



State of Louisiana

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Federal Update

*GOMESA and Offshore Wind Activities,
SHORES Coalition Advocacy, &
FY25 Federal Funding Opportunities*

Interior Announces FY23 GOMESA Revenues

- ▶ Interior disbursed a total of **\$353.625 million** on March 29.
- ▶ Louisiana received \$156.3 million (44%), Texas \$95.6 million (27%), Mississippi 51.9 million (14%), and Alabama \$49.8 million (14%).
- ▶ **For the second year in a row, the revenue sharing cap has been hit for GOMESA.**
- ▶ The cap is reducing the percentage state would receive from otherwise GOMESA-eligible activity (*revenues generated from activity occurring from 2007 onward*).
- ▶ Budget sequestration takes away \$21.375 million, or about 5.7% of the revenue that would otherwise be shared within the 37.5% state share of the first \$1 billion in generated revenues from GOMESA-eligible offshore activities during a fiscal year. The state share is really around 35.3%.
- ▶ **Federal offshore revenue for FY23 was \$7.626 billion. Shared GOMESA revenue was only 4.6% of all FY23 activity in federal waters.**
- ▶ If GOMESA states had the same revenue sharing as Interior States do (50% of all revenue), then they would receive approximately \$3.813 billion in FY23.

FY23 GOMESA under Interior State policy (assuming no revenue from AK)

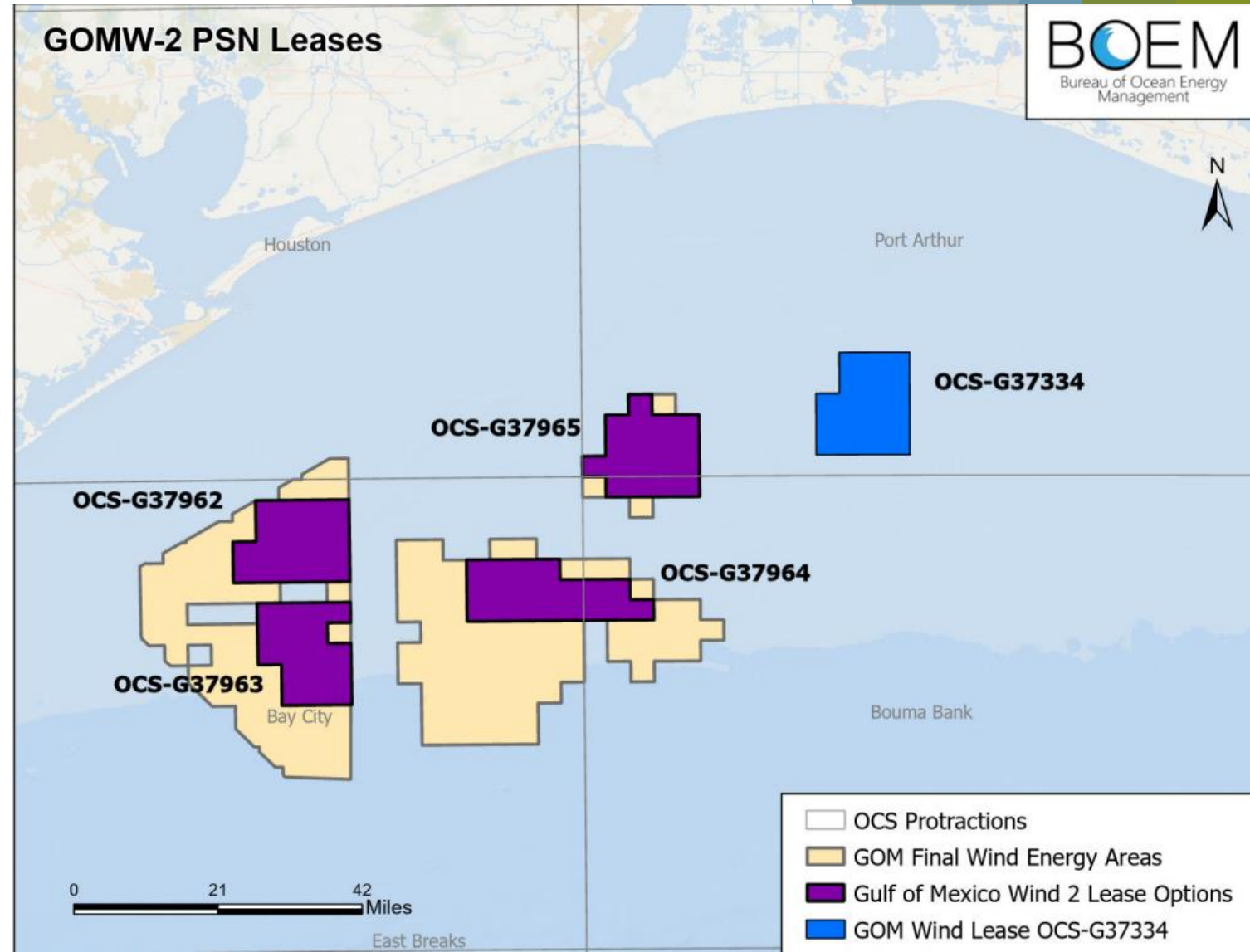
LA - \$1.69B. TX - \$1.03B. MS - \$559.8M. AL - \$537.3M.

