



Invitation for Stakeholder Input & Study Ideas for BOEM-Funded Research in Pacific OCS (offshore California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii) FISCAL YEAR 2021

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) invites input and ideas from stakeholders for new environmental and socioeconomic studies (e.g., data synthesis, baseline study, risk assessment, modeling, monitoring) to inform ongoing and/or future management of energy and mineral resources in the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) area (offshore California, Oregon, Washington, and Hawaii).

BOEM has funded numerous studies related to Pacific OCS priorities. A list of current studies, list of recently completed studies, and documents providing overviews of selected renewable energy and decommissioning studies are available [here](#). BOEM recommends submitters briefly review this information prior to submitting new study ideas.

All interested stakeholders are welcome to submit study ideas related to BOEM's conventional energy, renewable energy, and marine minerals mission in the Pacific. The following information highlights BOEM's current highest priority mission areas for Pacific OCS environmental studies in Fiscal Year 2021 (October 2020–September 2021):

Wind Energy Offshore California, Oregon, and Hawaii

- BOEM is planning for potential leasing of wind energy offshore California. In October 2018, BOEM published a [Call for Information and Nominations](#) identifying potential wind energy lease areas offshore Northern and Central California. Wind energy is also being considered offshore Oregon and Hawaii; however, efforts in those areas are in the early planning stage.
- BOEM will strongly consider study ideas addressing data gaps relating to potential environmental effects of developing wind energy offshore California. Particularly compelling ideas for studies addressing data gaps relating to wind energy offshore Oregon and Hawaii will also be considered.

Oil and Gas Decommissioning Offshore California

- BOEM is planning for the shutdown and removal of oil and gas facilities offshore southern California, as several of the 23 OCS platforms are slated for decommissioning in the coming years.
- BOEM will consider study ideas addressing data gaps relating to potential environmental effects of decommissioning oil and gas facilities.

Making BOEM information and data available and useful for the public is a high priority for the Pacific OCS office. All BOEM-funded studies must comply with [Department of Interior "Promoting Open Science" Secretarial Order 3369](#).

Funding is limited and will be allocated to ideas that best meet BOEM's highest-priority information needs. Ideas may be submitted at any time; however, they must be received by January 3, 2020, to ensure consideration for Fiscal Year 2021 funding. BOEM expects to make funding decisions in early Fiscal Year 2021.

Please note that this is not a proposal solicitation. Any submissions are considered recommendations to BOEM and will become property of the federal government. Study ideas will be reviewed on a case-by-base basis and there is no guarantee that any idea will be funded. BOEM's use of an idea does not imply in any way that the submitter will receive funding.

To submit a Pacific OCS study idea, send an email message to BOEMEnviroStudies@BOEM.GOV with the following information: submitter's name, affiliation, and contact information; brief description of the study or information need. If possible, please include objectives, geographic area, general methods, anticipated products, and how findings will inform BOEM's management of energy and mineral activities in the Pacific OCS.

For more information, contact [Jeremy Potter](#).

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