MPA Working Group - Nov 9-10th Working Group Arctic Marine Protected Areas Meeting.

A focus and review on major ocean uses in the U.S. Arctic

Oil and Gas Background, Regulatory Structure, and Environmental Stewardship.
On January 27, 2015, President Obama withdrew certain areas of the Alaskan Arctic OCS from future oil and gas leasing due to their importance for subsistence use by Alaska Natives as well as for their unique and sensitive environmental resources.
The Leasing Section of BOEM's Alaska OCS Region implements the federal government's Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Five-Year Program within the bounds of the Alaska OCS Region. The section ensures that OCS Lands Act requirements and procedures are followed in the preparation and conduct of sales listed in the Five-Year Program.

Offshore oil and gas (current and short term lease sales and other) Chukchi Beaufort- Shell pull out – now liberty, Inshore overview

Public comment/scoping

Environmental studies- highlight subsistence, polar bear, marine mammals, seabirds, and Walrus,

Shipping ocean activities, invasive species, protecting biodiversity, migratory pathways

Leasing, Exploration and Development Process

**Pre-Lease**

- Solicit Comments
- Publish Draft Proposed Program
- Announce Proposed Program
- Publish Draft EIS
- Publish Final EIS
- Publish Proposed Notice of Sale
- CD to Governors

**Planning for Specific Sale (1 year)**

- Publish Call for Information
- Define Sale Area
- Publish Draft EIS Proposed Notice
- Publish Final EIS
- Publish Proposed Notice of Sale
- 30-Day Comment Period
- Lease Sale

**Post Lease**

** Exploration Plan Approval (18 to 24 months)**

- Submit Exploration Plan
- Begin Environmental Assessment
- Begin CZM Review
- Approve Exploration Plan
- Approve Drilling; Grant Environmental Permits
- Start Exploration Drilling
- Complete First Exploration Well
- Delineation Drilling

**Development & Production Plan Approval (3 to 5 years)**

- Submit Development and Production Plan
- Begin CZM Consistency Review
- Publish Draft EIS
- Publish Final EIS
- Obtain CZM Consistency
- Approve Development and Production Plan
- Production Well Application
- First Oil and Natural Gas Production