State of Louisiana & CPS	\$156,329,442.65
State of Louisiana	\$125,063,554.13
Assumption Parish	\$1,025,575.78
Calcasieu Parish	\$1,691,776.20
Cameron Parish	\$2,095,495.70
Iberia Parish	\$1,617,190.25
Jefferson Parish	\$2,538,333.90
Lafourche Parish	\$1,612,387.64
Livingston Parish	\$1,325,121.51
Orleans Parish	\$2,223,457.33
Plaquemines Parish	\$3,055,059.45
St. Bernard Parish	\$1,493,149.15
St. Charles Parish	\$1,099,142.70
St. James Parish	\$957,874.55
St. John the Baptist Parish	\$1,025,906.65
St. Martin Parish	\$1,153,309.09
St. Mary Parish	\$1,341,025.75
St. Tammany Parish	\$1,770,846.79
Tangipahoa Parish	\$1,270,079.32
Terrebonne Parish	\$2,358,501.78
Vermilion Parish	\$1,611,654.98

BOEM Announces 2nd Gulf Offshore Wind Lease Auction

On March 20, the Department of Interior announced the second offshore wind energy auction in the Gulf of Mexico as part of the Biden Administration's goal to permit 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030.

- ▶ **Acres & Location:** Gulf of Mexico Round 2 wind auction will offer up four areas offshore of Louisiana and Texas totaling 410,060 acres with the potential to power 1.2 million homes.
- ▶ **Timing:** The Gulf of Mexico offshore wind auction will likely occur in September 2024 with a lease signing anticipated by December 2024.
- ▶ **Other Activities:** BOEM's has additional future wind lease sales expected in the Central Atlantic (July 2024), Oregon, and Gulf of Maine.



SHORES Coalition Activities - Friend of ASBPA

- ▶ The SHORES Coalition was a Friend of the 2024 American Shore and Beach Preservation Association spring conference in Washington, D.C. from March 26-28.
- ▶ SHORES participated in a panel discussion on the RISEE Act title “Is your state leaving money on the table?” with Kara Allen, lead RISEE Act staffer for Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) and Pierson Stoecklein, consultant for Pew Charitable Trusts.
- ▶ Panel discussion focused on legislative challenges, level of funding directed towards states, the state of the offshore wind industry, and types of projects funded through GOMESA revenue sharing.
- ▶ ASPBA also heard from Ben Jackson, lead RISEE staffer for Rep. Lizzie Fletcher on the importance of revenue sharing.
- ▶ CPRA Executive Director Glenn Ledet presented on a panel on partnerships, as well.



Types of Projects Eligible through the RISEE Act from Offshore Wind

- ▶ Funding for eligible states within 75 miles of geographic center of wind lease tract (Same authorized uses as for GOMESA revenue sharing from offshore oil & gas)
37.5% offshore wind revenues
 - ▶ Coastal protection, conservation, coastal restoration, hurricane protection, and infrastructure directly affected by coastal wetland losses
 - ▶ Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources, including fisheries science/research
 - ▶ Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or conservation management plan
 - ▶ Mitigation of the impact of Outer Continental Shelf activities through onshore infrastructure
 - ▶ Planning assistance and administrative costs
- ▶ Funding from the National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF)
12.5% offshore wind revenues
 - ▶ Scientific research for changing environmental conditions
 - ▶ Enhanced resiliency of infrastructure and communities, including project planning/design
 - ▶ Habitat protection and restoration
 - ▶ Monitoring and reducing damage to natural resources and marine life
 - ▶ Efforts supporting sustainable seafood production



Project categories funded by key RISEE Act funding streams

- ▶ **GOMESA dollars** have funded tidal protection levees, hurricane protection levees, levee lifts, floodwalls, floodgates, locks, pumps and pump stations, breakwaters, drainage canals, **shoreline protection**, environmental water control structures, land acquisition for conservation, **wetlands construction**, coastal stream restoration, **beach restoration**, **dune construction**, **native vegetation plantings**, erosion control, **construction of bird habitat**, **oyster habitat creation**, artificial reefs, water quality projects, wastewater improvements, litter and marine debris reduction, contaminant removals, improving public access to environmental resources, **beneficial use of dredged materials projects**, studies of marine mammals and sea turtles, ecotourism projects, development of nature parks, improvements to fisheries infrastructure such as docks and boat ramps, ecological assessments, observations equipment for coastal hazards such as high frequency radar, removal of coastal hazards such as derelict vessels and storm damaged infrastructure, resiliency planning, and coastal science and research.
- ▶ **NCRF dollars** have funded marsh enhancements, hydrological improvements, wetland habitat restoration, living shorelines, coral restoration, dune restoration, reforestation, erosion prevention, construction of storm surge berm, creek restoration, floodplain restoration, natural infrastructure, beneficial use of dredged materials, fish passage, drainage improvements, oyster reef construction, planning, shoreline stabilization, river restoration, and developing coastal resilience strategies.



