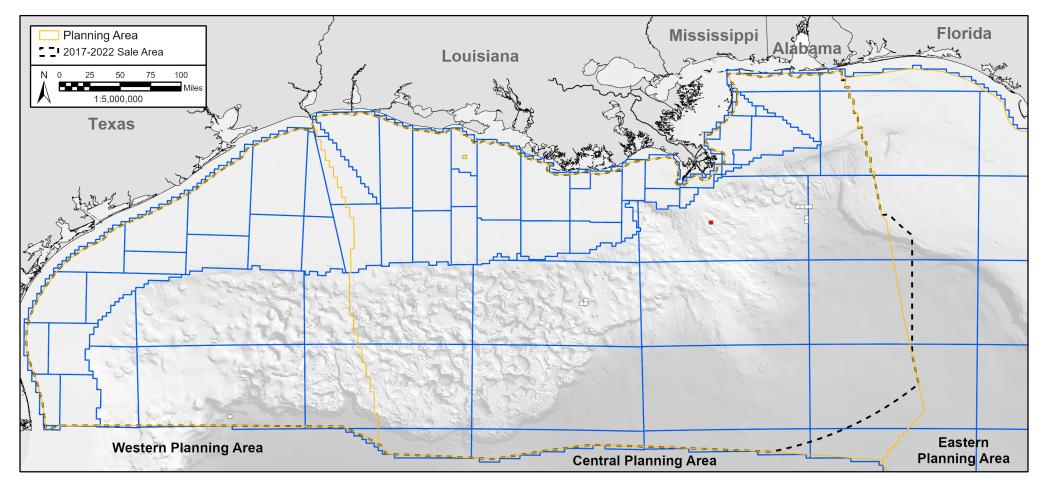








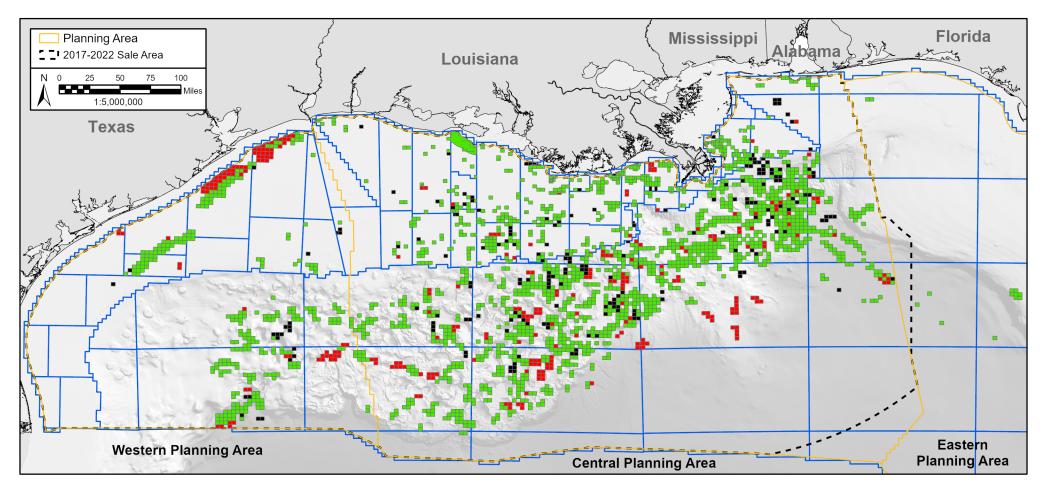






Part II: 2023 and 2024 Lease Ownership Comparison

The following tables, graphs, and figures compare the top forty companies' lease holdings of 2023 to 2024. The map figures illustrate a change in lease ownership or lack thereof. The lease ownership graphs for each company extends the data to 2016 (the first year a detailed analysis was recorded).



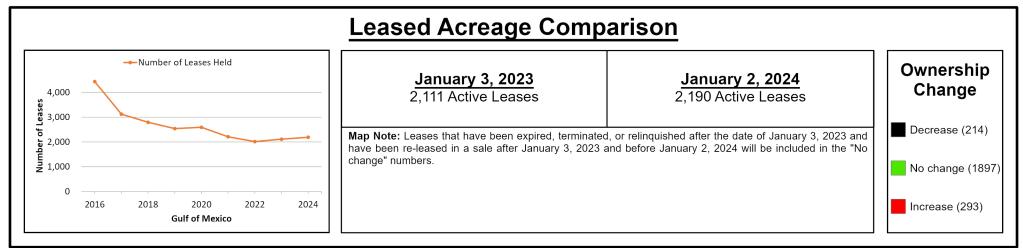


Figure 43. Gulf of Mexico 2023 and 2024 leased acreage comparison.

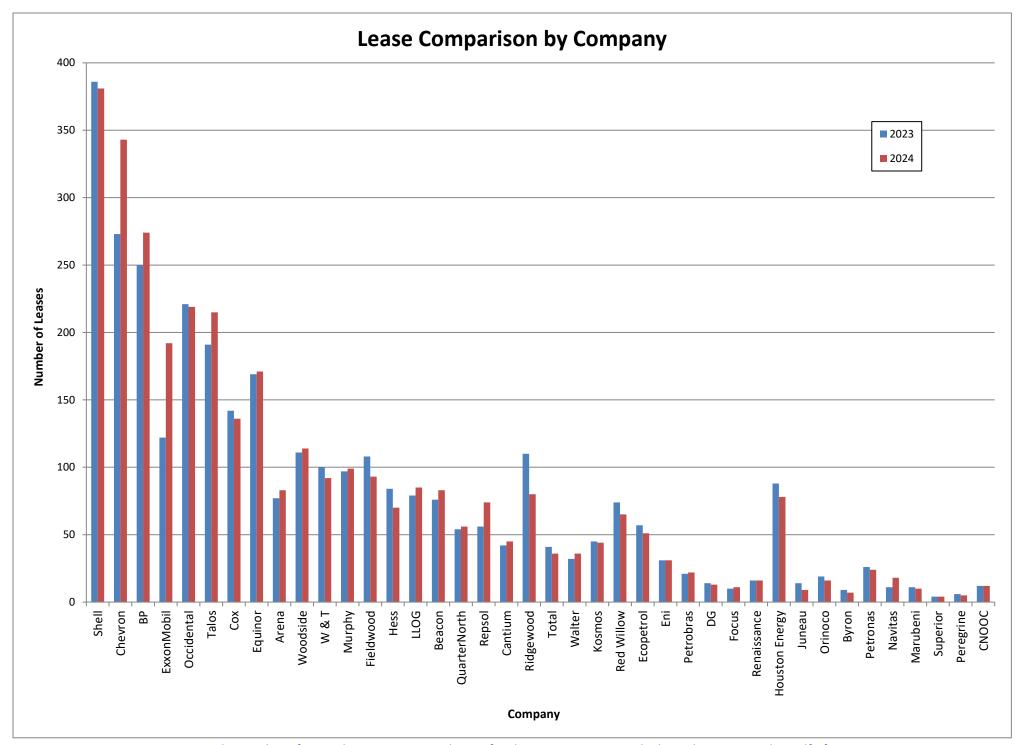


Figure 44. The number of active leases in 2023 and 2024 for the top 40 companies by leased acreage in the Gulf of Mexico.

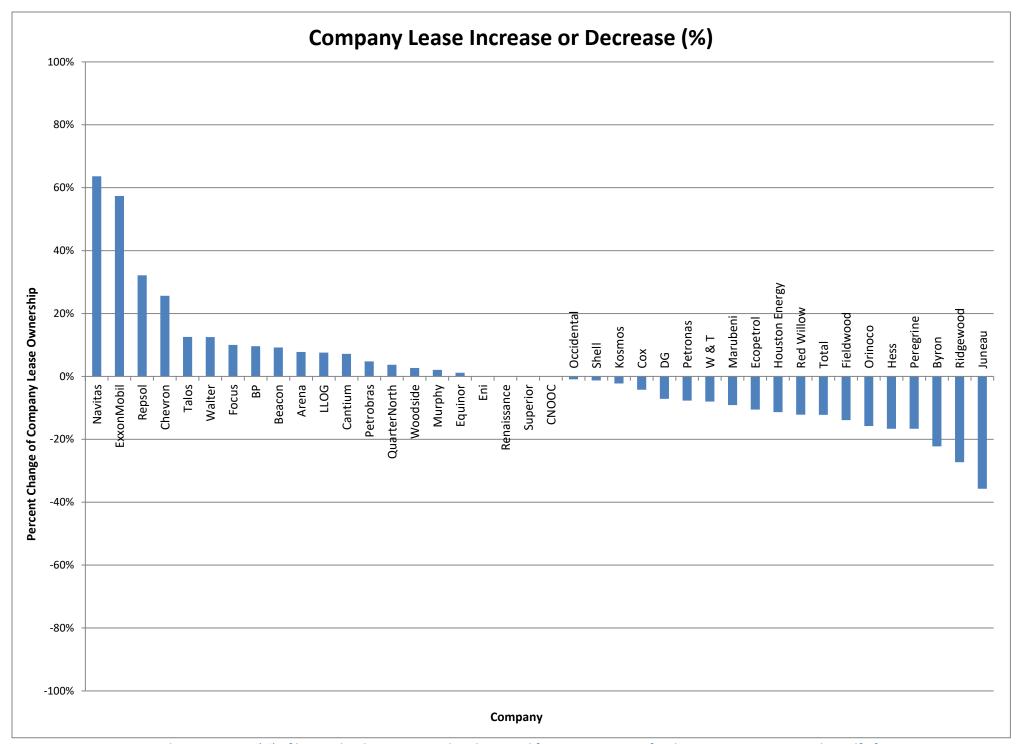


Figure 45. The percentage (%) of leases that have increased or decreased from 2023 to 2024 for the top 40 companies in the Gulf of Mexico.

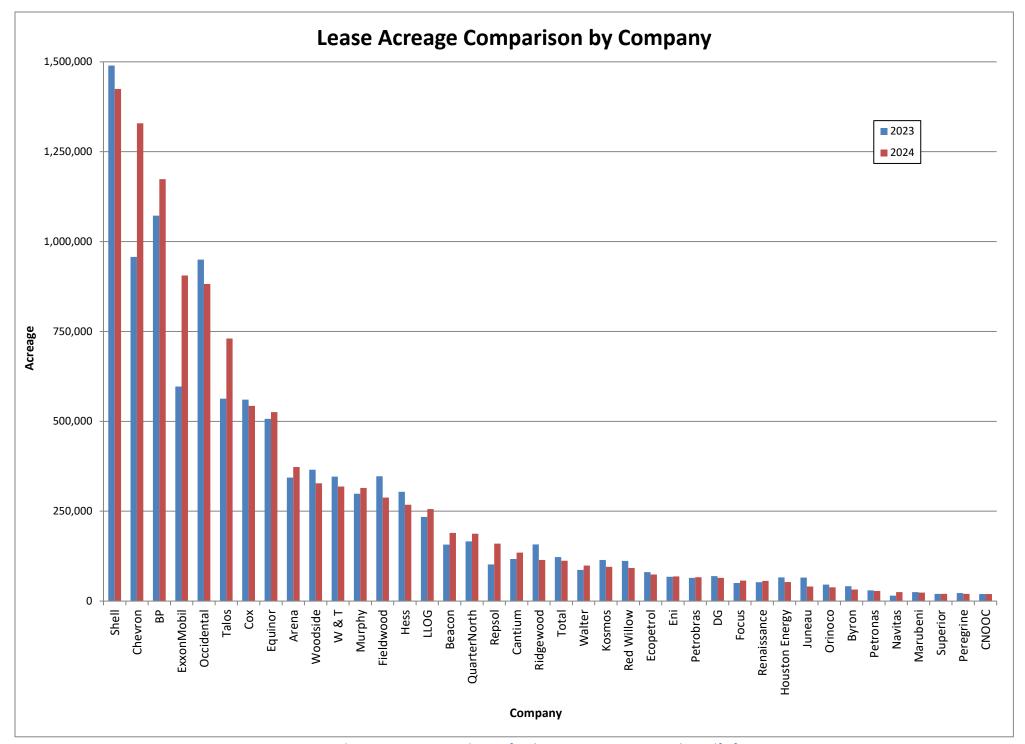


Figure 46. Leased acreage in 2023 and 2024 for the top 40 companies in the Gulf of Mexico.

