



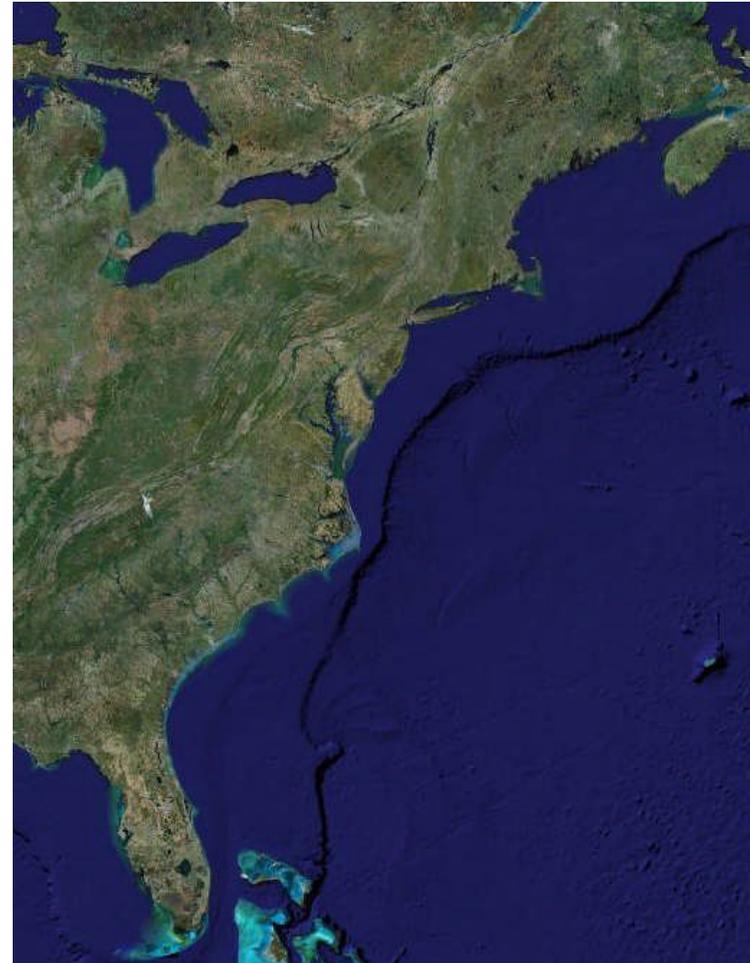
# Update of Broader MMS Issues

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# Topics of Interest

- New 5-Year Program
- Atlantic Alternative Energy
- Multi-Use Conflicts





# Current Proposed Program 2007-2012

- The current program runs from 2007-2012 and includes 21 lease sales in eight of the 26 Outer Continental Shelf planning areas in the Gulf of Mexico, Alaska and the Atlantic.
- Currently includes a single potential lease offering in the Federal waters off the coast of Virginia
- This acreage is located in the Mid Atlantic Planning Area, which is currently under congressional moratoria



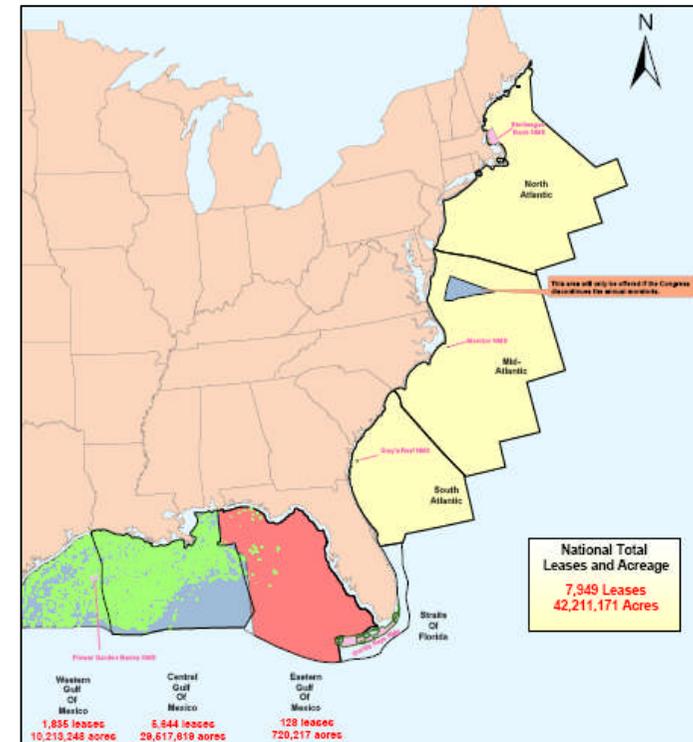
# Mid-Atlantic Planning Area

- President Bush lifted the Executive Withdrawal on oil and gas leasing operations on the Outer Continental Shelf on July 14.
- Congressional annual statutory moratoria, in place since 1982.
- There have not been any lease offerings in the Atlantic since the early 1980's and there are no active leases



# New 5-Year Program

- Secretary of the Interior directed MMS to begin the initial steps for developing a new five-year program
- 17.84 billion barrels of oil and 76.47 trillion cubic feet of natural gas available in the OCS.
- 3 separate public comment periods, including the current Request for Information period





