

# Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sales, 2012-2017

## Five-Year Program Overview for Cook Inlet Stakeholders

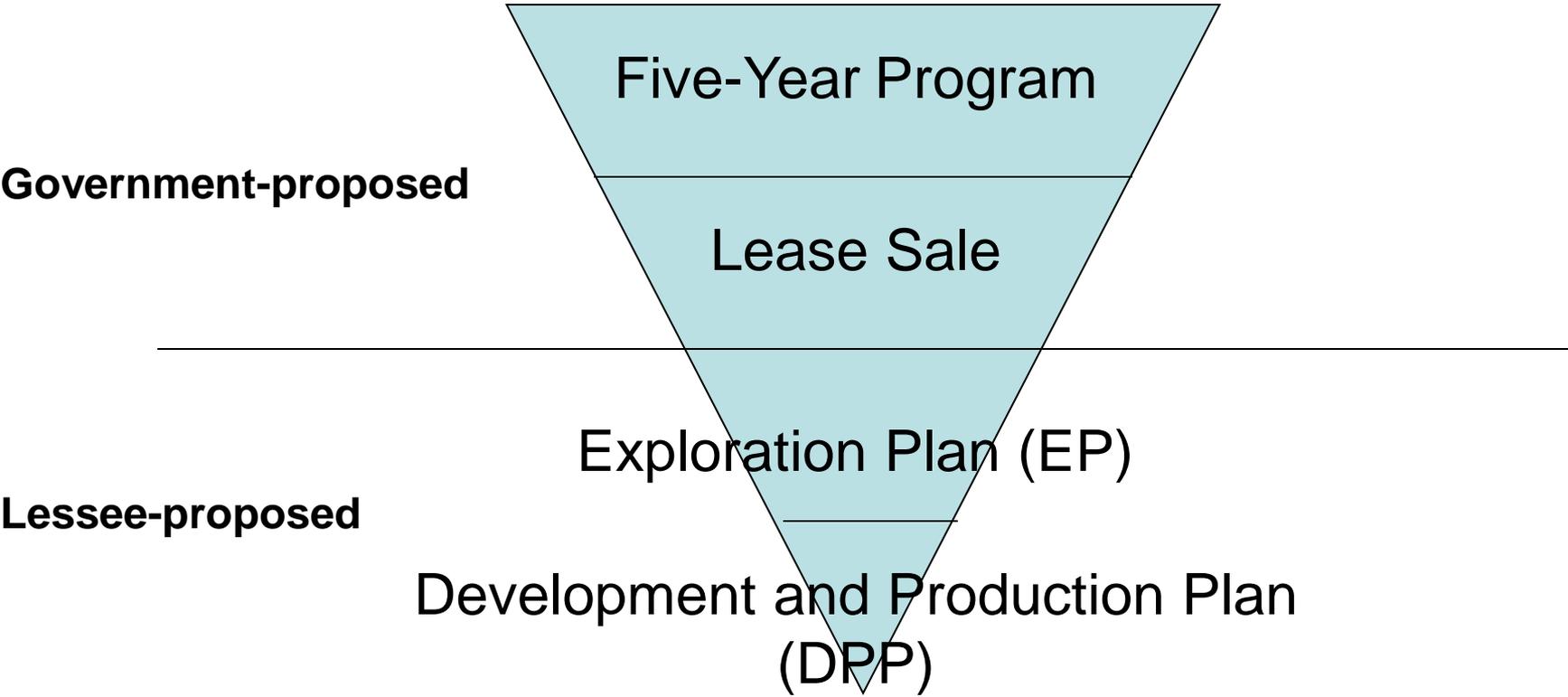


Manage the exploration and development of the nation's offshore resources. It seeks to appropriately balance economic development, energy independence, and environmental protection through oil and gas leases, renewable energy development and environmental reviews and studies.



- Outline the enhancements under the Final Program, 2012-2017.
- Increase public's understanding of the process for upcoming lease sales.
- Highlight points for public involvement into the process.





- Five-Year Program became effective on August 27, 2012.
- Specifies the areas considered for leasing and schedule of the sales.



**Department of the Interior  
Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Strategy**

-  Executed Leases
-  Deferral Area
-  Low Resource Potential and/or Low Support for Potential New Leasing
-  Proposed for Leasing Consideration 2012-2017 Program
-  No Action - Presidential Withdrawal
-  OCS Planning Area Boundary





# Alaska Sale Schedule

| Planning Area | Tentative Date |
|---------------|----------------|
| Chukchi Sea   | May 2016       |
| Cook Inlet    | November 2016  |
| Beaufort Sea  | May 2017       |





- Annual Progress Review
- Regionally-Tailored Process
- Interactive Maps
- Mitigation/Program Tracking Table



Provide the public with a compendium of

- Sales statistics
- Newly-enacted deferrals and mitigation,
- Summaries of completed studies,
- Significant new drilling activity,
- Summary of significant incidents.



Use public input and other information to determine areas of concern that could warrant mitigation measures or removal of an area from the sale.



- An [Interactive Maps](#) portal is available on the BOEM website.
- Information for each lease sale includes a link to a map showing where mitigations or exclusions have been applied or are being considered.
- Opportunity for the public to provide new data for interactive maps.



- Table is on the [BOEM website](#).
- Lists alternatives, mitigations, temporal and spatial deferrals
- Shows the evolution and treatment of the input throughout the program.
- Alaska-wide, Chukchi Sea, Beaufort Sea, and Cook Inlet.