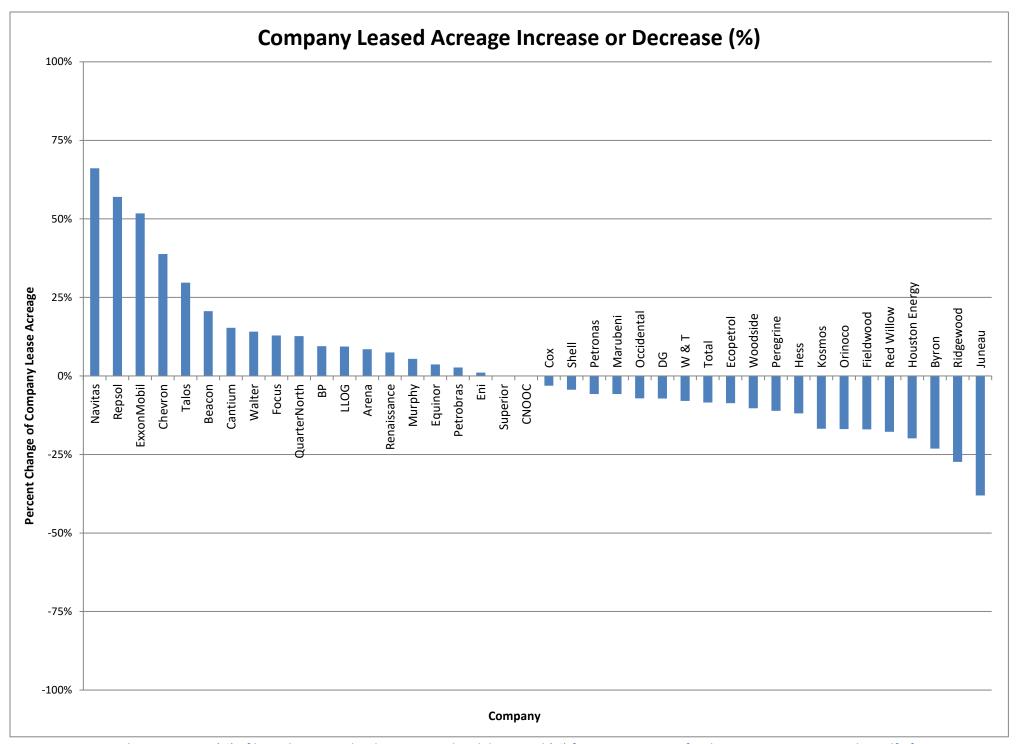
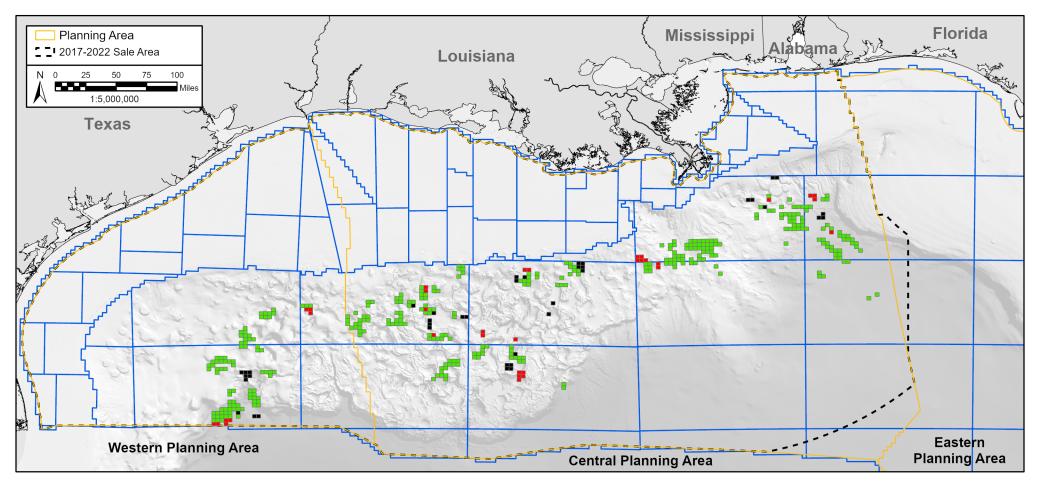


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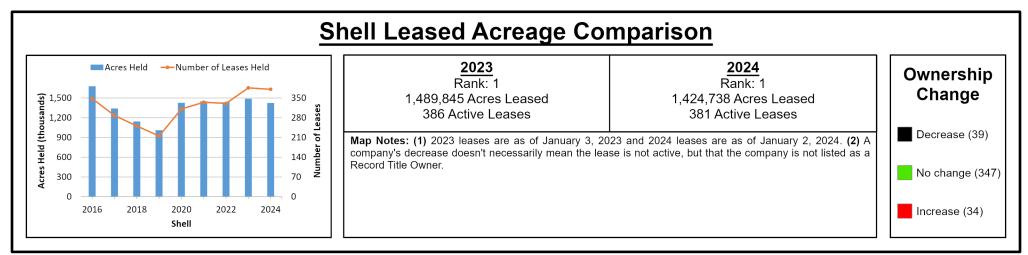
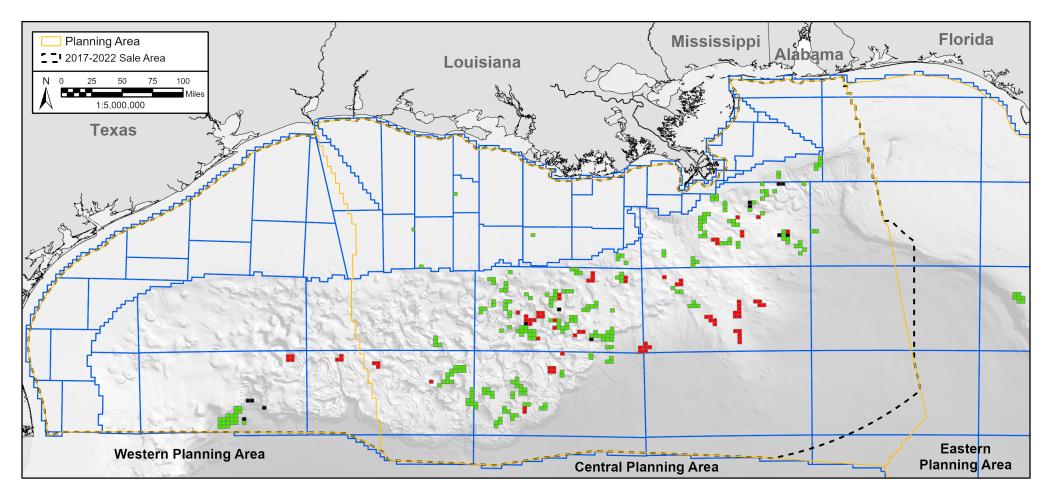


Figure 48. Comparison of Shell's leased acreage between 2023 and 2024.



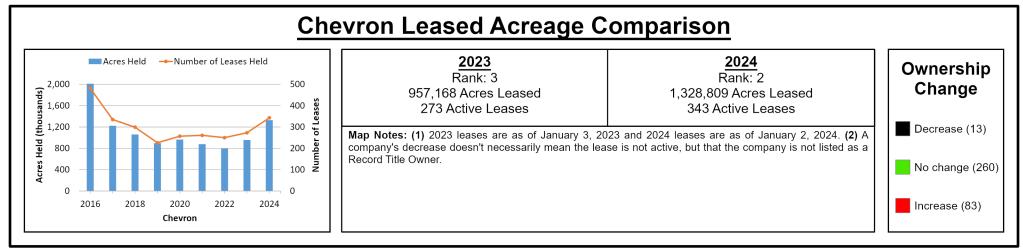
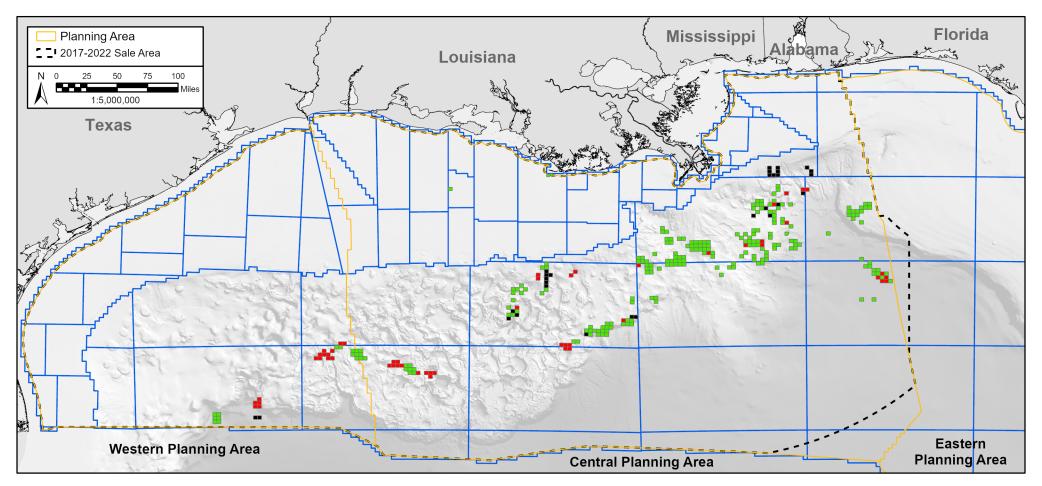


Figure 49. Comparison of Chevron's leased acreage between 2023 and 2024.



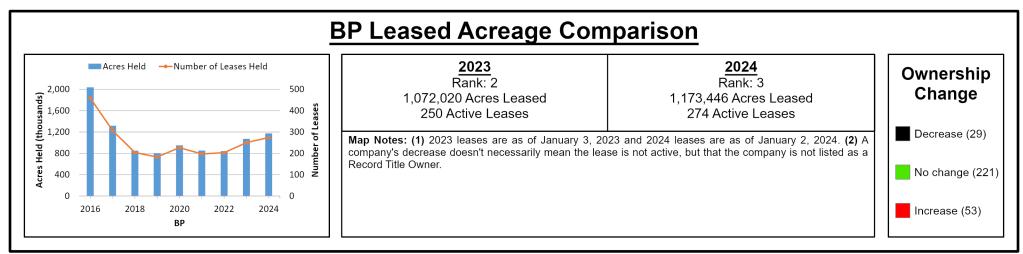
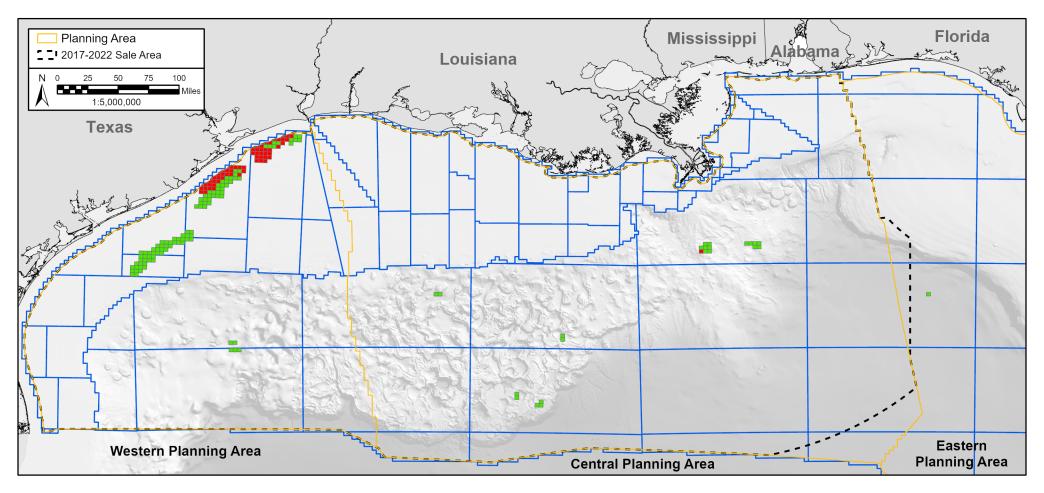


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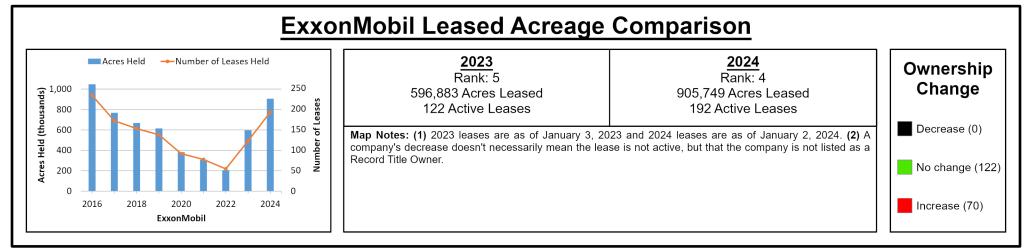


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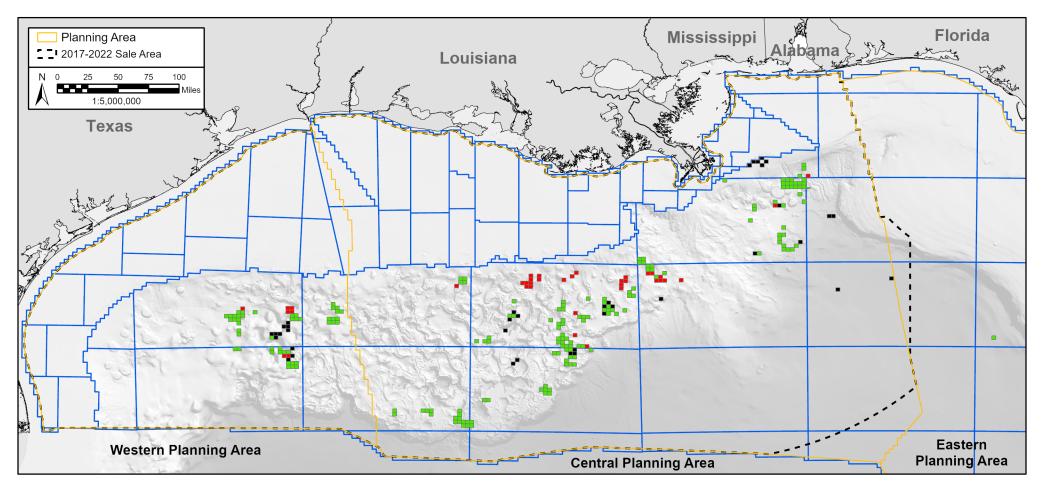
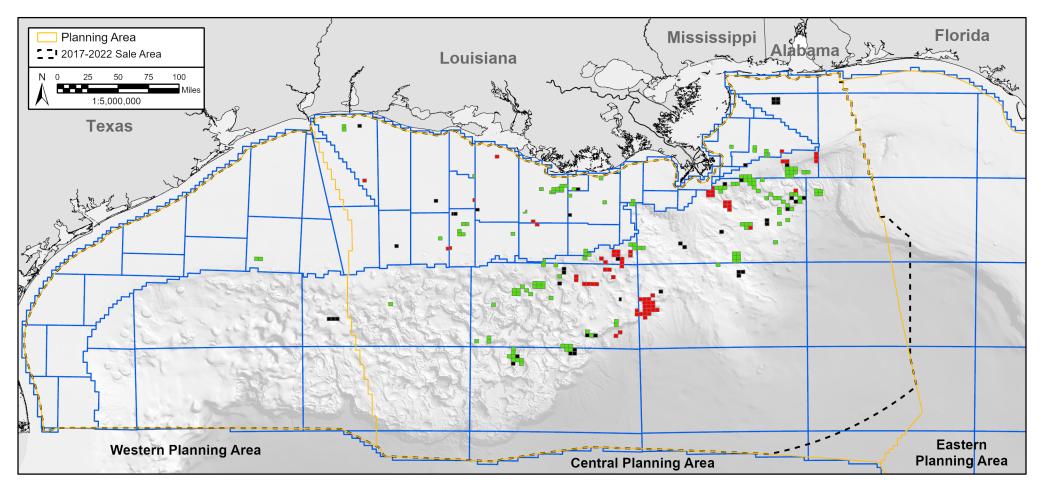




