

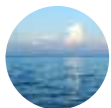
# Gulf of Mexico Regional OCS Oil and Gas Programmatic EIS

## Resources Analyzed in the Programmatic EIS

### Physical Resources



**Air Quality:** Condition or health of the ambient atmosphere



**Water Quality:** Condition or environmental health of water

### Biological Resources



**Coastal Communities and Habitats:** Living organisms and their associated environment at the land-ocean interface



**Pelagic Communities and Habitats:** Living organisms and their associated environment that occur within Gulf of Mexico waters



**Birds:** Birds that spend at least part of their lives near the Gulf of Mexico



**Benthic Communities and Habitats:** Living organisms and their associated environment that occur on the seafloor



**Fishes and Invertebrates:** Fishes or invertebrate organisms and their associated environment that occur within the Gulf of Mexico



**Marine Mammals:** Mammals that spend all or part of their lives in the Gulf of Mexico



**Sea Turtles:** Turtles that spend most of their lives at sea and come to shore only to lay eggs

### Social Resources



**Commercial Fisheries:** Industries that rely on harvesting fish for their livelihood



**Recreational Resources:** Leisure activities or visits to places of interest that contribute to the local economy



**Land Use and Coastal Infrastructure:** How communities use natural resources and infrastructure in their region



**Recreational Fishing:** Individuals that rely on harvesting fish for their enjoyment



**Cultural, Historical, and Archaeological Resources:** A district, site, building, structure, or object of cultural or historical significance in the marine or onshore environments



**Economic Factors:** Factors impacting economics in the region



**Social Factors Including Environmental Justice:** Social factors are the regional communities and economies of the five Gulf Coast States. Environmental justice communities are historically marginalized, low income, or minority communities.

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