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On Thu, Apr 27, 2017 at 1:33 PM, Bloomgren, Megan

<[megan\\_bloomgren@ios.doi.gov](mailto:megan_bloomgren@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Adding Vincent Devito.

Attached are very draft Fact Sheet and Talking Points for review on tomorrow's offshore EO.

I'm leaving for the Hill now and handing off to Kate, Laura and Heather to finalize for the 5pm WH prep session.

On Thu, Apr 27, 2017 at 12:48 PM, Bloomgren, Megan

<[megan\\_bloomgren@ios.doi.gov](mailto:megan_bloomgren@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Draft Fact Sheet - awaiting EO details.

Will work on talking points now.

On Thu, Apr 27, 2017 at 12:28 PM, Swift, Heather

<[heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

I'm pestering Brad in WH cab comms for it. He's trying.

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On Thu, Apr 27, 2017 at 12:26 PM, Bloomgren, Megan

<[megan\\_bloomgren@ios.doi.gov](mailto:megan_bloomgren@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Awesome - are they able to flip us the draft EO?

On Thu, Apr 27, 2017 at 12:25 PM, Laura Rigas

<[laura\\_rigas@ios.doi.gov](mailto:laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Micah will join the briefing as well. Kate, if you can meet us at the WH by 5pm that would be awesome. I just confirmed the press briefing will start at 6pm. Prebrief room at the WH is TBD. Thanks, all.

Laura Keehner Rigas

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On Apr 27, 2017, at 12:19 PM, Katharine MacGregor

<[katharine\\_macgregor@ios.doi.gov](mailto:katharine_macgregor@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Just tell me what you want and where you need me to be.

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On Apr 27, 2017, at 12:15 PM, Swift, Heather

<[heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Micah speaks TRCP language too.

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On Thu, Apr 27, 2017 at 12:14  
PM, Bloomgren, Megan  
<[megan\\_bloomgren@ios.doi.gov](mailto:megan_bloomgren@ios.doi.gov)>  
wrote:

would keep the briefing at 6pm.  
Should someone else attend the  
BBQ since it's in his honor?  
Doug, could you attend?

On Thu, Apr 27, 2017 at 12:08  
PM, Laura Rigas  
<[laura\\_rigas@ios.doi.gov](mailto:laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov)>  
wrote:

Thx. Are we ok with a 6pm  
press briefing or move it to  
7pm if he's cancelling the  
BBQ anyway?? How much  
prep time does he need?

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On Apr 27, 2017, at 12:06  
PM, Downey Magallanes  
<[downey\\_magallanes@ios.doi.gov](mailto:downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov)>  
> wrote:

He would like to  
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cancelling the 5

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On Apr 27, 2017,  
at 11:44 AM,  
Bloomgren,  
Megan  
<[megan\\_bloomgren@ios.doi.gov](mailto:megan_bloomgren@ios.doi.gov)>  
wrote:

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**FACT SHEET**  
**Executive Order: Offshore Energy Development**

Past administrations have been overly restrictive of offshore energy exploration. The America First Energy Executive Order directs a review of the locations available for offshore oil and gas exploration and of certain regulations governing offshore oil and gas exploration.

**BACKGROUND**

- The Five-Year Program for oil and gas development establishes a schedule of oil and gas lease sales proposed for planning areas of the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The Program specifies the size, timing, and location of potential leasing activity that the Secretary of the Interior determines will best meet national energy needs. On January 17, 2017 the Obama Administration approved the 2017-2022 OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program.
- Today 94 percent of the Outer Continental Shelf is off limits for responsible development. As of March 1, 2017, only 16.9 million acres on the U.S. OCS (out of a total 1.7 billion acres) are under lease for oil and gas development (3,194 active leases) and 4.6 million of those acres (929 leases) are producing oil and natural gas. More than 97 percent of the leases are in the Gulf of Mexico; about 3 percent are on the OCS off California and Alaska. The 16 million acres accounts for 18 percent of domestic oil production and 4 percent of U.S. natural gas production.
- Offshore energy development is one of the leading sources of revenue into the U.S. Treasury behind tax payments to the IRS. That revenue comes in the form of bids paid from leasing, rents and royalties paid on production. (The Department of the Interior in March [established a Royalty Policy Committee](#) to ensure taxpayers get a fair value for energy leases and rents.)
- In 2008 federal leasing revenues for the OCS were nearly \$18 billion dollars. By contrast, in 2016, leasing revenues approximately \$2.8 billion. That's a drop of more than \$15 billion that would otherwise go to the Treasury or toward funding important conservation programs like the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Historic Preservation Fund.
- Encouraging energy exploration and production, including on the Outer Continental Shelf, in order to maintain the Nation's position as a global energy leader and foster energy security and resilience for the benefit of the American people, while ensuring that any such activity is safe and environmentally responsible.

**OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS**

- The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) estimates the U.S. OCS contains about 90 billion barrels of undiscovered technically recoverable oil and 327 trillion cubic feet of undiscovered, technically recoverable natural gas. The Gulf of Mexico, covering 160 million acres of OCS, has 48.46 billion barrels of technically recoverable oil and 141.76 trillion cubic feet of technically recoverable natural gas.
- In FY2016, federal leasing revenues for the OCS were approximately \$2.8 billion, a significant drop from FY2016 when nearly \$18 billion was collected.
- The sales value of the oil and gas resources amounted to about \$26 billion, and generated about \$55 billion in total spending in the economy. These expenditures supported approximately 315,000 domestic jobs.

## **OFFSHORE WIND**

- Since 2013, BOEM has held seven competitive lease sales for wind, which have generated over \$68 million in high bids for almost 1.4 million acres on the OCS, including a lease sale of 79,000 acres offshore New York that generated a winning bid of \$42.5 million.
- Twelve commercial wind energy leases have been issued offshore since 2009 (MA, DE, RI, VA, NJ, NY).
- BOEM also recently marked the operational launch of the nation's first commercial offshore wind farm – the five-turbine, 30 megawatt Block Island Wind Facility developed by Deepwater Wind at a cost of \$290 million.
- BOEM is in the planning stages for leasing additional areas offshore NY, MA, SC, CA, and HI.

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER: DETAILS**

### **The order directs the Secretary of the Interior to:**

- Revisit the five year plan of proposed oil and gas development in each of the following Outer Continental Shelf Planning Areas: Western Gulf of Mexico, Central Gulf of Mexico, Chukchi Sea, Beaufort Sea, Cook Inlet, Mid-Atlantic Ocean, and South Atlantic Ocean
- Work with the Secretary of Commerce and to the maximum extent permitted by law, a streamlined permitting approach for privately funded seismic data research and collection aimed at expeditiously determining the offshore energy resource potential of the United States, within the Planning Areas.
- Review the following rules and regulations:
  - Notice to Lessees and Operators of Federal Oil and Gas, and Sulfur Leases, and Holders of Pipeline Right-of-Way and Right-of-Use and Easement Grants in the Outer Continental Shelf (September 2016)
  - Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf-Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control (April 2016)
  - Air Quality Control, Reporting, and Compliance (April 2016)
  - “Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations on the Outer Continental Shelf—Requirements for Exploratory Drilling on the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf,” (July 2016)

### **The order directs the Secretary of Commerce to:**

- Refrain from designating or expanding any National Marine Sanctuary under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, unless the sanctuary designation or expansion proposal includes a timely, full accounting from the Department of the Interior of any energy or mineral resource potential within the designated area and the potential impact the proposed designation or expansion will have on the development of those resources.
- Within 190 days, conduct a review of all designations and expansions of National Marine Sanctuaries, and of all designations and expansions of Marine National Monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906 designated or expanded within the 10-year period prior to the date of this order.
- Review the following rules and regulations:
  - NOAA's Technical Memorandum of July 2016 (Technical Guidance for Assessing the Effects of Anthropogenic Sound on Marine Mammal Hearing)

**Other provisions**

- The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce will expedite all stages of their agencies' consideration of Incidental Take Authorization requests, including Incidental Harassment Authorizations and Letters of Authorization, and Seismic Survey permit applications under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act
- The order revokes Executive Order 13754 of December 9, 2016 (Northern Bering Sea Climate Resilience).