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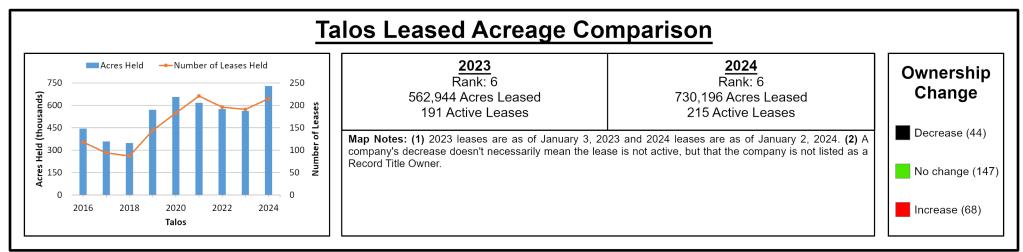
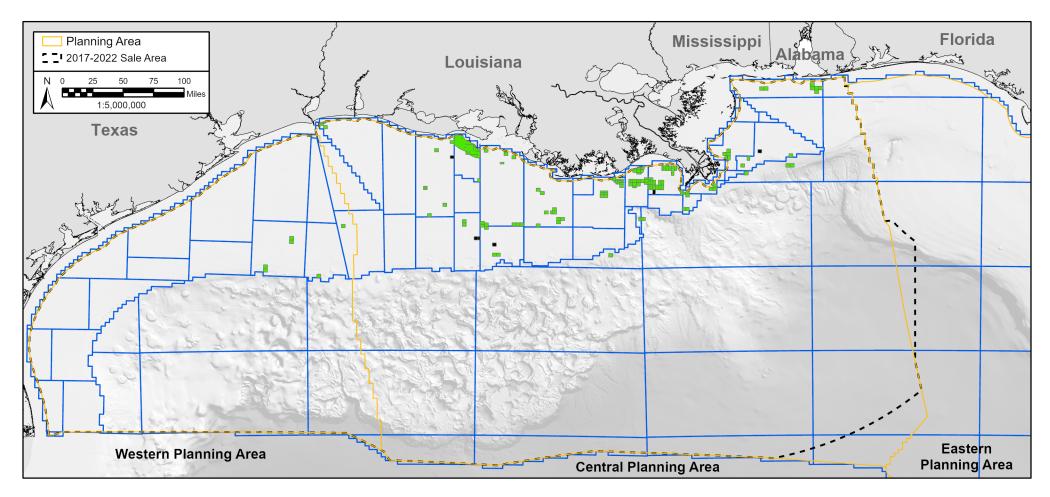


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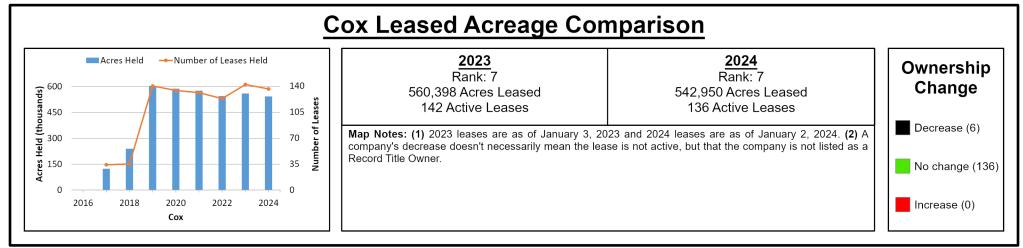
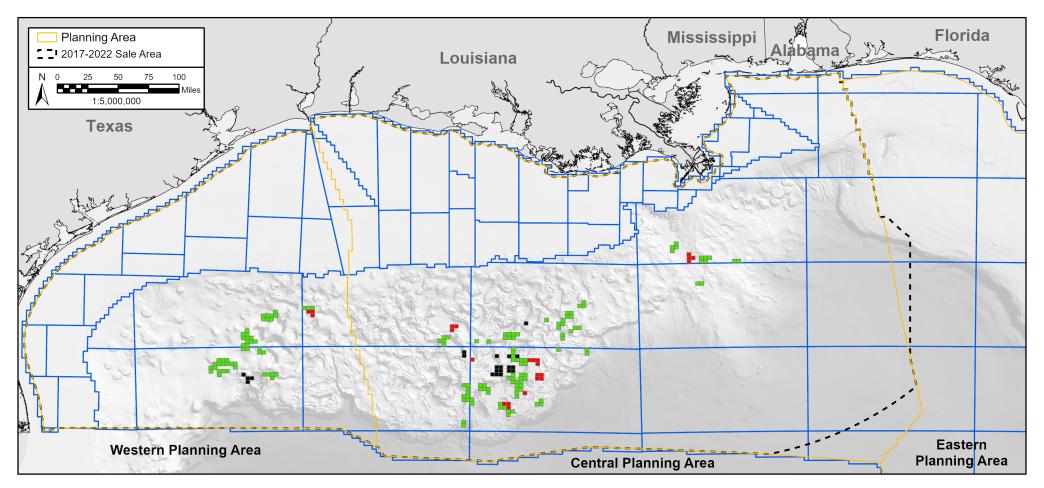


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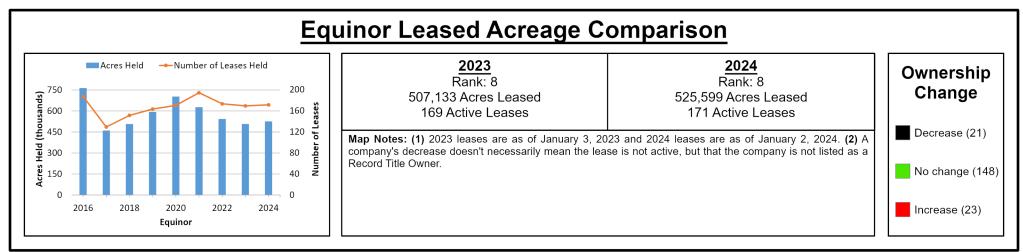
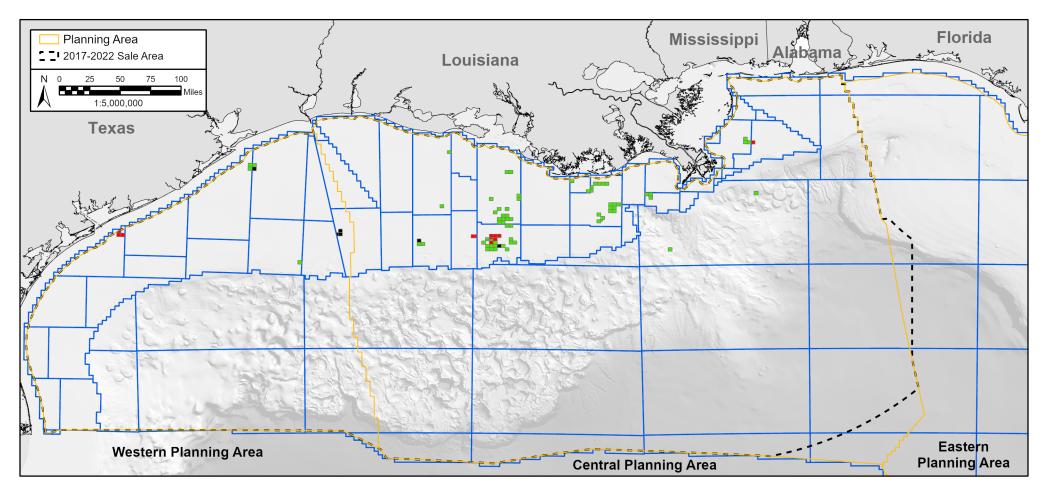


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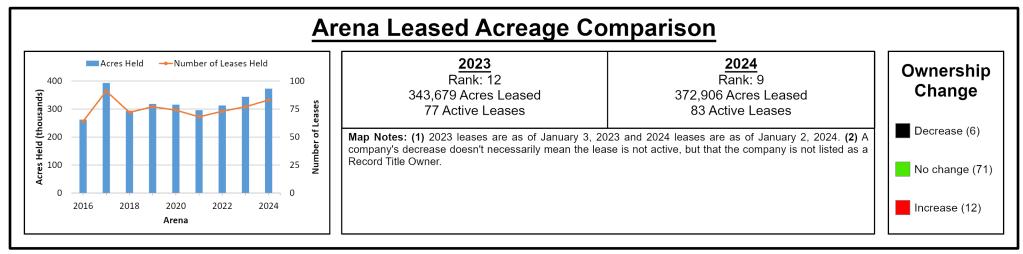


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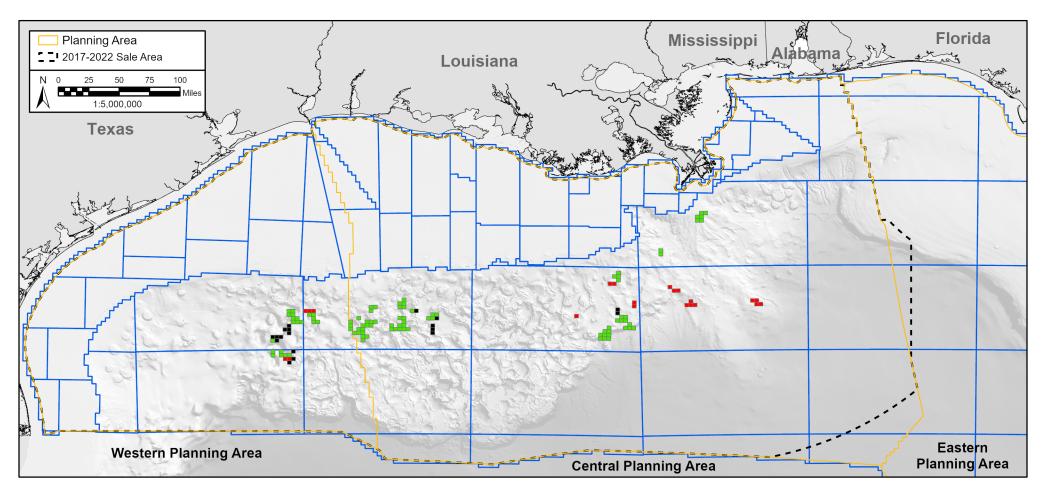
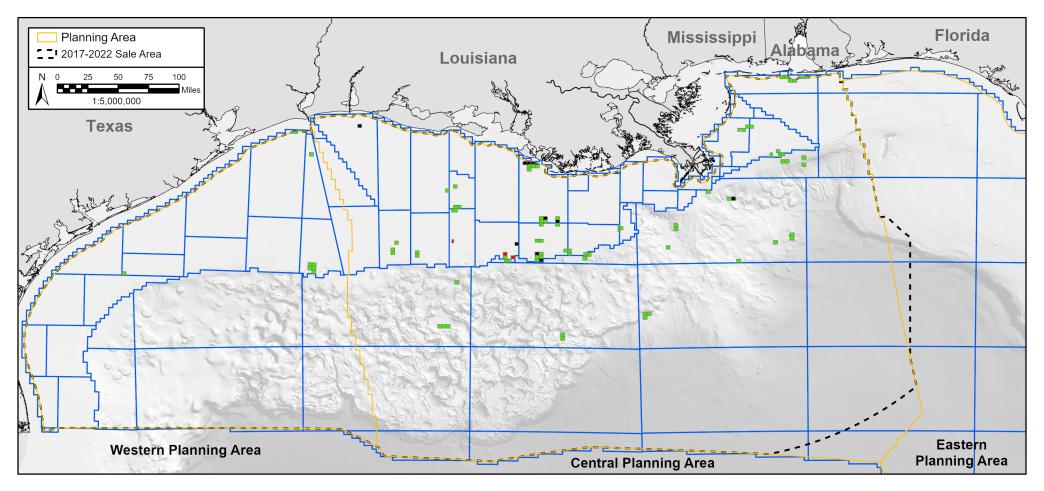




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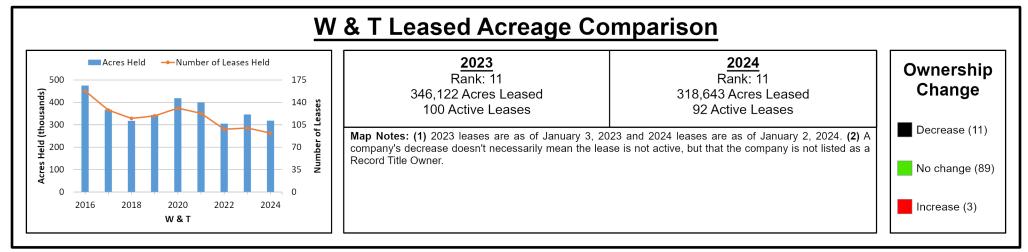
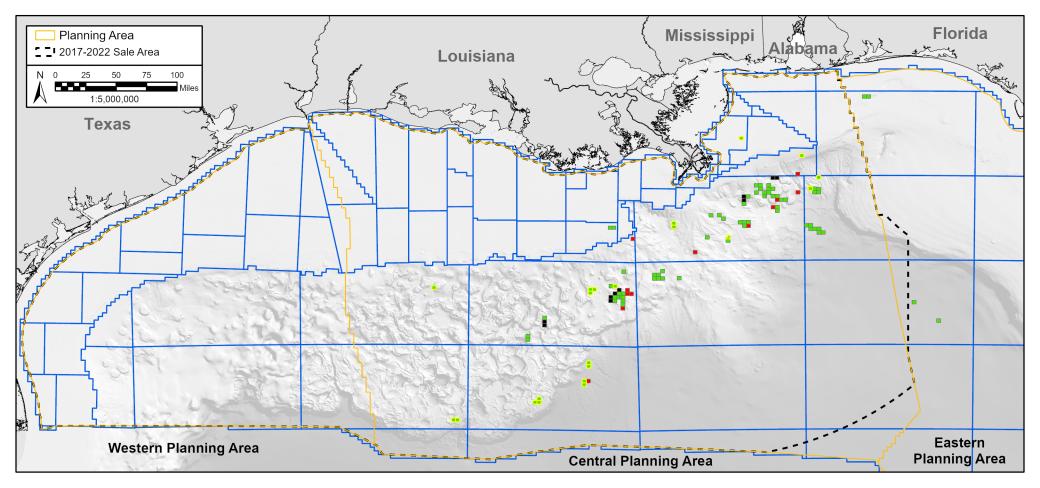