National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF)

STATE	TOTAL
Alabama	\$22,566,939.38
Alaska	\$73,454,719.29
American Samoa	\$27,026,999.49
California	\$29,683,442.21
Connecticut	\$27,899,758.43
Delaware	\$25,260,250.98
Florida	\$37,139,561.10
Georgia	\$25,218,715.73
Guam	\$27,268,128.78
Hawaii	\$24,281,717.18
Illinois	\$54,848,579.48
Indiana	\$23,843,316.68
Louisiana	\$34,171,765.43
Maine	\$26,872,646.84
Maryland	\$31,666,542.97
Massachusetts	\$30,980,415.25
Michigan	\$27,383,500.76
Minnesota	\$21,384,127.15

State Block Grant Estimates if RISEE Were Passed

STATE	TOTAL
Mississippi	\$22,218,337.82
New Hampshire	\$23,186,372.49
New Jersey	\$33,858,829.42
New York	\$29,965,139.87
North Carolina	\$27,139,349.57
Northern Marianas	\$23,676,319.82
Ohio	\$24,742,164.47
Oregon	\$23,885,950.41
Pennsylvania	\$27,927,199.17
Puerto Rico	\$30,782,349.64
Rhode Island	\$29,820,197.99
South Carolina	\$26,428,105.09
Texas	\$27,704,515.21
USVI	\$27,666,558.39
Virginia	\$29,314,960.69
Washington	\$27,394,606.82
Wisconsin	\$23,550,902.29

TOTAL: \$1,030,212,986.27

SHORES Coalition Activities - ASBPA Fly-In

- ▶ As part of the ASBPA conference, 12 members of the SHORES Coalition conducted 6 in-person meetings with staff of Rep. Fry (R-SC), Rep. Malliotakis (R-NY), Rep. Garbarino (R-NY), Rep. Rouzer (R-NC), Rep. Moore (R-AL), and Rep. Weber (R-TX), as well as a virtual meeting with staff of Rep. Carl (R-AL).
- ▶ Staff meeting takeaways:
 - ▶ Difficulty in moving legislation forward given the multiple versions. One member had even introduced a separate bill with wind-only revenue sharing, further underscoring the recognition of the importance of the policy, but difficulty in uniting.
 - ▶ Strong desire for counties, and even municipalities, to get direct funding from offshore wind, as a way of ensuring funds go to the coast. Significant apprehension about state-level politics diverting the funds from the intended use.
 - ▶ Half the staff were unfamiliar with legislation such as the RISEE Act, despite their districts being poised to be major beneficiaries. Proves importance of raising the issue.
 - ▶ Clear appreciation that these dollars would be transformational for the coast. No one argued about the need for increased coastal funding.

RISEE Act Update

- ▶ Recently added cosponsors to the RISEE Act include Senator Laphonza Butler (D-CA), Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD), and Congressman Nick LaLota (R-NY).



SHORES Coalition D.C. Fly In - Save the Date



CONGRESSIONAL FLY-IN

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 11-12, 2024

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Join us in June to advocate in our nation's capital as part of Sharing Offshore Revenues from Energy Resources (SHORES). The SHORES coalition is building momentum and support for the revenue sharing legislation which is essential for the future of our coastal states, communities, and ecosystems.

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Run of Show

Prior to Fly In

- ▶ Accept RSVPs
- ▶ Preparatory Zoom
- ▶ Group assignment

Tuesday, June 11

- ▶ Fly in to DC
- ▶ Welcome Reception

Wednesday, June 12

- ▶ Breakfast with Team
- ▶ 4-6 Hill Meetings

Thursday, June 13

- ▶ Fly out



FY 2025 Appropriations Cycle Begins

- ▶ Appropriations Committees are still developing guidance and considering deadlines for FY25 appropriations requests. Congressional offices have already set initial deadlines and released request forms, though there is still (limited) time to submit a request.
- ▶ Congressionally Directed Spending (Senate) and Community Project Funding (House) will be allowed. Less than 1 percent of federal discretionary funding can be issued through these types of funding proposals.
- ▶ Senators have no limits on number of requests. House members can submit up to 15 requests. Letters of support from stakeholders is a key metric evaluated.

Coastal Funding Opportunities

- ▶ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - ▶ Support for items included in President's Budget
 - ▶ Request additional funding for FY25 capability not expressed in President's Budget
- ▶ NOAA
 - ▶ Senate provides opportunity for data generation, research, and special projects
 - ▶ House allows for funding for initiatives allowed through Coastal Zone Management program
- ▶ U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS)
 - ▶ Senate allows for local projects and research for resource management of stewardship priorities for FWS locations



Rockefeller Refuge Shoreline Protection Site visit for Congressman Higgins Staff

On April 3, DC and District staff from Congressman Clay Higgins took a stop on their coastal tour of Southwest Louisiana at Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge.

CPRA joined the visit to LDWF's refuge to discuss the location-appropriate design for the shoreline projection project, as well as the benefits and future vision for extending the project upon receipt of additional funding. This feature is a component of Southwest Coastal.

Staff also visited the alligator research facility and Venture Global LNG, discussing the synergies of coastal restoration with wildlife conservation and energy.

