

Beaufort Sea Sale 170	Late-1996	Late-1996	Mid-1997	Mid-1997	Late-1997	Late-1997	Early-1998	Early-1998
Cook Inlet/Shelikof Strt. Sale 173	Early-1997	Mid-1997	Late-1998	Late-1998	Mid-1999	Mid-1999	Late-1999	Late-1999
Beaufort Sea Sale 176	Late-1997	Early-1998	Early-1999	Mid-1999	Early-2000	Early-2000	Mid-2000	Mid-2000
Gulf of Alaska Sale 179	Early-1999	Mid-1999	Mid-2000	Late-2000	Mid-2001	Mid-2001	Late-2001	Late-2001
Chukchi Sea/Hope Basin Sale 183	Early-2000	Early-2000	Early-2001	Mid-2001	Early-2002	Early-2002	Mid-2002	Mid-2002

Key to the Major Steps in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Process:

CALL Call for Information and Nominations

AREA ID Area Identification

DEIS Draft Environmental Impact Statement

CD Consistency Determination

PNS Proposed Notice of Sale

FEIS Final Environmental Impact Statement

EA Environmental Assessment (Gulf of Mexico only)

NOS Notice of Sale

*Under the Improved PRE-LEASE Decision Process for Central and Western Gulf of Mexico Sales, starting with 1998 sales, a single multi-sale Call has been issued for Central Gulf of Mexico Sales 169, 172, 175, 178, and 182. An Area ID and an EIS will also be prepared for a single "typical" sale in the Central Gulf. Subsequently, after the first sale, there will be complete NEPA and CZMA coverage for each sale, an Environmental Assessment (or Supplemental EIS) and a CD.

A similar multi-sale process will be implemented for Western Gulf of Mexico Sales 171, 174, 177, and 180 starting with the Call tentatively scheduled for early 1997.

**In the Alaska OCS Region, a key feature of the new PRE-LEASE process is the establishment of an Alaska Offshore Advisory Committee. This committee will be used at key points in the PRE-LEASE process for each proposed Alaska OCS sale to seek consensus on recommendations to MMS.

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