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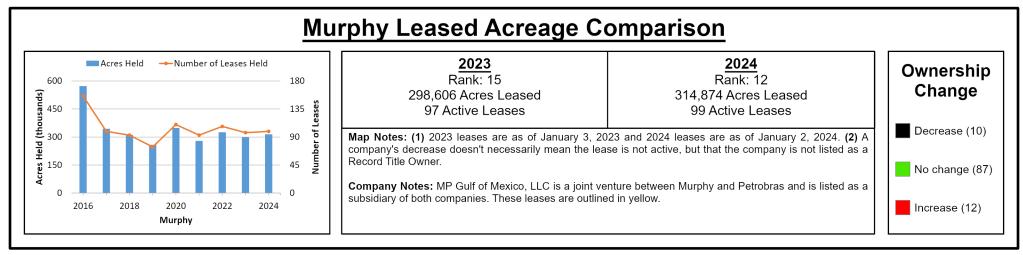
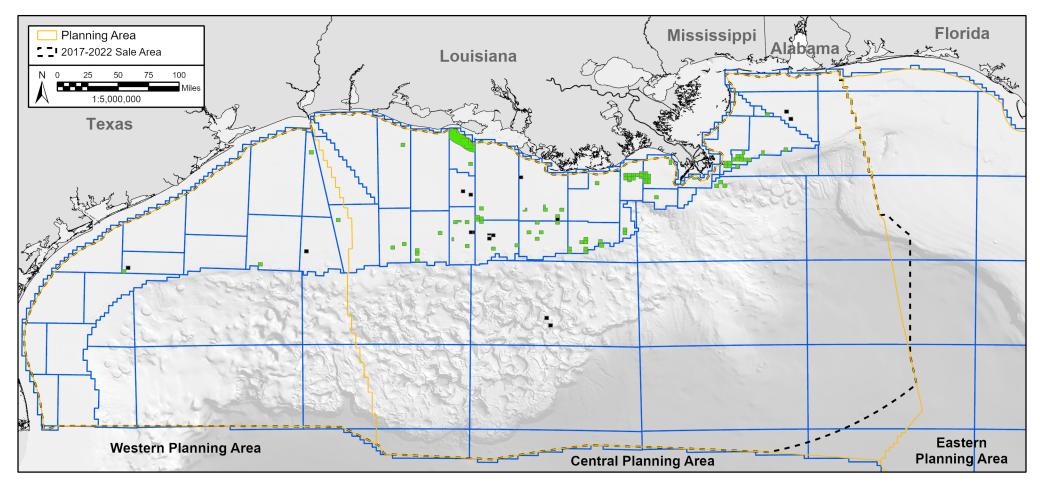


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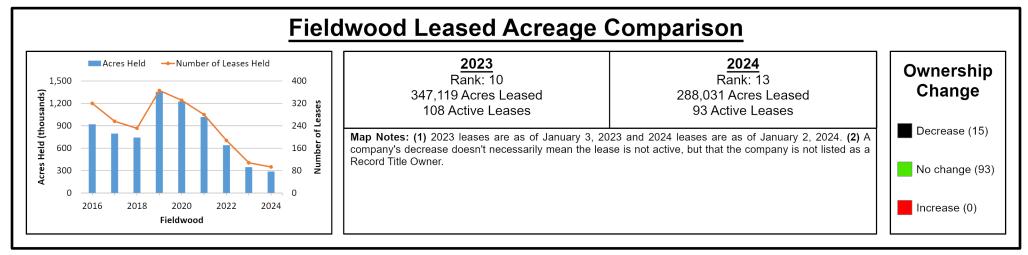
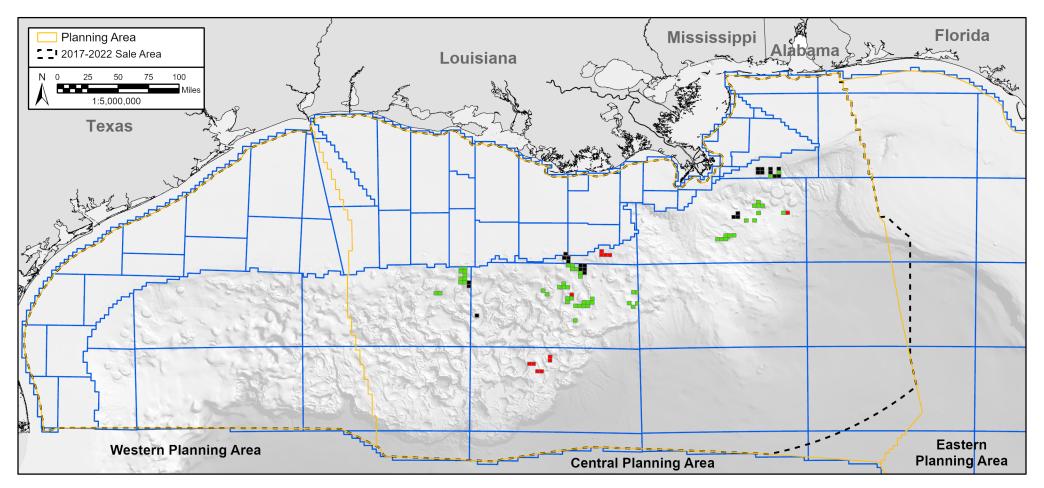


Figure 60. Comparison of Fieldwood's leased acreage between 2023 and 2024.



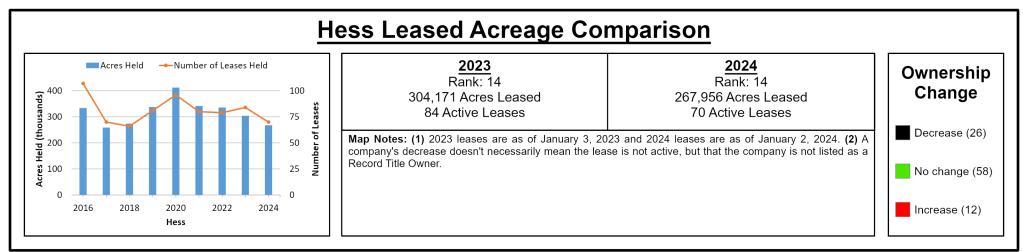
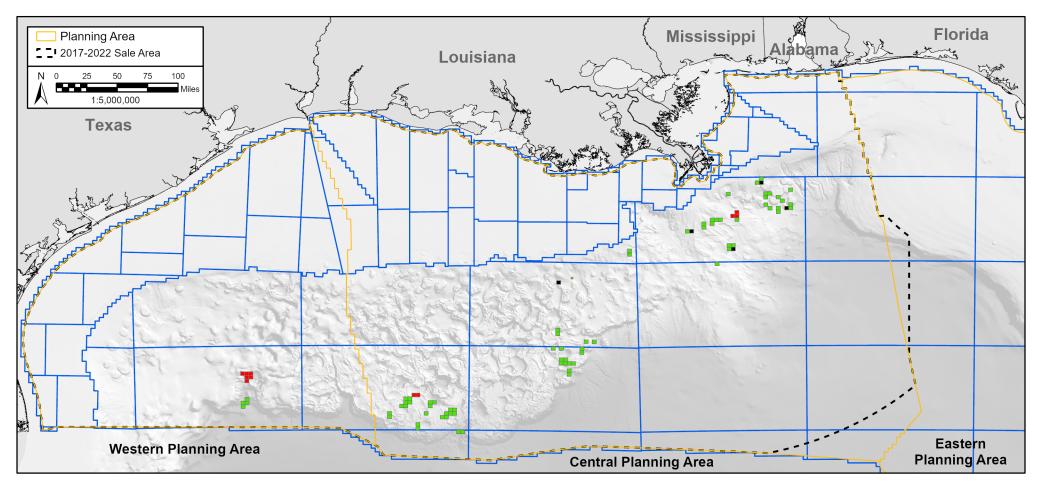


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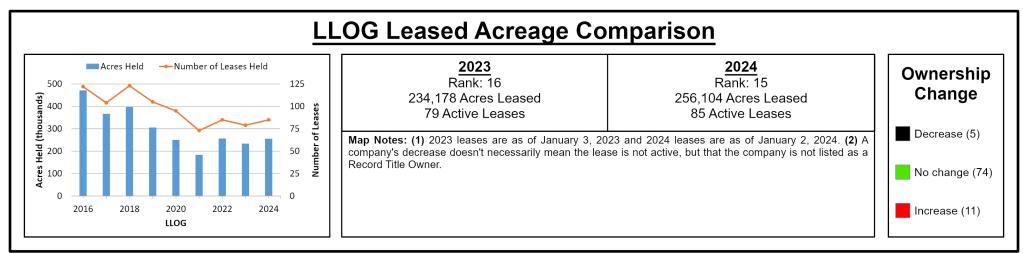
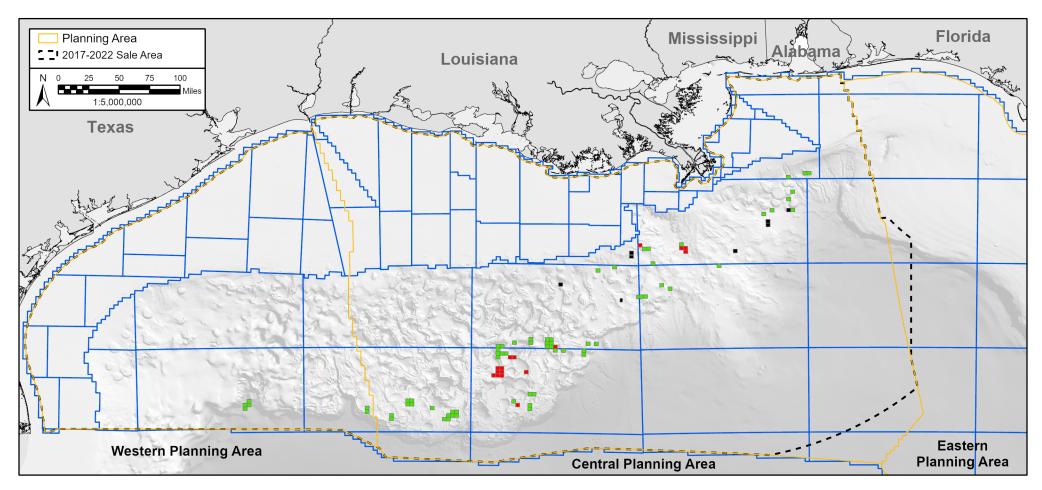


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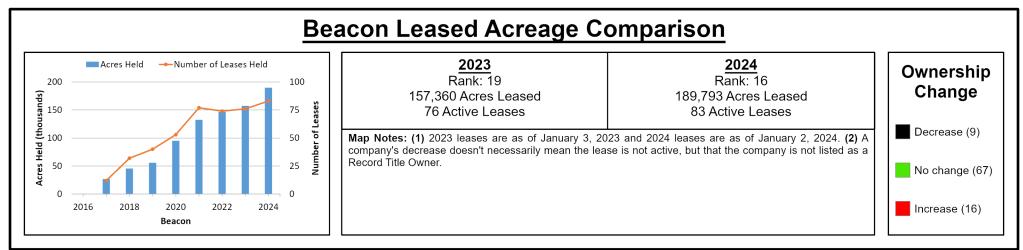
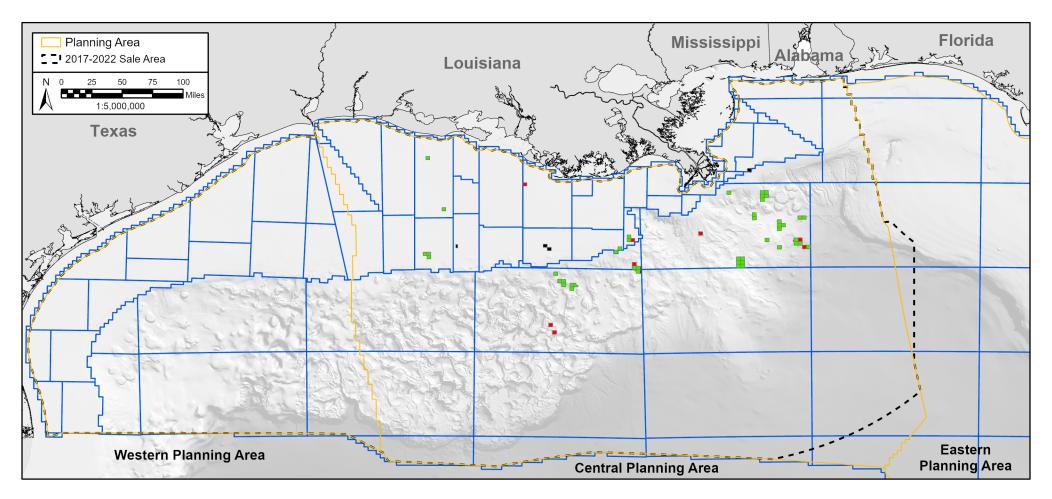


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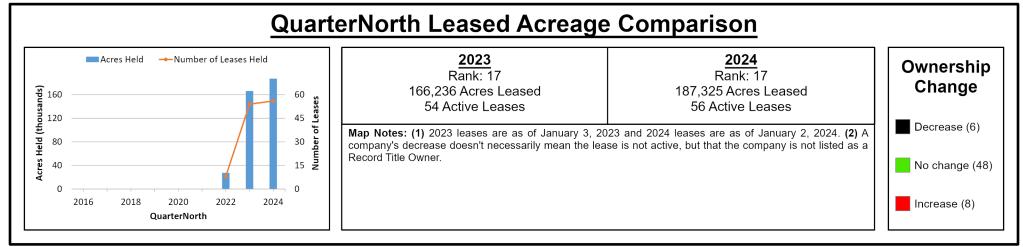
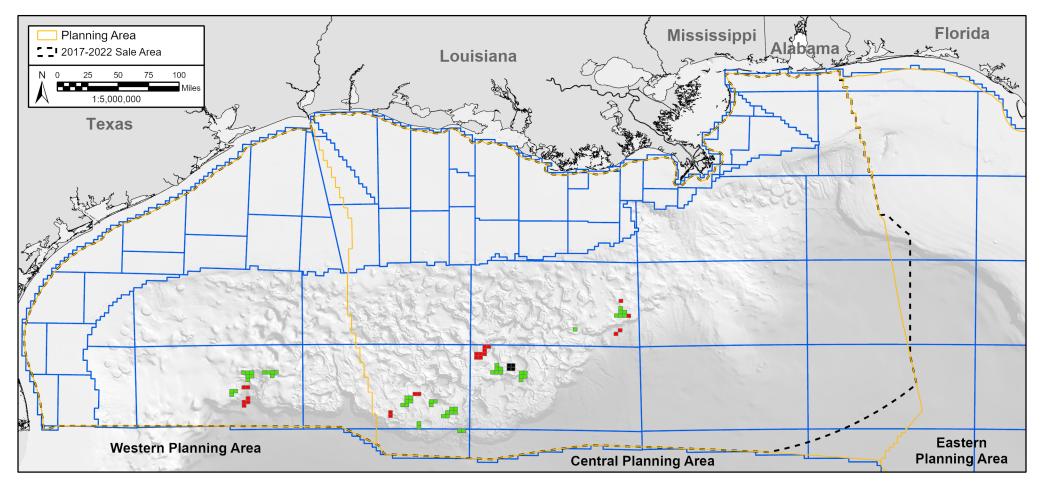