# Involvement at State & Local Level

- Coastal Commissions
- Departments of Fish & Wildlife
- Air Resource Boards
- Departments of Water Resources
- Departments of Conservation & Natural Resources
- Departments of Environmental Regulations
- Departments of Culture, Recreation, & Tourism



# MMS Alternative Energy Program

- Energy Policy Act of 2005 Amended OCS Lands Act authorizing alternative energy projects on the OCS (e.g., wind, wave, and ocean current)
- Key Mandates of the New Authority include
  - Competitive Issuance
  - Safety
  - Protection of the environment
  - Coordination with affected State & local governments and Federal agencies
  - Fair return for use of OCS lands
  - Revenue Sharing with affected States



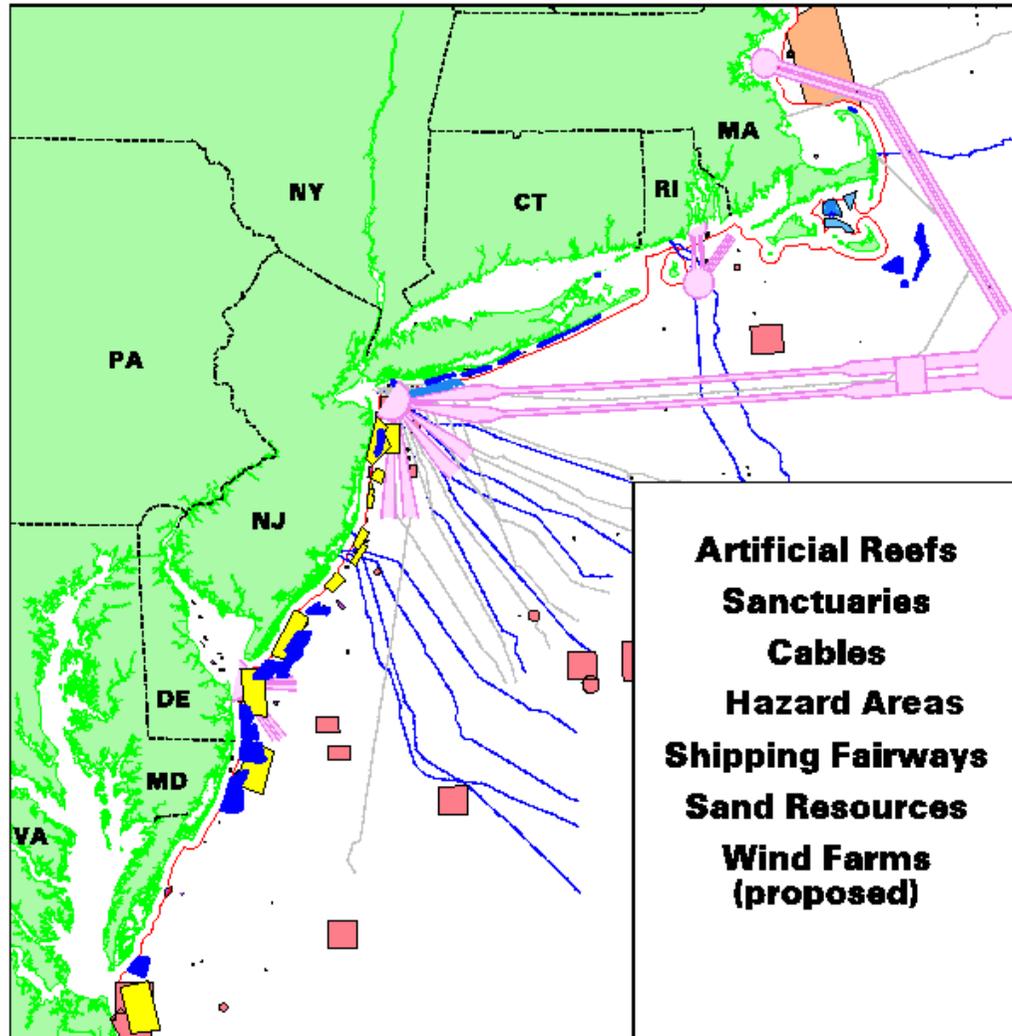
# Alternative Energy Initiatives

- 16 proposed lease areas identified in April
- Public notice was issued to determine competitive interest
- Comment period on notice closed June 30, 2008
- NJ (6), DE(1), GA(3), FL (1) – No competing nominations → noncompetitive leasing
- FL(3) – Competing nominations were received, and nominators were asked to collaborate in order to benefit from information gathering → noncompetitive leasing





# Multiple Use Conflicts



- Artificial Reefs**
- Sanctuaries**
- Cables**
- Hazard Areas**
- Shipping Fairways**
- Sand Resources**
- Wind Farms (proposed)**



# Take Home Message

- MMS will continue to address the multiple use “challenges”
- All Stakeholders must be aware of the current and possible future conflicts, making others aware of possible uses
- Conversations, discussions, and consultations across multiple industries will need to be open and ongoing