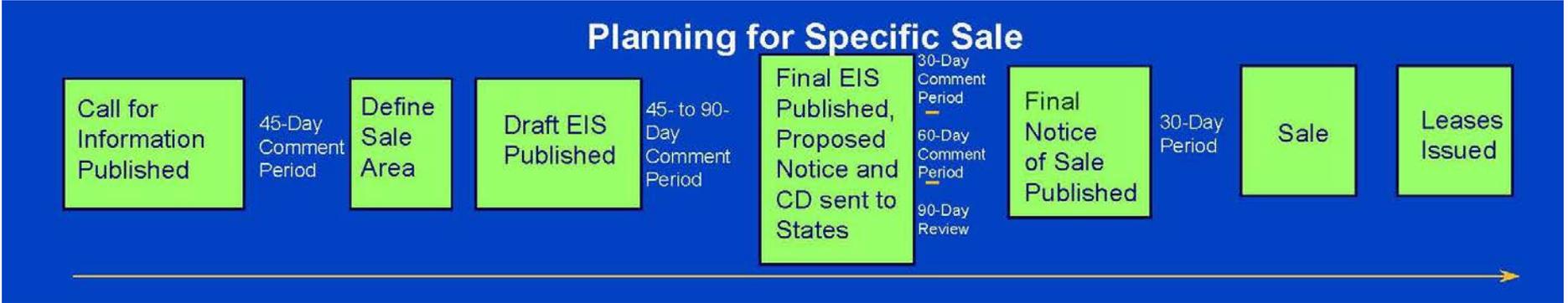


- Three areas are being considered for leasing in Alaska—Chukchi Sea in 2016, Cook Inlet in 2016, and Beaufort Sea in 2017.
- Enhancements to the Five-Year Program increase transparency and facilitate public input.





# Steps in the Leasing Process



- Stakeholders may provide information and indicate interest in leasing in each area.
- Formal announcement in Federal Register. Region notifies stakeholders.
- Comments submitted through Regulations.gov are quickly shared with the public.



- Geological conditions
- Archaeological sites
- Subsistence and other uses
- Other socioeconomic, biological and environmental information.



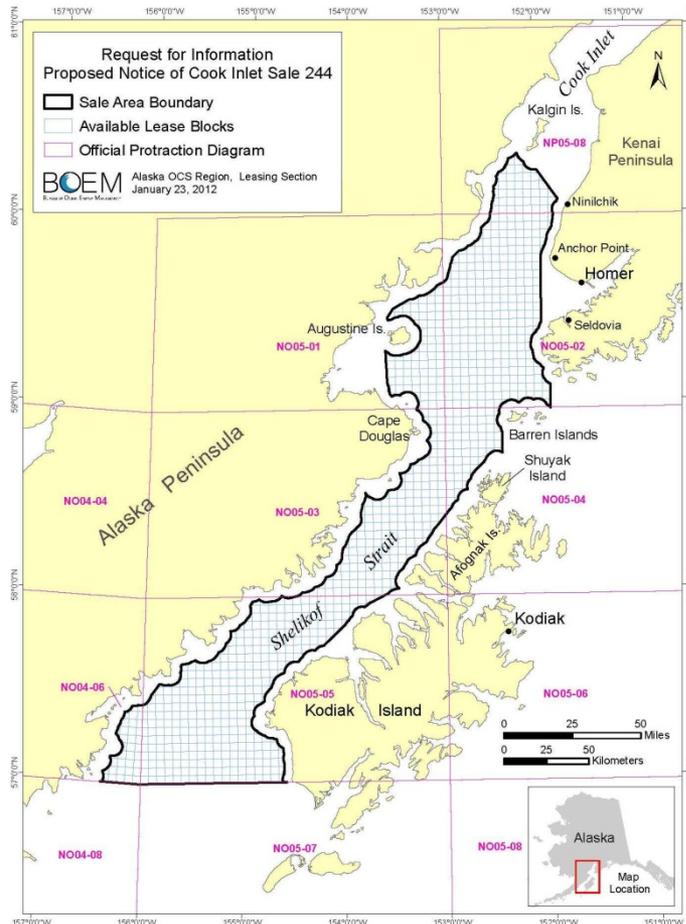
- The particular conditions and characteristics of the area.
- Areas that should receive special concern and analysis.
- [Interactive Maps](#) to facilitate public involvement.





Nominations are submitted by energy companies to provide indications of their interest in areas for oil and gas leasing.



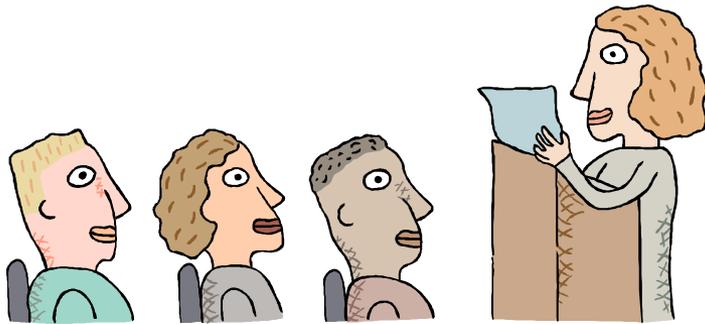


- Defines the area of environmental analysis and consideration for leasing.
- May be different than area of Call for Information and Nominations.



- Published in the Federal Register.
- Explains the purpose of the EIS
- Invites public to identify major issues, alternatives to the lease sale, mitigation measures.
- Initiates “Scoping.”





Public process to determine the significant issues, range of actions, alternatives and impacts considered for inclusion in the EIS.



- [Interactive Maps](#) facilitate public input.
- Alternatives and mitigation measures are added to the [Mitigation/Program Tracking Table](#).



- Provides information regarding environmental characteristics of the area.
- Information need must be identified before the information must be available.





- Public input on information need is received through our annual studies planning process.
- Completed studies will be highlighted in Annual Five-Year Program Review.