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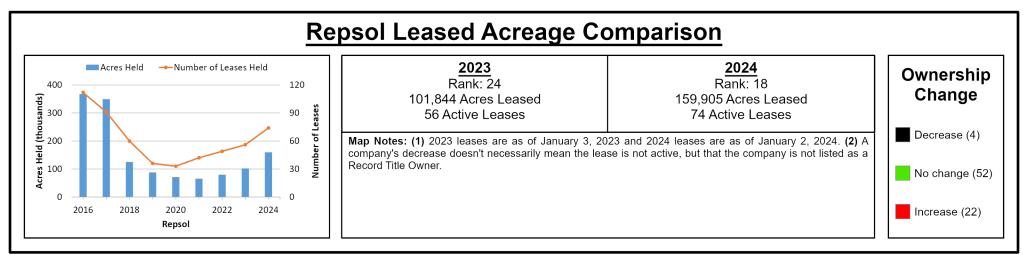
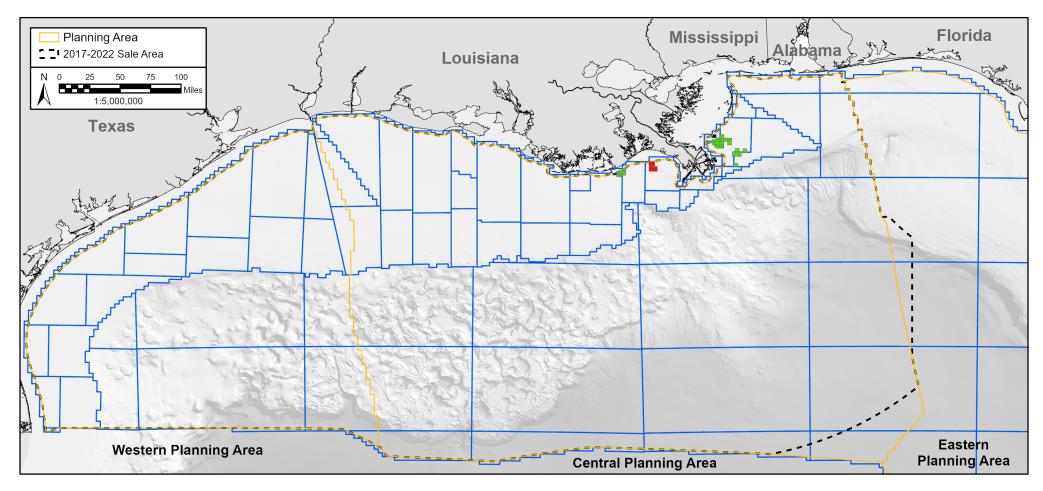


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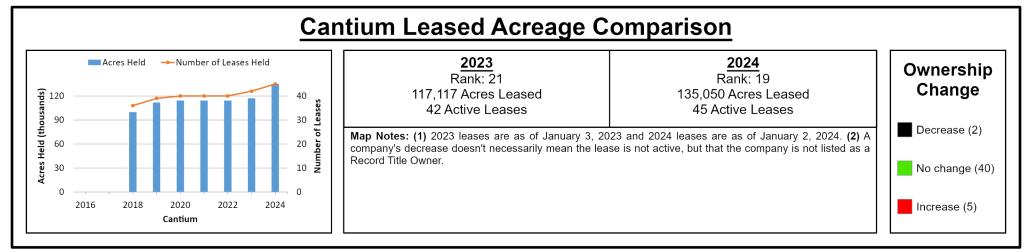
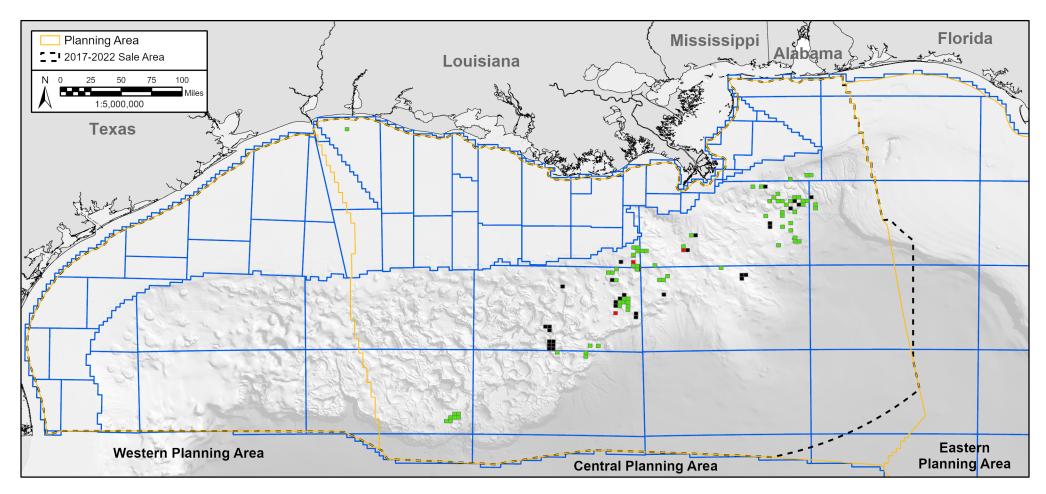


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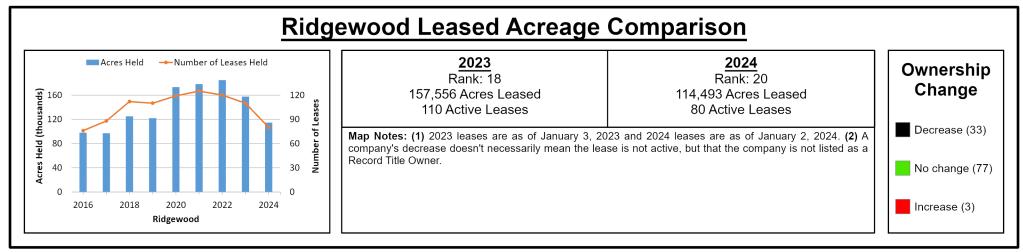
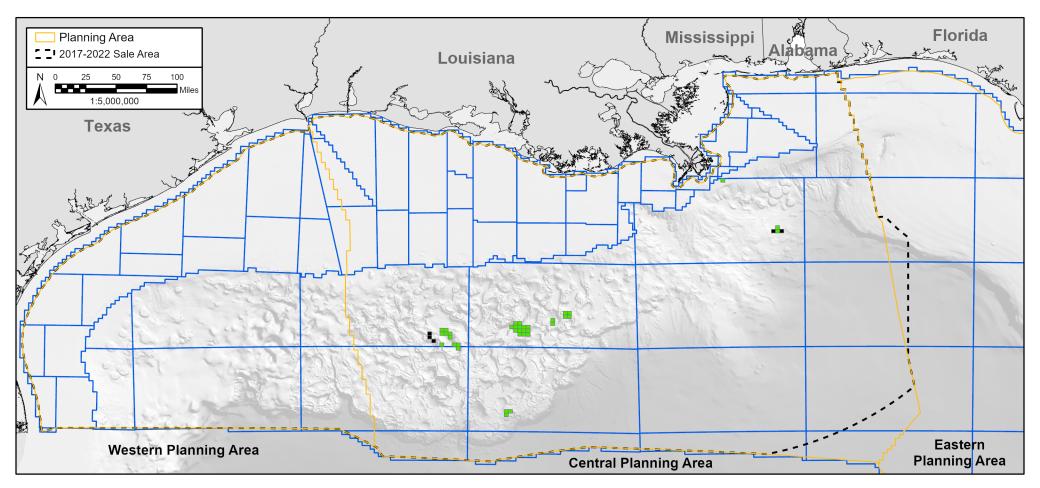


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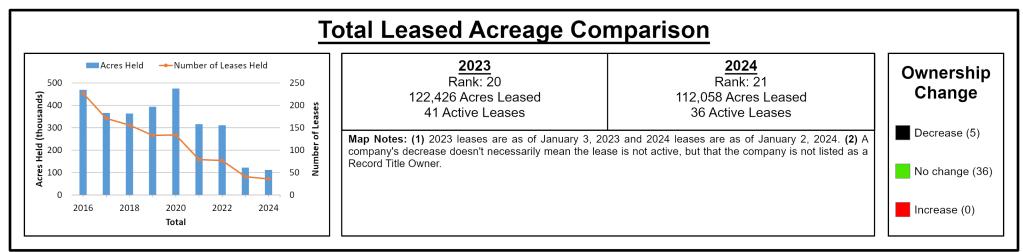
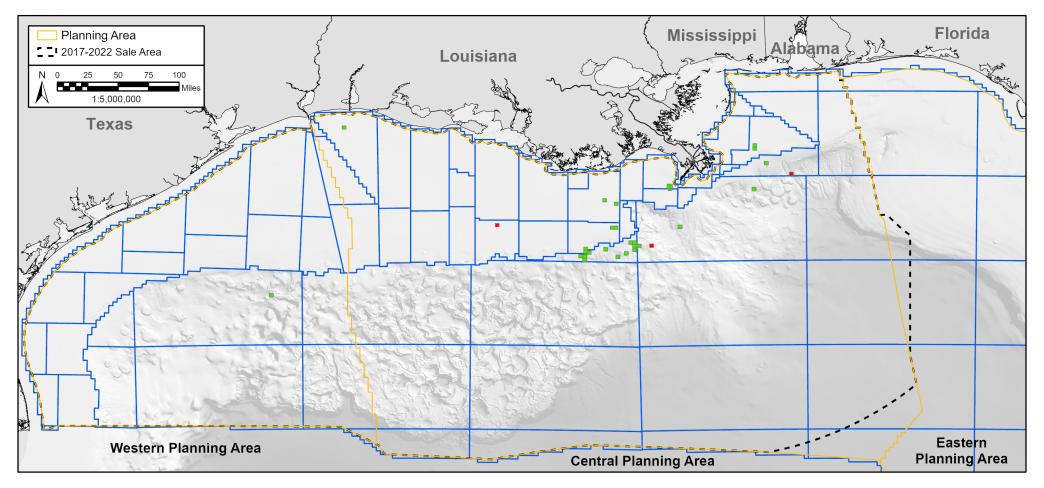


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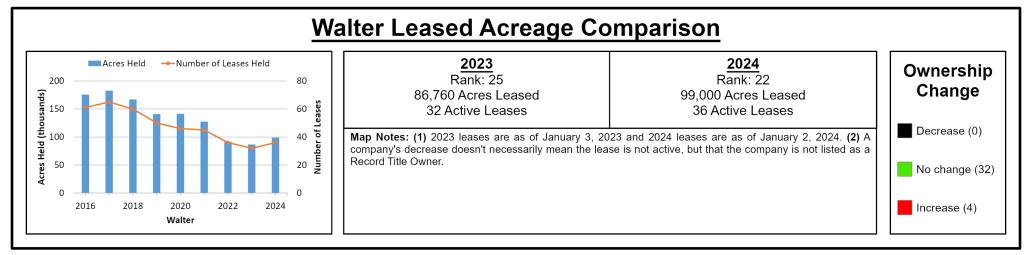
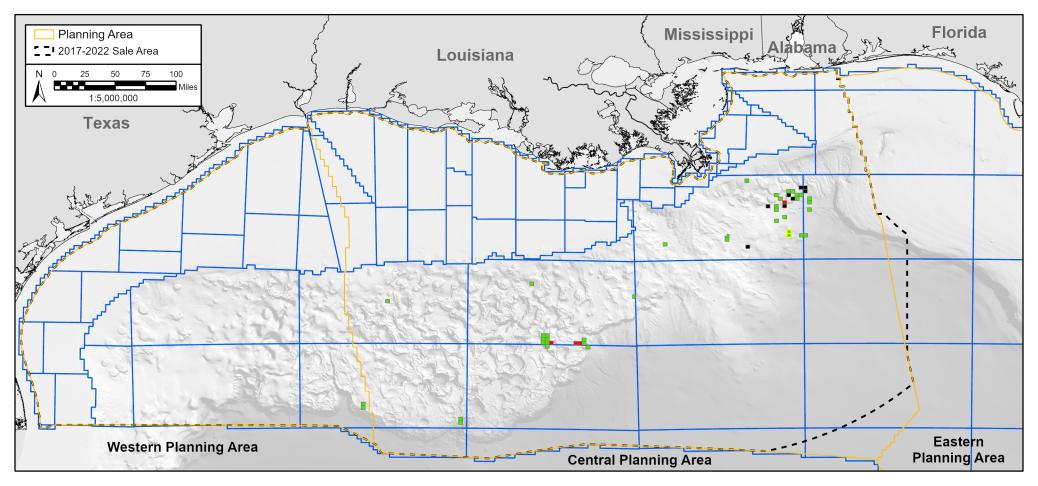
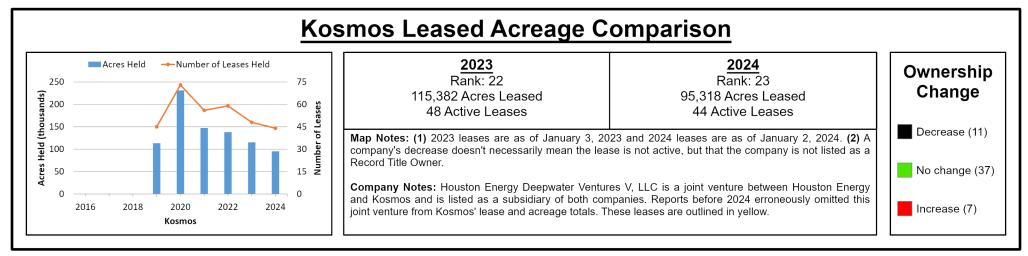
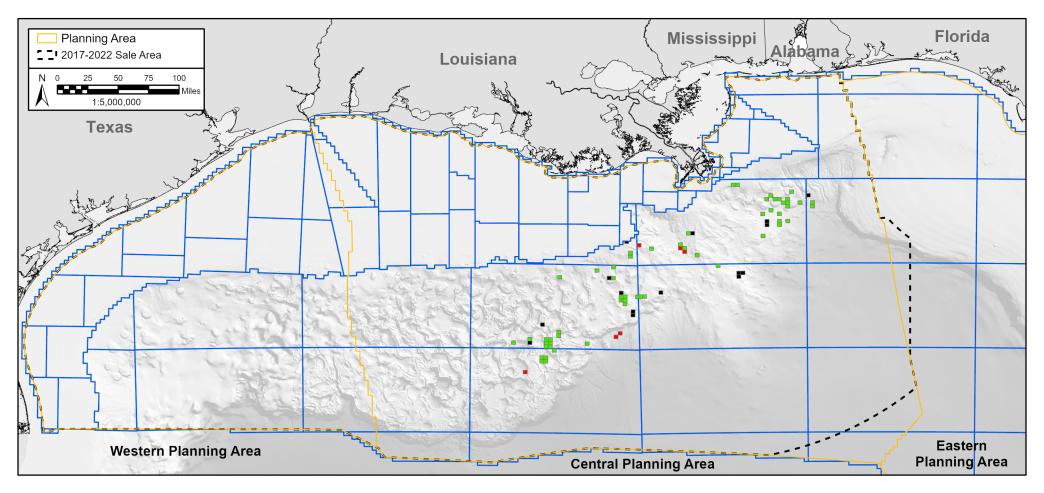


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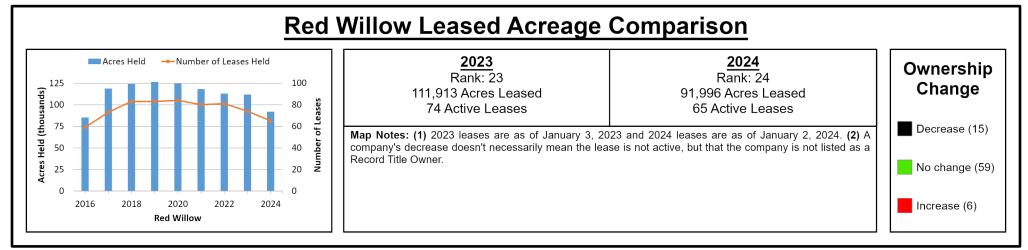
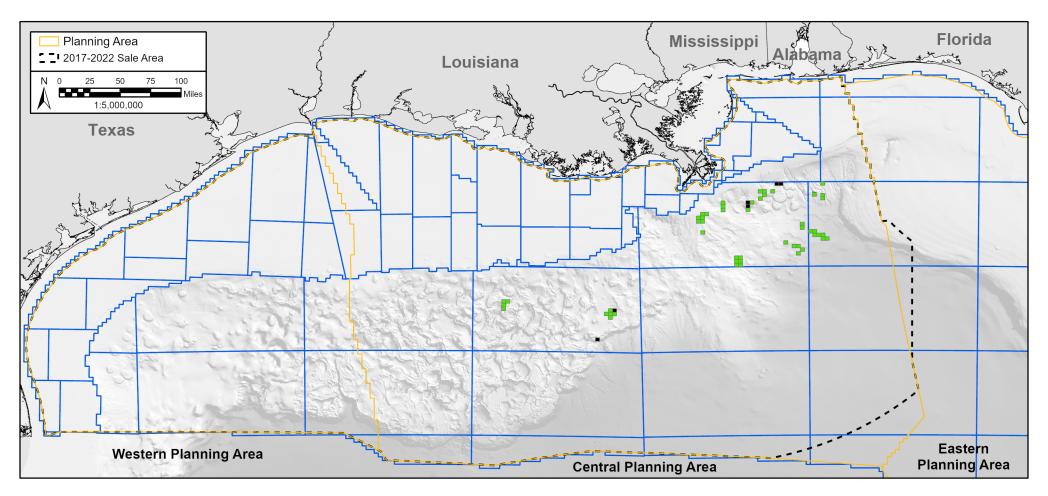


Figure 71. Comparison of Red Willow's leased acreage between 2023 and 2024.



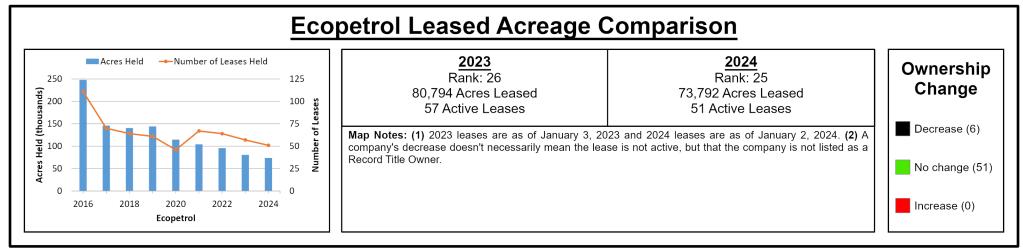
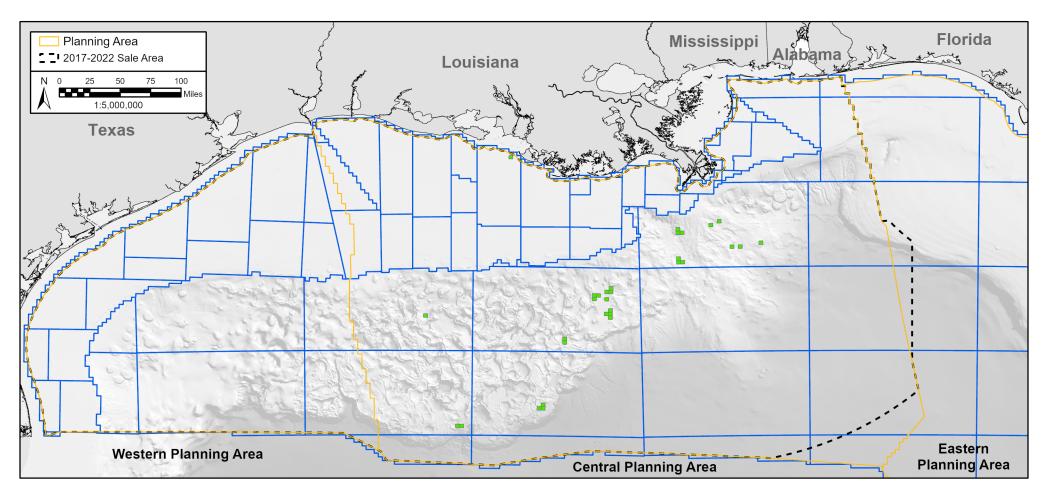


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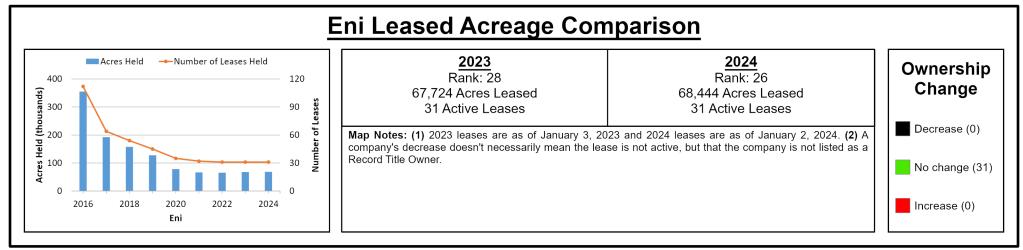
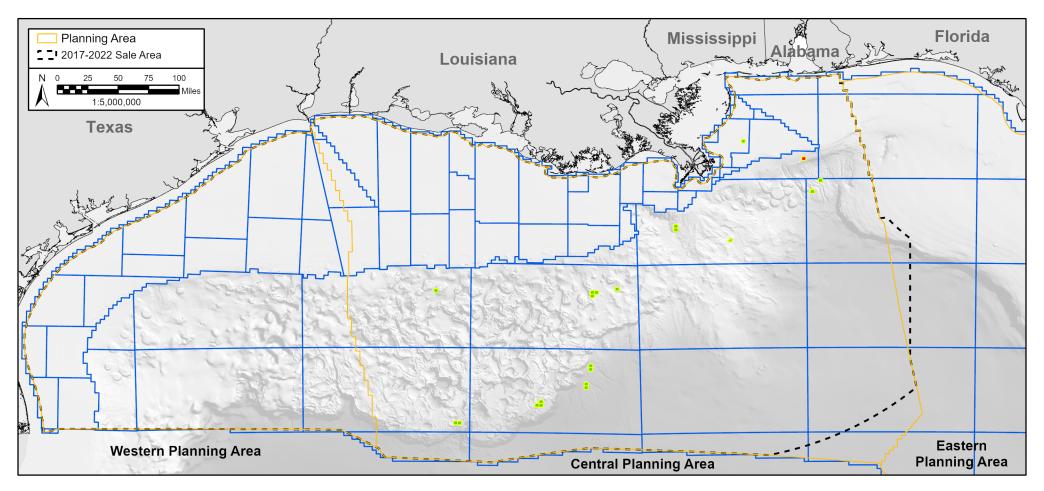


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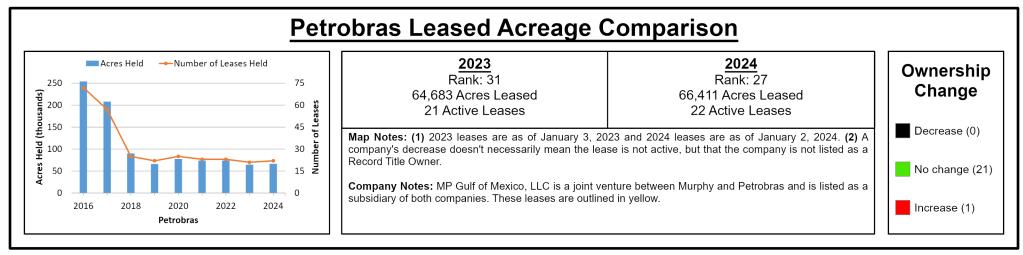
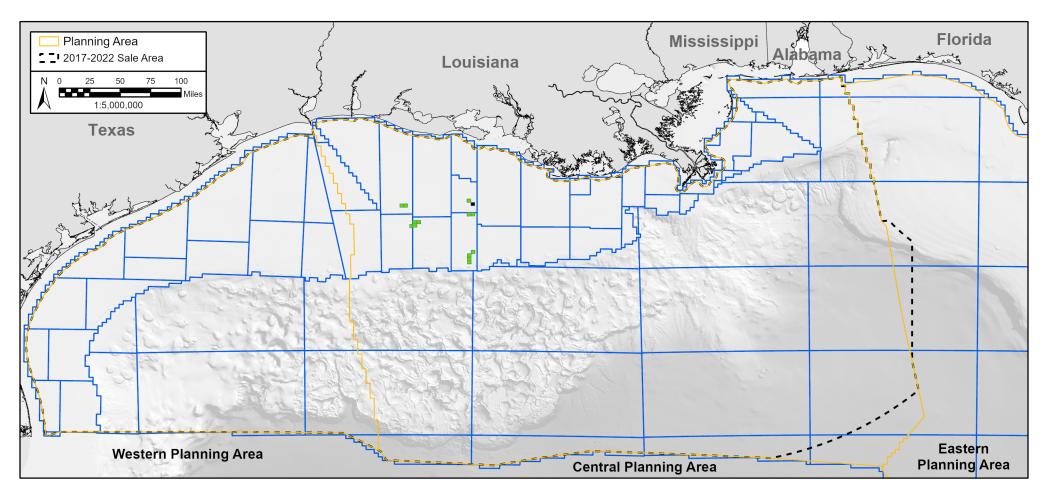


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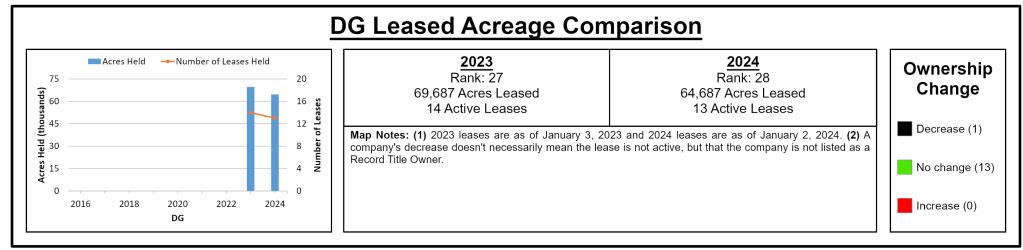
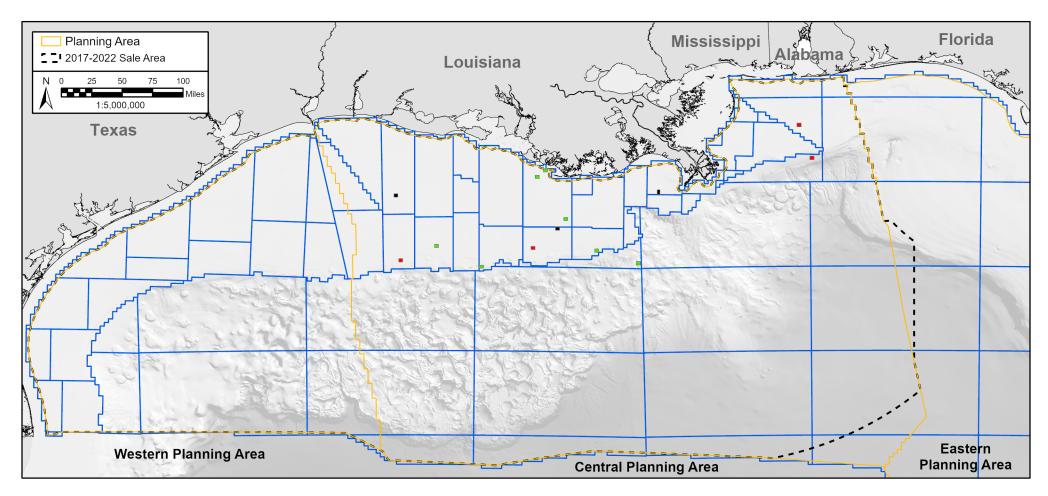


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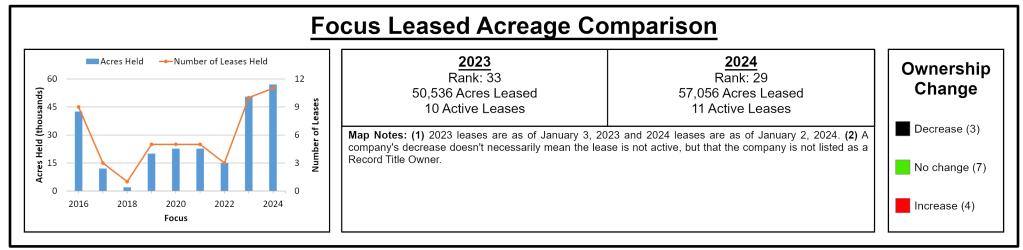
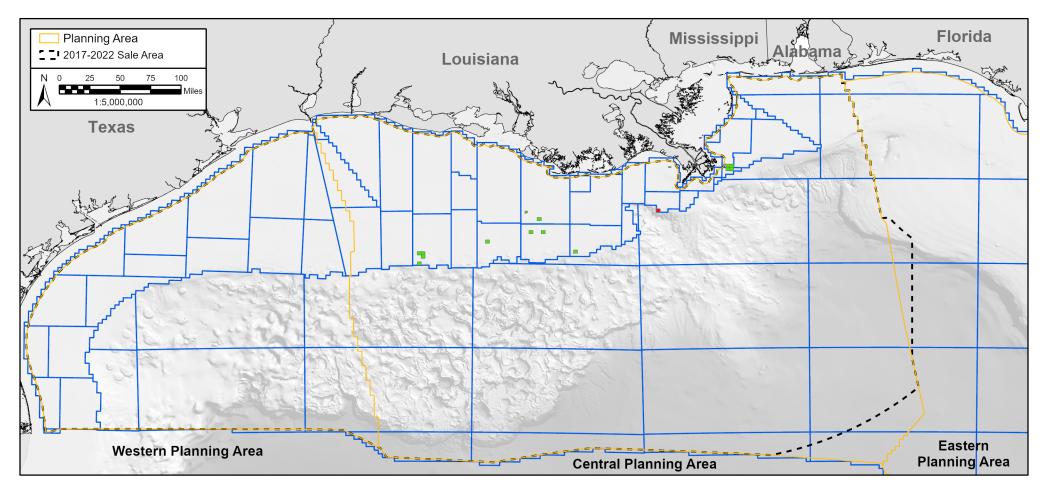


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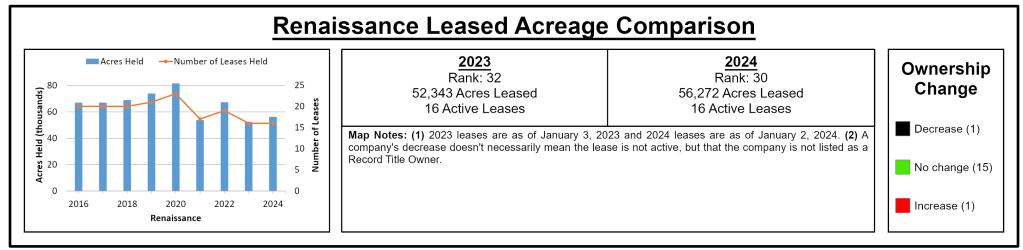
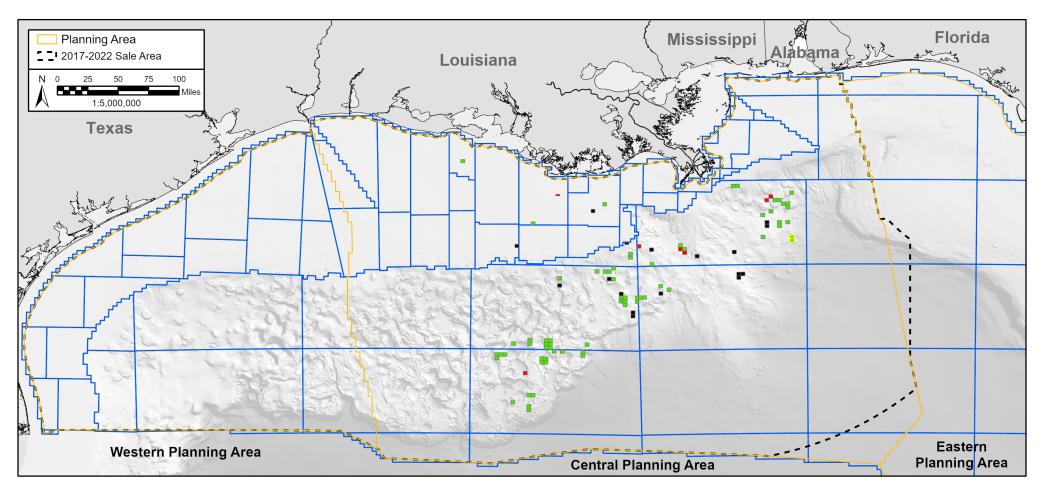


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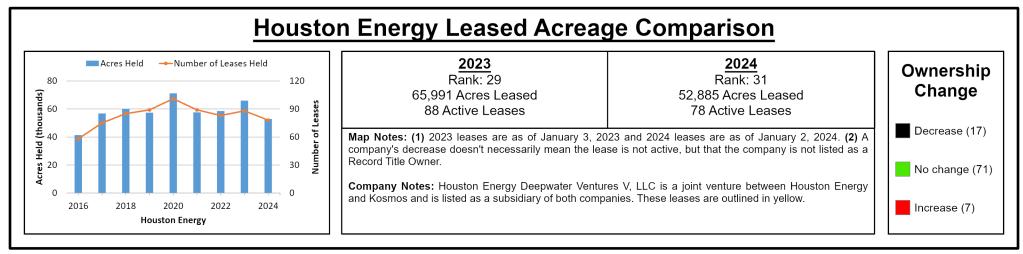
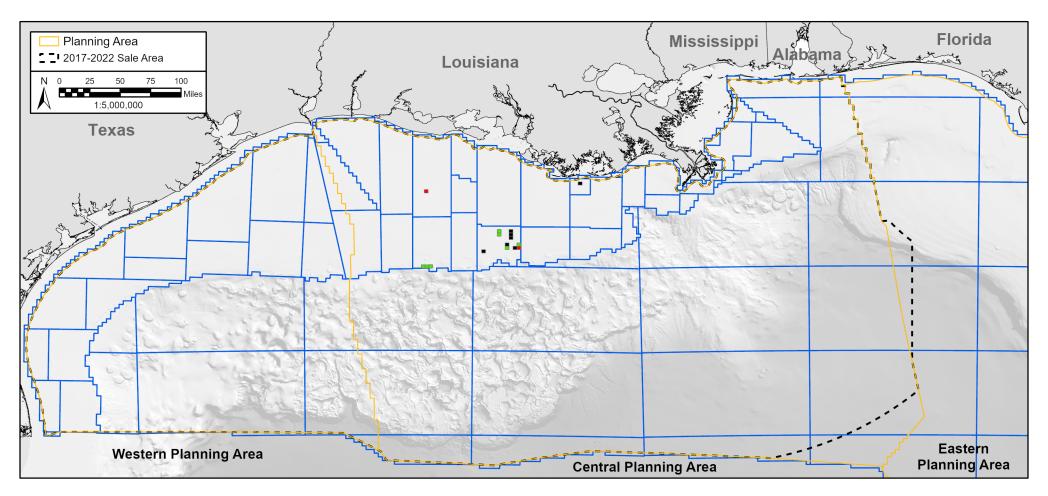


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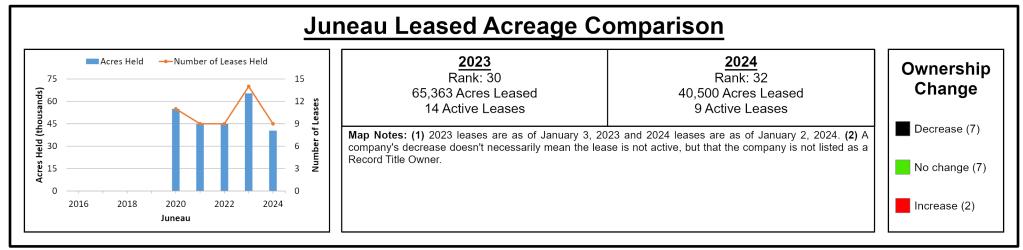
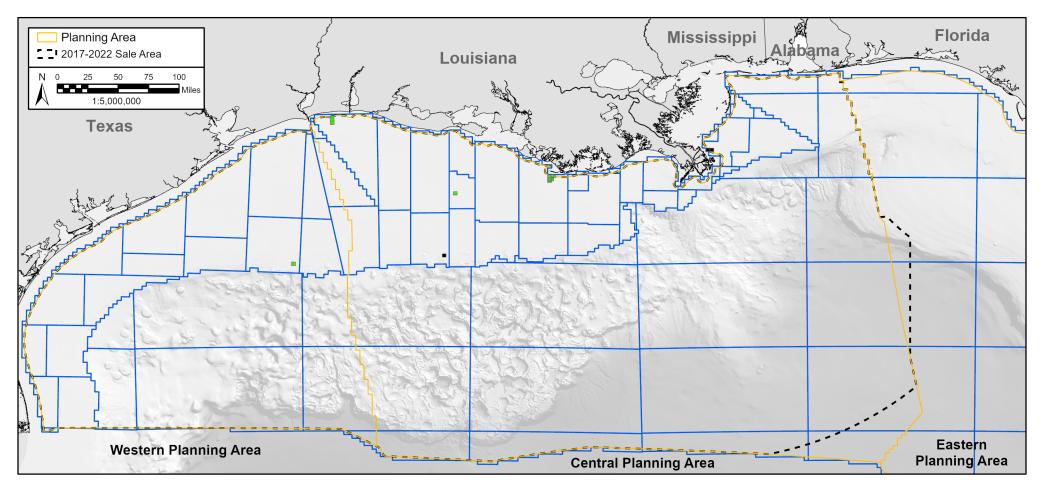


Figure 79. Comparison of Juneau's leased acreage between 2023 and 2024.



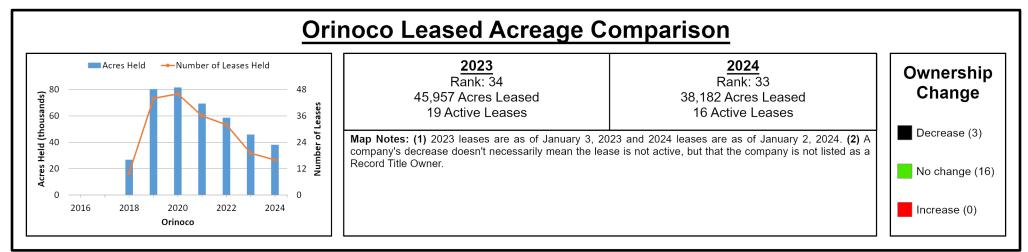


Figure 80. Comparison of Orinoco's leased acreage between 2023 and 2024.

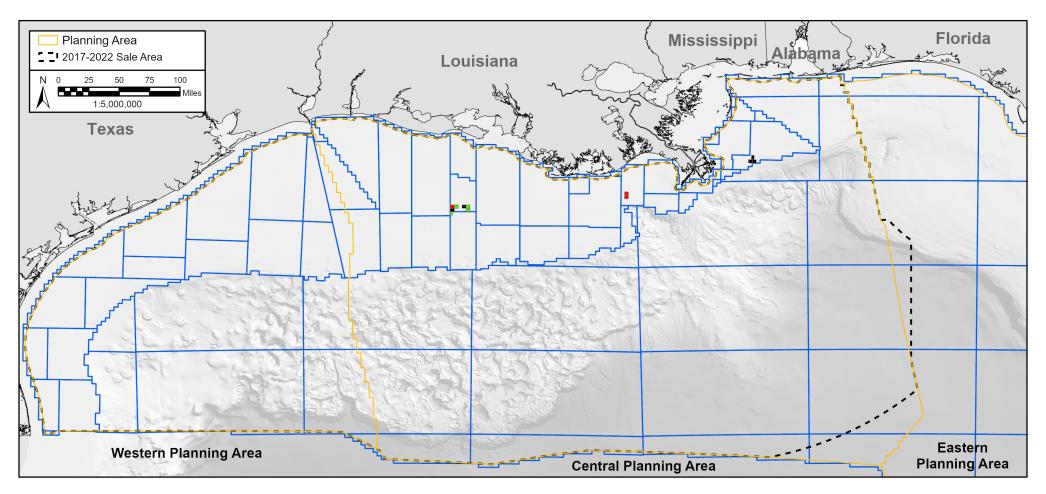
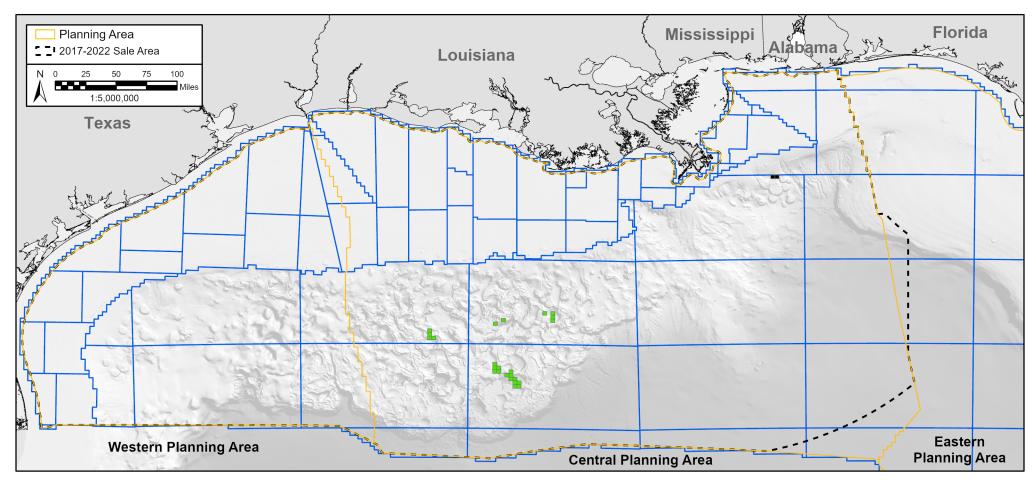




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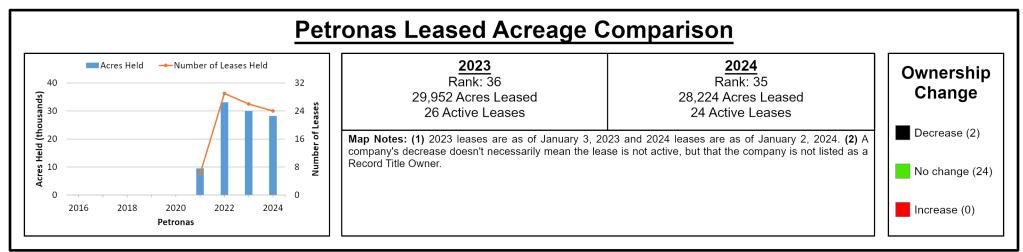
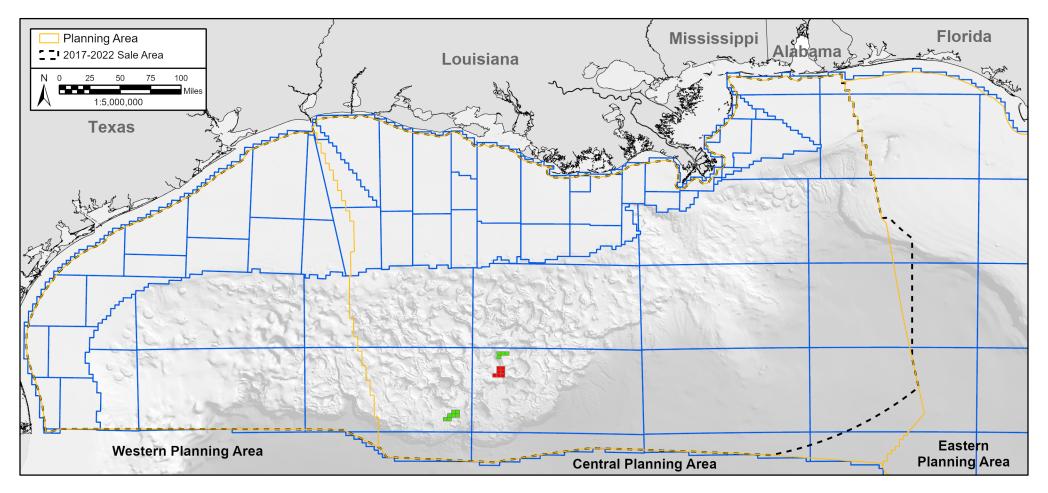


Figure 82. Comparison of Petronas' leased acreage between 2023 and 2024.



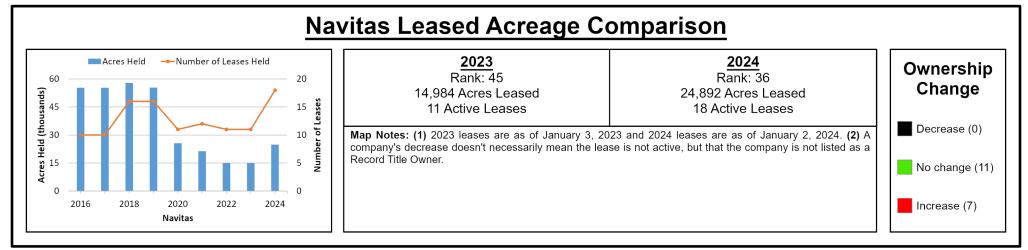
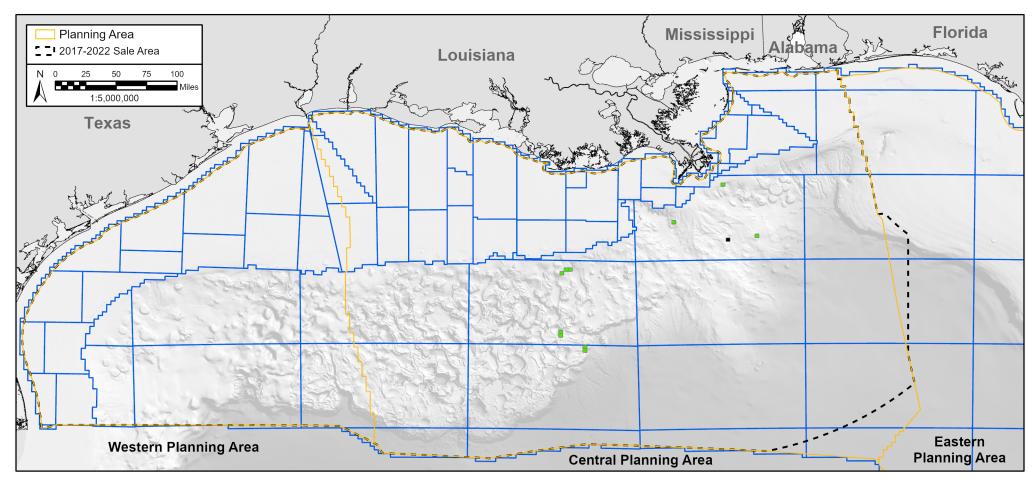


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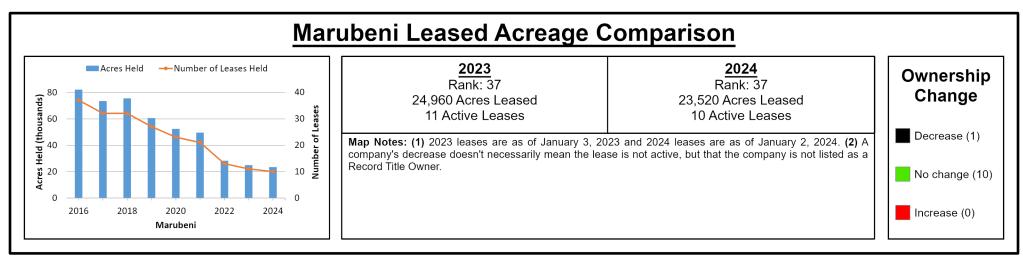
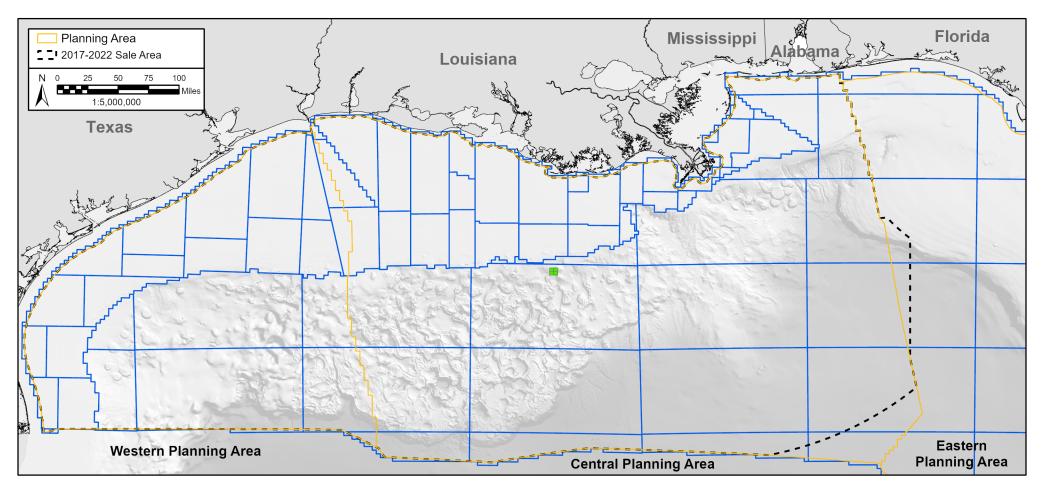


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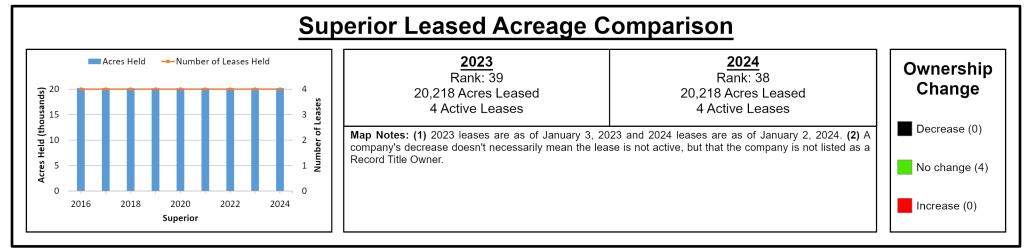
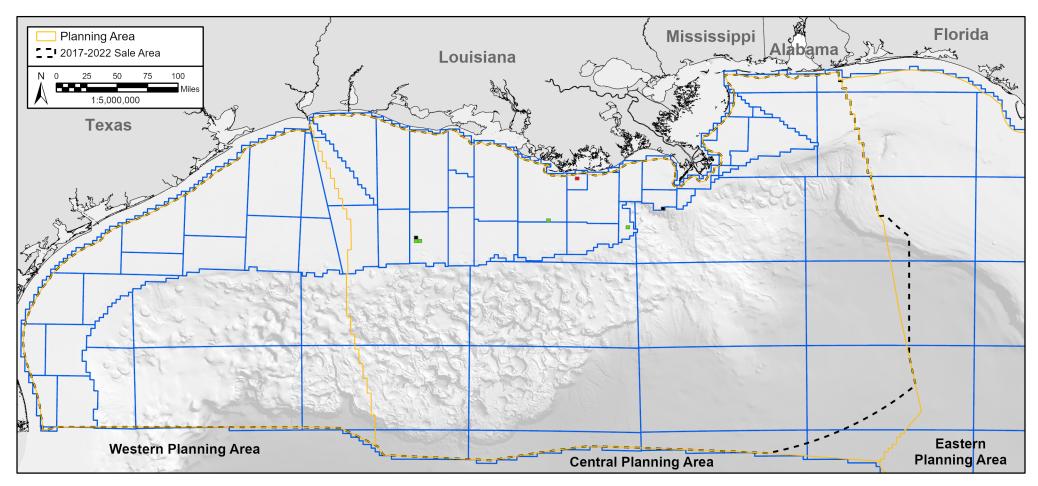


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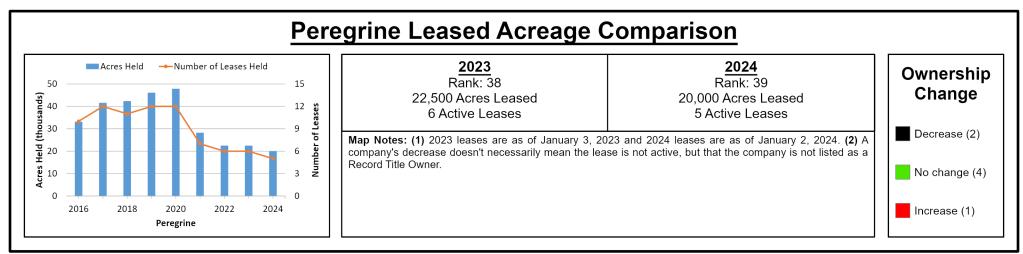
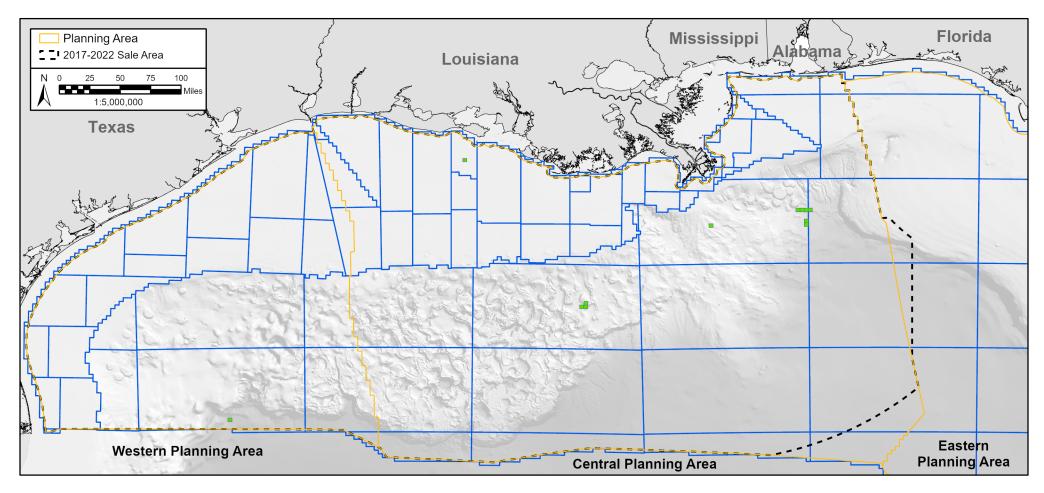


Figure 86. Comparison of Peregrine's leased acreage between 2023 and 2024.



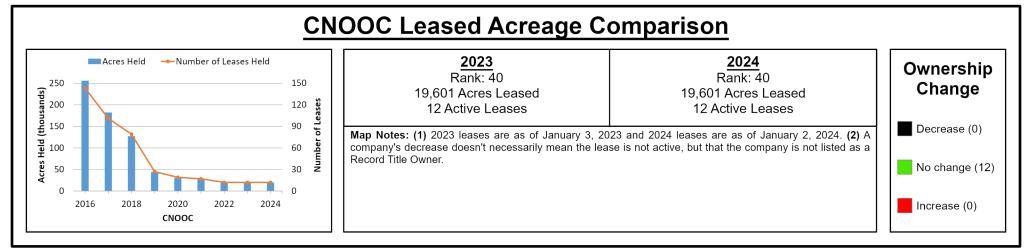


Figure 87. Comparison of CNOOC's leased acreage between 2023 and 2024.

End Remarks

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